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MAY 10, 2026 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

Today is Mother's Day, a time for us to remember the blessings that mother's have been to all of us. We honor all the women who have given us life and all those who have "mothered" us. With their love. They give us life by reminding us of the basic human need to be cared for protected, to be supported and understood. Much of what it means to "mother" someone has to do with simply being willing to be there for others when what they need they cannot do for themselves.



Jesus tells his disciples in today's gospel, "I will not leave you orphans. I will be with you always. I think the mothers of who give us birth and the women who have "mothered us" with their lives are living reminders of Jesus' promise to be with us always. They make real Jesus' words, "I will be with you always." The "life" they give to us helps us, in turn, to be "life" for the world. On this Mother's Day, these good and holy women among us are worth celebrating.



A tip of the hat to all the folks in our Haiti Outreach Group for the wonderful Caribbean Night dinner, dance and auction they planned and executed last Saturday. All those present had the chance to enjoy a great meal, enjoy a little dancing and socializing and, at the same time, help us raise some money to support our work with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Thanks to all those who joined us for the evening, to all the folks who donated items for the auctions, to our young eight graders who served as hosts and hostesses for the evening, to the folks from Marx Barbecue for roasting the pig, the center piece of our dinner, and to our catering group who fixed the side dishes for the meal. What a great evening!



We have some special events coming up in the next few weeks and they all involve food, in one way or another. The St. Joe Baseball League will be offering a carry out chicken dinner of May 21, the Men's Club will be selling their famous brauts and brautburgers and the Altar Society is inviting all the women in the parish to join them for their spring pizza dinner on May 14. Be sure to check them all out!

*Leaning into the journey of life,
Fr. Gene Schroeder*

COME JOIN US THIS MONTH AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES. SPECIAL INTENTION: PEACE IN OUR WORLD



RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 3 pm to 7 pm
Friday Shoppers pay **DOUBLE PRICE**
(Except for Furniture)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 7 am — 11 am
Special bag sale beginning at 9:00

Our 25th rummage sale is approaching fast. Over the years, our rummage sale has made well over \$200,000. All that is because of you!

We have such a great crew who are so very faithful in helping each year. They work hard to transform the gym into a giant showroom. It takes a great deal of time to sort and price them. That's why we need new people to help out.

We'll be working each day, June 1-4 from 9 am till 7 pm, as well as the days of the sale, June 5 & 6. Come for a day, or more, or a few hours, here and there.



BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE GYM AFTER ALL MASSES ON MAY 30-31 and 9 AM TO 7 PM JUNE 1, 2 & 3. Wednesday, June 3 is the last day we will accept items

We regret that **NO** Console TV's, Computers, Electronic Devices or Tires will be accepted

Food and Drinks will be also be available during the sale.



KUCHENS St. Anne Altar Society will be selling their famous cinnamon kuchens on Friday & Saturday.

Come join them to help make kuchens Thursday June 4 and Friday, June 5 Questions? Call Imogene 812- 963-5221



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MAY 9
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00 PM MASS: Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and all the deceased women who loved us, Adelhaid Hassing (1869), Maria Trunk (1883), Joseph Baehl (1908)



SUNDAY, MAY 10
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and all the deceased women who loved us

10:30 AM MASS: Katharina Bender (1888), Makenzi Mossberger (1998), Joseph (1999) & Winnie Schu, David Rexing (2002), Jenny (2015) & Herb Langner (2015), Leroy (2015) & Rose Weiss

MONDAY, MAY 11
EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Maria Faust (1865), Barbara Faust (1865), Magdalen Weiss (1882), Edward (1928) & Anna Wolf, John Hillenbrand (1956), Eugene Wargel (1999), Art (2007) & Betty Logel, Bob (2012) & Ellie Blesch, Mike Maurer (2024)

TUESDAY, MAY 12
EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Mary (1959) & Joseph Frank, Leo Hillenbrand (2003)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Henry (1930) & Gertrude Rexing Sr., John Angermeier (1942), Joseph Goebel (1983), Edward (1983) & Carrie Helfrich, Marlon (2021) & Eilla Mae Kroeger, Marie (2025) & Leo Gumbel

THURSDAY, MAY 14
SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

NO MASS: Infant Baumgart (1865), Infant Barhorst (1888), Jane (2006) & Dick Lawson

