



**Annunciation
Catholic Church**
CALIFORNIA, MO



**Fifth Sunday
of
Easter**

*May 15th - May 21st
5th Sunday of Easter*

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MASSES @ ANNUNCIATION:
SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM; SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM
SPANISH MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE:
Sunday 12 - NOON
MASSES @ ST. ANDREW:
TIPTON SATURDAY @ 5:30 PM; SUNDAY @ 8:00 AM
BAPTISMS: By appointment. Please call for Parental
Sacrament Preparation
WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 4 months in
advance.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call any time or by
appointment.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM and by
appointment.

Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church

For all expecting mothers, biological
and adoptive; that through the
intercession of Mary, Mother of the
Church, they may prepare for the new
life in the womb and may receive the
support of a nurturing community of
faith in the raising of their children.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 14	4:00 PM	Tina Hoback
Sunday	May 15	10:00 AM	Dorothy Scheidt
		12:00	Spanish
Tuesday	May 17	8:00 AM	Monsignor Francis `
			Gillgannon
Thursday	May 19	8:00 AM	Clem Distler
Saturday	May 21	4:00 PM	Parish
Sunday	May 22	10:00 AM	Lee/Joyce Murphy
		12:00	Spanish

OUR MOTTO: JOY

JESUS FIRST

OTHERS SECOND

YOURSELF LAST

Mission Statement

We, the family of Annunciation Parish desire to
build a community of love and service to our
community and those in need as we bear witness
to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR

Perhaps you all know the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. One reason the devotion has come to extend over the entire month is the abundance of Marian feast days in May: Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Mary Help of Christians (May 24), and the Visitation (May 31).

“May is Mary’s Month,” began the great poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, in **“The May Magnificat.”**

For centuries, the Catholic Church has emphasized the month of May as a time of honor and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishes and families often celebrate with special pilgrimages, devotions, or placing a crown on a statue of Mary, traditionally called a “May Crowning.”

On April 29, 1965, Pope Blessed Paul VI promulgated his encyclical **Mense Maio** (“The Month of May”), which promoted May devotions to the Blessed Mother, knowing that, “the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise” (n. 2). Despite being a lesser-known encyclical, its timing and topic are revealing. Released on the eve of the last session of the Second Vatican Council and amid escalating violence and unrest of the Vietnam War and the 1960’s, the help of Mary was “a matter of top priority” considering “the present needs of the Church and the status of world peace” (n. 3). The words of Paul VI are just as relevant today. In our contentious social and political climate, focusing on Mary is not a pious distraction from real issues, but a vital source for grace, truth, and mercy.

A Short History and Practice: May devotions to Mary began in the 13th century, but there is little information to know how it was celebrated. In its present form, the practice of May devotions to Mary originated within the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in the 18th century under Father Latomia of their Roman College. Shortly afterwards, devotions were adopted at the Jesuit’s mother church in Rome, the Church of the Gesù, and then began to spread throughout other area churches to the entire globe. (Pope Francis, who is also a Jesuit, has a special devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots, a phrase first attributed to St. Irenaeus of Lyons who said, “The knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosened by the obedience of Mary”).

The image of Mary wearing a gold crown appears in early Eastern and Western iconography, drawing inspiration from the Coronation of Mary as understood in Catholic biblical tradition based on the passage from **Revelation 12:1**. Some churches and families participate in a s

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Some churches and families participate in a scate through the life of our families” (n. 30). Pope Francis reminds us that by honoring Mary, we honor Jesus and our families.

Honoring the Body- Our culture and Church desperately needs the figure of Mary before our eyes as an exemplar of the dignity and uniqueness of women, especially in light of the real and present danger of pornography. The USCCB has also created a **pastoral guide** regarding pornography “to raise awareness of its pervasiveness and harms.” This month, let us ask Mary’s intercession for an end to this destructive force, and healing for those deeply affected.

Honoring our Mothers: For good measure, May also celebrates Mother’s Day, on the second Sunday. Let Mary’s month be a new reason to honor and remember our mothers with grateful heart. There is no lack of reasons to stay close to Mary this month, and throughout our lives. Find ways to honor her with your words and actions by seeking new ways to bring about mercy and peace through our Parishes into our divided world. (Evan Ponten, Baltimore)

Many thanks: I extend my thanks to **Fr. Stephen Jones** for offering the last weekend Masses on Mother’s day and highlighting the spiritual dimension of Stewardship. In his homily, he explained the spirituality of stewardship as a way of being the disciples of Christ making self- sacrifices for the growth and good of His Church.

Reminder: Summer Camps:



One theme constant in our pastoral planning is the desire to engage our young people more in the faith. We’re excited to offer a cadre of opportunities for middle school and high school students, with an emphasis on friendship and joyful fun. **Camp Lolek** (a childhood nickname of Saint John Paul II) is new this year. Dates, registration forms and other information are **on our website**. (Monday Memo)

Please Note: Parish Totus Tuus program will take place from June 26 – July 1. It is really a wonderful program with fun and learning. I would like all of our kids from grade 1 – 12 to participate in it. The parents of these children, please make sure that your children attend this program. The children who attended it last year enjoyed the maximum. Registration forms are in the back of church. If you have questions, please contact **Letitia Sangster** for more details and Summer Camps as above. Our parish will be able to support those who will be interested in attending the Summer Camps.

