

MAY 2, 2021

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

By this is  
my Father glorified,  
that you  
bear much fruit  
and become  
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

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Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

## LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in

their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32;  
1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least

6 months in advance.

### Shut-Ins

Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869  
for Holy Communion

**ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO**

Mon May 3: 8:00 am Liv/Dec Gengler & Hesse Family  
 Tues May 4: 8:00 am +John & Angie Brazzle  
 Thurs May 6: 8:00 am +Terry Kolde  
 Fri May 7: 8:00 am +Dean Fechter  
 Sat May 8: 8:00 am +Gerald & Mildred Mathewson  
 5:00 pm Parishioners  
 Sun May 9: 7:00 am +Margaret Zeller  
 10:45 am +Martha Bettencourt

+deceased

**Confession:** Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (May 5)- 4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday (May 8)-3:00-4:00 pm

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\$3,894	\$260,835	\$315,000	(\$54,165)

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**ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH**

Sun May 2: 8:45 am +Cecilia Schneider

+deceased

**Stewardship last Sunday:** \$892 *Thank you*

**Flush Picnic Survey:** Parish Council decided to send out a very brief survey to see how parishioners are feeling about the annual Flush Picnic, as it is our only fundraiser for the year. (The link will be sent by email with the Bulletin this Friday.) We are asking for your input regarding this event by answering a couple questions. We ask for one response per family. **Please respond before Sunday, May 2.**

**Cemetery Mowing:** We will be mowing Wednesday, May 5 at 6:00 pm.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sun. May 9: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Michele Dugan		Ben Jilka	Bridget Coughlin Halle Reitz	Kevin Heptig Daisy Heptig	
Sat. May 8: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Gene Scherer		John Streeter		Janet Vance Dave Vance	
Sun. May 9: St. Bernard 7:00 am	Cindy Bisnette		Jackie Hays		Joe Haug	
Sun. May 9: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Janet Vance		Mary Ewing		Thomas Vanderbilt Tricia Vanderbilt	

**BOTH PARISHES**



**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021**

Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

**BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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**HOLIEST FLOWER**

Mary is the lily in God's garden.  
—St. Bridget of Sweden

**SMALL TASKS**

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.  
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**ST BERNARD**

**Mass Schedule Important:** This weekend (May 1 & 2) we will have Mass Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 7 am.

**Alternating 10:45 Mass Time:** Unfortunately we will be alternating the 10:45 am Mass every other weekend. Hopefully by June we will be able to offer it every weekend. We are hoping the Topeka associates will have a more flexible schedule by that time & can help us out. Again, thank you for your continued patience & understanding, as we work through scheduling.

**Rosary For Our Country:** Monday, May 3 at 6:30 pm.

**Rosary Garden:** This Sunday we will be saying the Rosary at sunset in the Rosary Garden. Please join us! Also we will be looking for volunteers to lead the rosary each week.

**Cemetery Books:** We are looking for someone to take over managing the books for the cemetery. (Someone passionate about genealogy and the history of the cemetery.) Thank you to John Streeter for his 10 years of service!

**40th Annual Women's Mass:** Be a part of the 40th Annual Mass for Women—May 26. Needed: Confirmation teens, First Communion children, altar servers, musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, reception set up and clean up. Call or text Barbara Lippman 785-456-3867 if you able to help.

**K of C Meeting:** Monday, May 3 at 7:30 pm.

**BOTH PARISHES**

**Don't Forget! Mother's Day is next weekend!**



**BOTH PARISHES**

Family life is not always easy, but we are not meant to bear life's burdens alone. This month's theme for Enflame Our Homes is: Joyful Families aren't perfect, but they ASK FOR HELP. While it may not be fun to reach out when we're in need, this small act of humility goes a long way to building relationships, and it creates a holy disposition of heart! Check out archkcs.org/help for simple suggestions and activities this month for growing in this principle as a family.

**Sewing Machines, Material, and Thread Needed:** Rosemary Helms-Winter, coordinator for Global Missions in Haiti, is looking for donations of sewing machines, material, and thread. They currently have 17 classes of girls in orphanages learning how to sew, so they will be able to support themselves and/or families. If you have any of the above items please take them to Community Health Ministries and deliver to Lorena Carlson. Thank you!

**St. Thomas More Continuing Education Program:** The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK) is providing a Catholic-centered Continuing Education (CE) Program for those in the fields of law, accounting, financial planning, and insurance on Friday, June 4, via a Live Zoom Webinar. Cost is \$75. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cfnek.org/events/stomasmorecontinuingeducationprogram>

**The Calix Society** ([www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). The Calix Society usually meets the first Friday of each month at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park. The next meeting will be Friday, May 7th. For specific information on time and meeting format, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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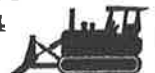
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