



*Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.
In Him we have eternal life. Alleluia!*

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
May 16, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Monday, May 17 at St. John's

10:00a.m...Mary Patton

Tuesday, May 18

:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, May 19 at St. John's

12:00noon...Dave Kriegbaum

Thursday, May 20, at St. Mary's

5:30p.m...Matt Jutte

Friday, May 21, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...John Niccum

Saturday, May 22

5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. Mary's

6:30p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters at St. John's

Sunday, May 23

9:00a.m...Lawrence Fleming at St. John's

11:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at Holy Family

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



He is Risen! He is Ascended! Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, Forty Days after His Resurrection. And the great news is that while this feast day honors Christ, we get to reap the great benefits of this day. Jesus takes our humanity to God, which means our human flesh and being is taken into the very life of God. It also means that Jesus is no longer distant from us, but because he is close to the Father, he is close to each one of us forever. So, that means we can call out to Jesus at any moment, and He will hear our prayer and voice personally. Even if we separate ourselves from Him, we turn our backs or close our minds to Him, Jesus will always be waiting on us. That is what we celebrate this day. And this new reality is lived out in the celebrations we have had these past few weeks with First Communion, Confirmation, Mother's Day, and school graduations to come. These events matter because Jesus' Ascends and our events and stories are now tied forever with Him in heaven. The Ascension into heaven is literally happening every day and that means our lives and stories can even now be moving upward as well. We must of course be comporting ourselves in a manner that lends our stories to move upward in nature but that is also the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. But if we are struggling in that always know that in God there is always a room and place for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Hurley

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR MAY:

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady. Just say this simple prayer, 'Mary, mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."
- Mother Teresa**

Pope Francis has asked all the faithful during the month of May to unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary and to ask for an end to the pandemic. Join Bishop Barron, the Word on Fire team, and millions of Catholics around the world in praying the Rosary this month at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/rosary> or on our website at www.stmaryjohn.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 17: Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33

May 18: [St. John I, pope & martyr] Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a

May 19: Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19

May 20: [St. Bernardine of Siena, priest] Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26

May 21: [St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, and Companions, martyrs] Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19

May 22: [St. Rita of Cascia, religious] Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25

May 23: [Pentecost Sunday] Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23

PRAY THE ROSARY

May is devoted to our Holy Mother, Mary. Set aside time to pray the rosary during May in honor of her motherly love for each of us as she leads us to her son, Jesus.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

HELP FOR PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Please remember the Portland Pregnancy Care Center. A container is provided in the church entrance at St. Mary's. Needed items include diapers, baby lotion, shampoo, clothing, laundry soap, also adult shampoo deodorant, etc.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, May 10: Altar & Rosary Mother's Day Carry-in 6pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday, May 11: Women's Bible Study 9-11 am at St. John's
Wednesday, May 12: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family Finance Council 6pm at St. John's
Thursday, May 13: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
Sunday, May 16: Last Day for Religious Ed at St. John's with Recognition Brunch to follow.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$348.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,561.00

Building Fund: \$45.00

Food Pantry: \$49.00

Haiti: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$2,474.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$111.00

Votive: \$15.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Jesus is the perfect steward – watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

MAY BRUNCH

Holy Family will have a BRUNCH for our Carry-In on May 16, after 11:00 Mass.

Reemmer Hall will be open before Mass with ovens warmed and ready for your Family's favorite dishes. Please join us for Good fellowship, Bingo and Great food.



ROSARY DURING MAY

St. John's will pray the rosary a half hour before our 6:30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses throughout the month of May. If you would care to lead, please let Diana or Susan know. We encourage all to join us in prayer to our Lady.

ROSARY REPAIR

If you have a rosary in need of repair or rosaries that you no longer are using, please contact Terry McVicker. She will repair broken rosaries. She uses the donated rosaries for repair pieces and/or makes new rosaries for donation to prisons, youth, or other places. Contact Terry at 765-348-3141 or through the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN: To have someone prayed for or be one of those doing the praying, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521 or the office at 348-3889 or 674-2605.

Please pray for all those parishioners and their families dealing with illness.



PRAYER FOR EASTER

As we approach the final week of this year's Easter season, here is a prayer to remind us to continue beyond Easter to be a witness of the love of Christ:

**Dear Risen Lord,
Teach me to cherish the profound gift of your resurrection.
May my life reflect the power and radiance of redemption that I may be your witness.
Increase in me the gift of grace that your love has given me, and allow me to share that joy with others.
May I always worship you in spirit and truth, until the day we meet face-to-face in the glory of heaven.
Amen.**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11b-19

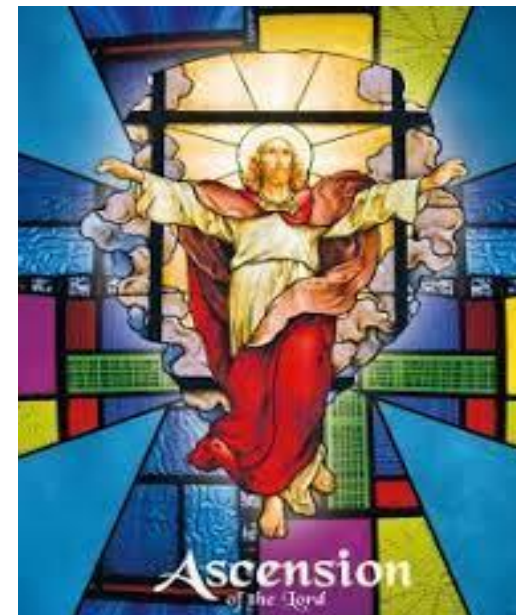
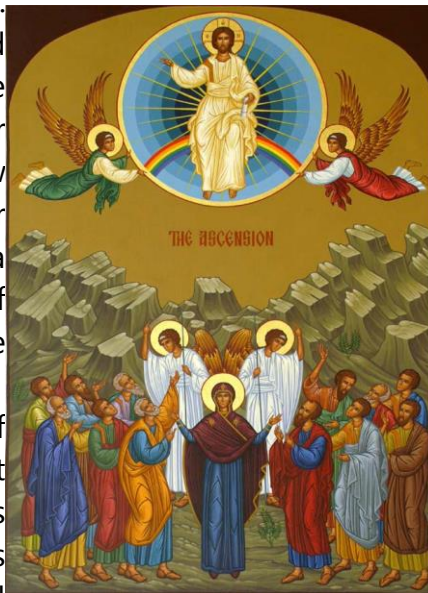
Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world.

We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" We belong to our Loving and Gracious God.

How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to. Being a disciple of Christ will not always be easy. As our early disciples experienced, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them." But it is because we were not made for the world. We were made to be saints, truly a calling that is out of this world. Although we do not belong to the world, Jesus clearly prayed, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one." We are called to live in this world and to not become consumed by it. We need to keep our minds and hearts fixed on our goal — eternal life.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday
St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

Holy Family, Gas City

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information