Mark your calendars: El Puente Trivia Night

Friday, May 20th - 6:00 PM
 Selinger Center – Jefferson City
 \$160 table or \$20 per person
 Register at www.elpuentemo.org

Picnic Information: Date – June 5th Picnic raffle tickets are available in the back of church. There are 32 raffle prizes to be drawn. We were only able to list 21 of the raffle prizes on the tickets but we added a note on each ticket that the COMPLETE list of raffle prizes can be found on our parish website and Facebook page. Please take raffle tickets to buy and sale to help make this picnic a success!

We are also adding a silent auction to our picnic. We are excited about this as we have some great items that should interest many picnic goers. We will list some of these items on our Parish website and Facebook page as it gets closer to the picnic.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to our community, surrounding community and our own parishioners who have been very generous in the donations they have made to our raffle and silent auction!

Sign up for food items for the picnic too has been posted in the back of church.

Mobile Food Pantry – Thursday, May 26th – 4:30-6:30 PM
 All in Moniteau County are welcome. Deliveries are available by call the parish office. Volunteers needed – please call Letitia.



Sympathy to the Dick Kirchhoff (husband of Teresa Kirchhoff) family. Dick died this past week. He will be buried in the Cedron cemetery. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and comfort to the family at this time of loss.

Weekly Collections - May

1st week: \$2,884.09 2nd week: \$8,931.50
 3rd week: \$ 4th week: \$

Hispanic \$353.00 Mustard Seed \$335.00
 Candles \$221.00 Bldg Fund \$25.00

Liturgical Roles

Saturday – May 14th – 10:00 am

Lector: Elaine Anderson
 Servers: Need Volunteer
 Greeter: Jim/Irene Hoback
 Song Leader: Larry Dahler
 Organist: Jo Pummill
 Rosary: Margaret Reynolds

Sunday – May 15th, 10:00 am

Lector: Mickie Bolinger
 Servers: Nicki Frank/Shane Bax
 Greeter: Shawn/Shawna Bax
 Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
 Organist: Jo Pummill
 Rosary: Charles Roll

Saturday – May 21st, 4:00 pm

Lector: Tammy Korte
 Servers: Need Volunteer
 Greeter: Joyce Ziehmer/Denise Gerlt
 Song Leader: Alicia Taube
 Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
 Rosary: Ruth Ann Jobe

Sunday – May 22nd, 10:00 am

Lector: J.D. Gattermeir
 Servers: Clay Sangster/
 Greeter: Mickie/Jake Bolinger
 Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen
 Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
 Rosary: Rita Henley

Picnic – June 5th : Annunciation Church Picnic

The picnic committee needs a lawn mower or small garden tractor to pull the kiddie train at the picnic. Please call or text Ruth Ann Jobe (573-230-6625) If you would let us borrow for the day. You are only lending us the tractor – (It would be nice if the gas tank is full!)

Another need is for picnic tables. If you have one that you would loan us for one day – Great! We could pick it up on Saturday, if needed. Look next week for the donation list! Please be generous.

Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Vickie Schroeder; Debbie VanDieren, Susan Burger; Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irey; Tagen Higgins, Joann Ponder; Milinda Hoecker, Angie Hoecker (sister-in laws of Tammy Strein) Lisa Anderson, Glenda Williams, Dr. Conrad Balcer; Jamie Bax; Don Aggeler (father of Chris Hurt & Carolyn Aggeler; Guadalupe Aguero; Amanda Gorham; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel (Sister of Vince Imhoff & Nancy Martin); Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Kim (Gailey) Moss; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger (mother of Jake Bolinger); Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus (father of Melody Fischer)

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, May 14	St. Mattias
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Tina Hoback
Sunday, May 15	5 th Sunday of Easter
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Dorothy Scheidt
12:00	Spanish
Monday, May 16	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
5:45PM	AA-Alon
☪ 8:00 PM	
Tuesday, May 17	Monsignor Francis Gilgannon
☪ 8:00 AM	Knights of Columbus
6:30 PM	
Thursday, May 19	Clem Distler
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Spanish Holy Hour
7:00 PM	St. Bernadine of Sienna
Friday, May 19	St. Christopher Magallanes
Saturday, May 21	Parish
☪Mass 4:00 PM	6 th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 22	Lee/Joyce Murphy
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Spanish
12:00	

The 5th Sunday of Easter, May 15,2022

Today's readings are about renewal and new things: *The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth*, and *a new commandment*. **Scripture lessons:** The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their *agápe* love, imitating the *agápe* love of Paul and Barnabas. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church, *the New Jerusalem*, by being present in her members, in their parish communities, and in their liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new." Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving, unconditional, *agápe* love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment.

Life messages: 1) Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (Lv 19:1-2, 9-18) says: "Love your neighbor as yourself." We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our bodies the "temple of the Holy Spirit."

2) Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents, and blessings with them.

3) Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: When we are assembled as a religious or social community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us. (Fr. A. kadavil)