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**Mass Schedule**

Daily Mass: 7:30<sup>AM</sup>

Saturday Vigil: 4:00<sup>PM</sup>

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00<sup>AM</sup>

**May 3, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Weekly Offertory

*April 12, 2026*

Offertory Envelopes ... \$7,596.00  
 Loose Collection ..... \$4,210.00  
 Online Giving ..... \$3,741.00  
 Total Offertory ..... \$15,547.00

## Weekly Offertory

*April 19, 2026*

Offertory Envelopes ... \$7,729.00  
 Loose Collection ..... \$4,020.00  
 Online Giving ..... \$3,618.00  
 Total..... \$15,367.00

Congratulations to the students  
 who are receiving First Holy  
 Communion this Sunday, May 3.



Logan Bass  
 Cameron Ennis-Vance  
 Emmett Lerch  
 Jai'Leon Lopez  
 Jordan Parido  
 Abigail Solomita  
 Anthony Solomita

## *This Week*

### Monday, May 4, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Ladies' Sodality ..... PC 4 ..... 9:30 - 11:00 AM

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Biblical walk through Mass ..... FGMC ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
 Rosary Makers ..... PC 4 ..... 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
 K of C Membership Meeting ..... PC 4 ..... 7:00 - 9:00 PM

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 The Road to Emmaus ..... PC 4 ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Bible Study Group ..... PC 4 ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
 Spiritual Motherhood of Priests .. Church ..... 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 Biblical walk through Mass ..... FGMC ..... 7:00 - 8:30 PM

### Friday, May 8, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Eucharistic Adoration ..... Chapel ..... 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Saturday, May 9, 2026

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Vigil Mass ..... Church ..... 4:00 - 5:00 PM

### Sunday, May 10, 2026

Mass ..... Church ..... 7:00 - 8:00 AM  
 Mass ..... Church ..... 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
 Mother's Day Breakfast ..... PC 3 ..... 9:30 - 11:00 AM  
 Mass ..... Church ..... 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*PC: Parish Center    FGMC: Father George Malin Center*

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Mass Intentions For This Weekend 05/02 & 05/03

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00<sup>PM</sup> ..... †Roland Park

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖For All Parishioners  
9:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖All First Communicants  
11:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †George M. Shelby

**Mass Intentions For This Week**

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Brian & Rita O’Grady

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Darryl Miller

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Andy & Marie Mulkern

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †David Encarnacion

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖Pilar Shah

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Sandi Dendis, Phyllis Dopkowski  
and Frank Sergott  
4:00<sup>PM</sup> ..... †Ronald Park

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖For All Parishioners  
9:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Harold & Therese Smith  
11:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Mary Knoph

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*— Special Intentions —*



This week, the Sanctuary Candle is donated for the special intentions of the Mauro Family.

**May They Enter Into  
The Joy of the  
Kingdom**

Our sincerest sympathies go to the family and friends of Allen G. Hovik. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

### *A WORD FROM FATHER JIM*

A priest was visiting California to give a retreat. While he was there, he wanted to send his parents a postcard, but he didn't know where the post office was. He saw a boy riding his bike so he stopped the boy and asked him if he knew where the post office was. The boy gave the priest directions to the post office. In gratitude, the priest said to the boy, "If you come to church this evening, I'll tell you the way to get to heaven." The boy thought for a moment and then replied, "I don't think I'll be there. You don't even know your way to the post office."

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus states, "I am the way and the truth and the life." This is one of the seven "I AM" Statements found in John's Gospel. These statements reveal that Jesus is God. Just as God revealed Himself as "I Am" to Moses at the burning bush, so Jesus reveals himself in John's Gospel using "I Am" statements. This statement of the Lord is so important since it reveals three key aspects of Christ: he is the way; he is the truth; and he is the life.

What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the way"? He is the way to the Father. He is the way to the Kingdom of Heaven. He is the way of holiness and the way to sainthood. No map or GPS can show us the way to Heaven; the way to the Kingdom is a person, Jesus. He is the model, which we are called to follow. His teachings lay out the pathway of righteousness and peace. By following his teaching, we find ourselves on the road to peace, justice, and love. It is by conforming ourselves to Christ that we find the way to the Father's heart.

