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While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	25	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	26	8:00 a.m.	Ken Dalaviras
Wed.	27	8:00 a.m.	Viola Auckley
Thur.	28	8:00 a.m.	William Kennedy
Fri.	29	8:00 a.m.	Marie Szymcek
Sat.	30	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	31	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Virginia Schoen

Public Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at St. Anne Church in French Village.

Public Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2020, and at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at St. Joseph Church.

Due to the ongoing restoration and painting of St. Joseph Church, Mass will be celebrated in the hall downstairs (the Bingo Hall). Please enter and leave using the west front door and the ramp entrance. Chairs have been arranged in order to allow for social distancing. Hand sanitizers will be available.

Please drop your donations in the stationery Collection Baskets.

Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Mass via live-stream only. The direct link to live stream the Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis is www.cathedralstl.org/live. You may also view a live stream of the Mass on the EWTN Global Catholic Television Network.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to share updated guidance and direction as developments regarding COVID-19 occur. Through the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick and our Mother, may the Lord of all love and compassion fill us with His peace.

Ascension of the Lord



The Ascension of the Lord is transferred to today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020.

Please remember that during these difficult days collections remain essential to even the limited operations of our parishes. We encourage you to mail in your contributions and special collection envelopes to our Parish Office. You may also drop your envelopes in the mail drop slot to the right side of the Rectory door or bring to the front door. Please do not place your contributions in the bulletin mail box. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Restoration

Thank you for your generous pledges and donations to date for the restoration of our Church. We have formally started the process of painting the Church. We are very appreciative of your support, pledges, and encouragement.



Fr. Steve has been able to call many of our members to find out how our folks are doing during this COVID -19 pandemic.

However, a large number of our families have disconnected phone numbers on file and/or full "leave a message" mail boxes. Please help us reach out to you by updating your contact information. Thank you.

Your Gift to God

May 16 & 17, 2020

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$3,303.00	\$400.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00	785.25
Ascension	75.00	-0-
Mother's Day	96.00	-0-
Church Restoration	1045.00	-0-
St. Anne Pic. Stimulus	1045.00	1020.00

2019-20 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose

**St. Joseph \$3,644 St. Anne \$750
for 52 weeks**

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 24, 2020



The Pastor's Workshop

Covid - It's sometimes noted that **separation makes the heart grow fonder**. If that were true,

then we should all be fonder of one another, since we have not had public liturgy in a couple of months. There obviously are a number of changes in our behavior.

Social distancing. Face Mask. No communion on the tongue. Collection baskets near the doors. To name just a few. I will try to remind everyone of the changes this weekend, and next, and next.....

I would remind people **that they should be healthy when coming**. If you are in a 'fractured' health condition, **please stay home**. Seniors 60+, (the main victims of this Covid), do not need to attend.

I believe if you are particularly **aged, you should not be here** or be in large groups. *Prudence is a virtue*. If you wish to come to Mass at St Joseph during the week, there will be less people to deal with, and less opportunity for transmission of the virus.

Please wear your mask into the church. If you wish to pull it down when you are in the pew that is fine. At communion, you obviously won't have the mask over your mouth. Come to communion in a single line. When you leave you should put the mask back on.

Please use the **disinfectant** we have put out. Don't move the chairs around too much. They are put there (at St Joseph) to separate folks from infection.

Frankly, all these modifications move us out of our comfort zone. I know that is difficult for some. If that is the cost of staying healthy, it's worth it for a while.



Cushions from the pews - The blue cushions that have been in church for a couple of decades are being taken away. With the virus, as well the new paint scheme we thought it best to either replace or leave the pews without them. If you would like some they are in the basement of church. We would ask for a freewill offering which will go to the church restoration.



Church Decoration at St Joseph -

I'm so pleased we have used the time away to allow us to work on the church. In some ways it makes lemonade out of lemons. It's been more than two months since the two painter/plasterers have been working. The plaster repair was a rather large deal. Water damage in years past did considerable damage, and a lot of old plaster needed to be taken away. This and other things have created a good deal of dust. In all, I'm hoping for another month till we are finished with painting. Of course flooring will also be needed, and that will demand funds that come from your generous giving to the **Restoration fund**. Please use the monthly envelope. Presently the fund has raised \$34,968.01. **Hooray!**



St Anne Picnic

cancelled - As my St Anne folks know, the June 14th parish picnic has been cancelled for 2020. I have asked that if possible we can make up with that loss by sacrificing a bit of the

stimulus funds that have been returned to us. Presently we have collected \$4,770.00 That will be helpful towards the loss of this fundraising effort.

Getting through this together,
Fr Steve

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gladys Reynolds who passed away on May 12, 2020. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Daugherty, brother of Beverly Isgrig and Cathy DiBello. He passed away on May 15, 2020. May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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