

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH • NEW TAITON
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**Week of
May 2, 2021**

Today is the
Fifth Sunday
of Easter.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for this Week:

Monday, 05/03	No Mass	
Tuesday, 05/04	7:00 a.m.	Emily Naiser †
Wednesday, 05/05	7:00 a.m.	George Gold †
Thursday, 05/06	7:00 a.m.	Grace Larson †
Friday, 05/07	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention - Carson Crosby & Cindy Juneke - healing (First Friday)
Saturday, 05/08	4:00 p.m.	Eugene Bubela, Sr. † Shelley Naiser Cook †
Sunday, 05/09	7:00 a.m.	Parish Family Georgie Drastata Duyka †
	8:30 a.m.	Living & deceased Mothers

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Dylan Srubar, Cole Srubar, Kade Srubar
Lector: Sandi Srubar
Ushers: Lawrence Labay, Jr., Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Diann Srubar, Volunteer
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jackson Merck, Simone Riha
Lector: John Merck
Ushers: Brad Tupa, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Leroy Kaspar, Karen Kaspar
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Offertory Collection

Loose: \$710.00
Envelopes: \$2210.00
\$2920.00

BULLETIN SPONSOR this week is St. John's Parish.

SANCTUARY LIGHT this week is in memory of the deceased members of the Parish.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of Ben & Lena Tupa for the months of May & June.

CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be in the home of Karen Zapalac for the months of May & June. Please pray for vocations.

PRAYER THIS WEEK: Heavenly Father, if it is your divine will, inspire many of our youth to say "Yes" to your special calling to be priests, sisters and brothers. Amen. Serra International

MAY ALTAR DECORATORS: Reneau Gold, Jackie Watz, Angie Garner, Brenda Drapela, Sherry Kallina, Paula Kulhanek, Dee Ann Rawlinson, Debbie Sohr, Becky Leopold, Charlene Smith, Margaret Leopold, Diane Seaman, Dorothy Pryor and Denise Wied. Your offering is due.

CONGREGATION COUNT begins this weekend at all Masses and continues each Sunday of May. Ushers are reminded to be as accurate as possible. Then record the count in the folder provided.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING on Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. This is our last meeting until September.

MAY CROWNING will be held next Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All parents are invited to bring flowers for their children to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Extra flowers will be available.

A SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LIVING AND DECEASED MOTHERS will be held next Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There are special envelopes at each entrance. A Spiritual Bouquet envelope to be returned to the Church and A Mother's Day Blessing card and envelope that can be given to your Mother to let her know she is being remembered in this special Mass. Spiritual Bouquet envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office by May 7th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS will be taken up next weekend at all Masses. This is to help since we did not have a Games Party last year.

GRADUATION MASS FOR OUR 2021 SENIORS will be held Sunday, May 16th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The graduates, their parents, siblings, grandparents and the Choir are invited to a breakfast hosted by the Altar Society immediately following Mass at the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to enjoy food and fellowship in celebrating our Seniors.

PICNIC (TODAY) SUNDAY: Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Hostyn Mayfest.

TEEN ACTS RETREAT: Attention all teens that just finished Freshman year to graduating Seniors, who would like a Spirit filled weekend and would like to make new friends. "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." Psalm 92:2. We would like to invite you to join us for an extraordinary weekend on the next Teen ACTS retreat June 10-13, 2021. Cost for the retreat is \$200. A \$50 deposit with registration and the balance is due at the Thursday check-in day of the retreat. Please note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Forms are in back of church. If you need further information please contact: Annie Gold #979-541-9818, Lori Tupa #979-541-9853, or Michelle Korenek #979-541-3228.

Meditation for the Week

"Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world." (Pastoral Patterns)

Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.

Psalm 22 "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

1 John 3:18-24 This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.

John 15:1-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches."

"In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say that he is the vine and his disciples are the branches. He tells them that those who remain on the vine will bear much fruit. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early church, trying to destroy the blossoming vine. But in today's first reading, after his conversion and baptism, Saul—now Paul—boldly preaches in the Lord's name. We also hear John assure us that if we keep God's commandments we will remain in the Lord, remain on the vine, bearing fruit." (Pastoral Patterns)