Jesus also states that he is the truth. Therefore, the truth is a person: Jesus Christ. In today's world, it is so difficult to know what the truth of a situation truly is. Satan has spread so many lies that people begin to doubt the truth. The world mistakenly tells us that the truth is whatever we believe it to be. Sadly, that is a subtle way of deceiving us to believe that we are God. We need to continuously ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to the truth in every situation so we can see Christ and respond appropriately. If we don't seek the truth, then we fail to seek Jesus. If we don't know the truth, then we will never know Christ. The truth will set us free; that is exactly what Christ does, he frees us from sin and death.

Finally, Jesus says that he is the life. Jesus is the divine life; hence, he is eternal life. When we attach ourselves to Christ, we graft ourselves onto eternal life. Christ is the life of God that we so crave. Jesus gives us a foretaste of the divine life by giving himself to us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: the Bread of Life. This Sunday, at the 9:00 AM Mass our children, who have prepared themselves for this Sacrament, will receive their First Holy Communion. They will receive the Bread of Life. They will receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. These children will be taking Christ into their hearts for the first time; at the same time, Jesus will be taking them into his body. What a blessing this sacrament truly is! This "I AM" statement of our Lord points directly to the Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of Sacraments.

The boy on the bike failed to take the priest's offer to learn how to get to heaven. Today, Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life; he is the way to heaven. The Lord's "I AM" statement reveals the true power of the Eucharist, which is the way we connect with God and others; it is the truth of our salvation; and it gives us the divine life of Jesus Christ.

God bless,  
Fr. Jim Ruhlin

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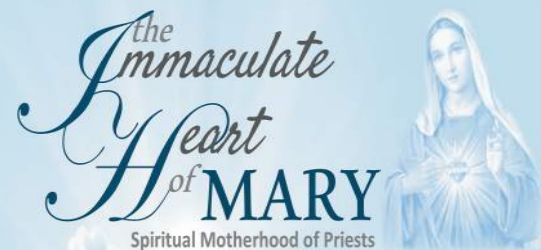
### *Parish Rosary Program Update*

Total Rosaries Prayed this week: 871

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to Date: 11,069

Total Weeks Reporting: 24

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus are hosting a **FREE** pancake breakfast on Mother's Day, May 10, 2026 in room 3 of the parish center from 9:30 to 11:00<sup>AM</sup>. Breakfast will include: pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage and beverage. Everyone is welcome!



All are welcome to join us Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, as we pray for our priests from 2:00 to 3:00<sup>PM</sup>. We meet in the church.

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection Weekend**

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church and chapel collecting monetary donations on the weekend of May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after all of the Masses for our neighbors in need. All donations are appreciated. If you are not able to donate at this time, there are envelopes located at all of the doors. **They must be marked SVdP for us to receive your donation.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless you.

Saint Michael the Archangel

Roman Catholic Church

**Parish Rosary Program**

- Total Rosaries for Sunday .....
- Total Rosaries for Monday .....
- Total Rosaries for Tuesday .....
- Total Rosaries for Wednesday .....
- Total Rosaries for Thursday .....
- Total Rosaries for Friday .....
- Total Rosaries for Saturday .....
- Total Rosaries for the Week: \_\_\_\_\_



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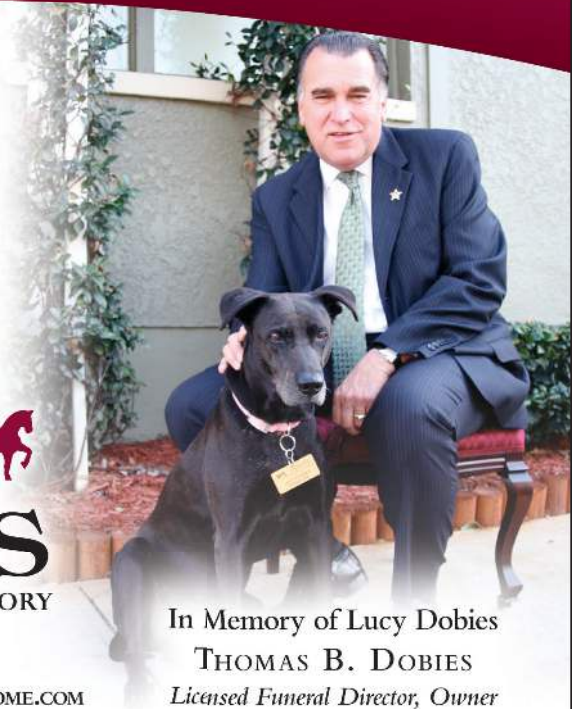
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