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Happy Mother's Day

My Friends in Christ,

This past weekend, I was overjoyed to be present at the 10:30 First Communion liturgy. As the kids were waiting to get their picture, I stopped in the Community Room to chat with some of them. “Are you excited?” I asked. And they were!

You could also feel their excitement in responding to Father’s questions during the Mass and as they approached to receive Jesus for the first time. As they walked towards me to receive from the cup, many of them had smiles and what was even more noticeable was the smiles (and pride) in the faces of many of their parents.

When I help teach Eucharistic ministers, I often speak of the joy that is that moment when you receive communion. I tell ministers to say, “The Body of Christ” with a smile on their face. And we should also be mindful in responding with a joy-filled “Amen.”

And while everyone’s happy on their First Communion Day, we should take the example of our first communicants to heart. Reflect on this question, “do I still show that same joy whether receiving my first or two-thousandth communion?”

This week, let us channel the joy present in the faces of our second graders as we approach to receive the Lord. And then, let us take that joy into our homes, workplaces, schools and community!

God bless,

Deacon Jeff



We would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!



+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, May 11, Easter Weekday

9:00 Estelle Teckman

Tuesday, May 12, Easter Weekday

8:00 Daniel B. Mack

Wednesday, May 13, Easter Weekday

9:00 Victoria Mendoza

Thursday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 Stan and Ann Basista

Friday, May 15, Easter Weekday

9:00 Donald. F. Egan

Saturday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 Francis Kilbane

5:00 Robert Licursi and Michael Carosielli

Sunday, May 17, The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Mary Tuft (Anniv)

Please pray for: Mickey Gallagher; Loretta Verhiley; Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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Deacon Joseph's Ordination

Next Saturday, May 16th, Deacon Joseph will be ordained to the priesthood. His first Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM on May 16th at St. Bernadette. A reception for the newly ordained Father Joseph will follow in Dempsey Hall. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ho, his aunt and sister will be in attendance. They will stay at the seminary while in Cleveland.



We are asking any interested parishioners to provide appetizers or desserts for the reception. If you are interested in doing so, we would need the desserts to be delivered to the Parish Office by Friday, May 15th. The appetizers can be brought to Dempsey Hall anytime after 3:00PM on Saturday, May 16th. Please let the Parish Office know if you are bringing an appetizer or dessert for the reception. Thank you as always for your generosity!



In response to the numerous inquiries we have received in the Parish Office regarding the ordination gifts for Deacon Joseph, I offer the following thought. A very practical gift would be that of a donation to help defray the cost of a car. In looking forward to his Mass of Thanksgiving and reception on May 16th, please keep the soon to be Father Joseph in your prayers. —Fr. Phil



The Parish Office will be closed on Saturday, May 16th for Deacon Joseph's ordination. The office will also be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

We welcome the following newly baptized members to the Christian Community:



Giovanni George Jares

St. Bernadette School

We are proud to share that St. Bernadette School was honored this week with the Christ the Teacher Award for Academic Growth at the Diocesan Principals' Meeting. This award recognizes elementary schools that demonstrate the highest academic growth in both math and reading on the NWEA MAP Growth Assessment over two consecutive years.



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Flowers for our Blessed Mother You are invited to bring flowers to honor our Blessed Mother on Mother's Day weekend and all through May.

Ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine

The ministry of Joseph & Mary’s Home cares for 21 medically fragile homeless adults by providing medical respite after hospitalization. About 80 patients are cared for per year. Upon transition to other housing sources after recovery, a “gift bag” of essentials helps them begin a new life with hope and dignity.


St. Bernadette Parish is blessed to assist with a goal of 40 items of each listed below. Gifts need to be “small” but not travel items. If we exceed our goal, other service agencies who care for the needy will benefit from your generosity.

A Sign-Up Genius link is available to indicate needed items. Information will also be on the website under ‘Social Concerns’ tab. Parishioners are welcome to donate on the weekend of May 23 and 24.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FA5AF2CA1FB6-62588663-Joseph>

Item	Description	Item	Description
Mouthwash	Small bottle (non-alcohol)	Dish detergent	Small squeeze bottle
Hand lotion	Small bottle or tube	Scrub sponge	For dish washing
Combs	Men	Can opener	Small manual type
Hairbrush	Women’s small	Cutlery	3 or 4 pc stainless steel
Deodorant (Women)	Solid Stick	Potholders	Potholder
Shampoo	Small bottle	Laundry bag	Mesh bag
Body wash	Small pump bottle	Pump hand soap	Liquid pump
Deodorant (Men)	Solid stick	Tissues	Kleenex box
Toilet Paper	4 pack	Paper towels	1 pack
Bath Towel	Standard size	Kitchen towel	Standard size
Wash cloth	Standard size	Small laundry detergent	Small e.g. 25 loads

DON’T BE A VICTIM! Protect yourself from scams and frauds on your phone, internet, and credit card!
What TO LOOK FOR? What NOT TO DO? What TO DO? Step-by-step information will be presented by parishioner Frank Benkalowycz on Tuesday, May 12th from 1:00-2:00PM in the Community Room.



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making
 We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are May 13th & May 27th.***

21st Annual Pancake Run
June 6, 2026



Join us at the **West Side Catholic Center** for our 21st Annual Pancake Run! Run or walk to support vital programs serving those in need in our community. Register today: <https://www.wscenter.org/events/pancake-run>
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