FRIDAY, MAY 15
EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Wersdorfer (1862), Michael Wolf (1871), Catharine Effinger (1908), Thomas Will (1951), John (1970) & Anna Steckler, Roysie (1987) & Dorothy Kroeger, Patrick Hillenbrand (1989)

SATURDAY, MAY 16
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

5:00 PM MASS: Fran Happe, Marilyn Mossberger, Edward and Helen (Schweikart) Loehr, Maria Hoster (1864), Louisa Wiesendauger (1890), Magdalen (1930) & Casper Hillenbrand, Peter (1940) & Regina Urich, Robert Woodward (2001), Dorothy (2016) & Roysie Kroeger, Eddie Spaetti (2016)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

8:00 AM MASS: Delores Strupp, Oliver Wallace, Amber Gogel, Donald & Margaret Kafel, Rudy Schrepfer, Helen Kissel

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Brent Glaser, Anna Lensing (1889), Adolf Effinger (1935), Clarence (2011) & Catherine Miller



APRIL LOTTERY WINNERS: ST JOE: \$750—Bernadine Kluesner, \$300-Randy Kuester, \$200-Pat Fleck, \$100-Kathleen Lehman MATER DEI TRADITION: \$10,000 -Mary Ann Shrode, \$1,500- Ralph & Carrie Weiss, \$1,000 - Michael Caputo, \$500-Phyllis Tubbs-Gingerich

THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 4

Those who obey the commandments,
Jesus says in today's Gospel, are
the ones who really love Him.
Does my stewardship reveal
my love for Jesus?



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

May 3, 2026	\$ 19,024.90
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 639,756.68
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 675,400.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS	\$ 5.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 560.00

Saluting our young stewarts: Beatrice, Peter,
Paul, Bernadette & John Reckelhoff

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	\$ 5.00
NATIONAL COMMUNICATION	\$ 35.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 10.00

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to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

HERITAGE: *Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger*

HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: *Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser*

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HAMILTON POINTE: *Carolyn Pfaffman*

MAY 10: Victor Aydt, Troy Link,
Mies Rodriguez, Christiana Wolfe

MAY 11: Madison Elpers, Anna Mae Gries (100!)

Jim Hermann, Logan Kissel, Greg Matt,
Landon Smith, Everleight Werner

MAY 12: Laura Duncan, Zoe Schell, Aophie Schuble, Betty Will

MAY 13: Indy Costlow, Dosey Lehman, Phil Schmitt

MAY 14: Oliva Cody, Justin Greubel, Erin Harpenau,
Benjamin Kissel, Katie Schwartz

MAY 15: Alexa Elpers, Gabe Jung, Donald Rexing, Ashlynn Shane

MAY 16: Lola Elfreich, Danny Kares, Ben Owens

MAY 11: Julie & Glenn Conley, Jaon & Audrey Christie

MAY 12: Jonathan & Katelyn Mochau

MAY 13: Tomy & Teresa Tenhumberg,
Rodney & Star Lincoln,

MAY 14: Tony & Alison Moore, Rockie & Kim Wolfe

MAY 15: Carl & Lisa Fenwick

MAY 16: Herman & Cindy Schmitt,
Mark & Charlotte Schmitt, Matt & Kitty Deig

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



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ANNIVERSARY



GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Each year

from Mother's Day to Father's Day we have a tradition of collecting items to help unwed mothers and fathers through Birthright.

We will have diaper bags in church which can be filled with powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, etc. and then brought back to the gym, or dropped off at the rectory. Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by filling a diaper bag for Birthright. Packages of diapers can also be donated. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Toni Askins at 812-457-3214.



Liturgical Ministers

WEEKEND OF MAY 9-10: 5 PM (L) Jim Hermann (EM) Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher, Donald & Brandon Werner **8 AM (L)** Tom Blythe (EM) Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers, Chick Duncan, Marcia Frey **10:30 AM (L)** Shane Wessel (EM) Becky Doshier, Steve Jung, Debra Baumgart, Al Debes

WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17: 5 PM (L) Toni Askns (EM) Diane Woods, Eric Reffett, Mary Loehlein Carolyn Hutchinson **8 AM (L)** Jsh Baehl (EM) Brian & Ann Craney, Marcia Frey, Terry Drone **10:30 AM (L)** Chad Martin (EM) Diane Bassemier, Doris Taylor, Danielle Weledge Debra Baumgart

ENJOY A GREAT CHICKEN DINNER THURSDAY, MAY 21

CARRYOUT ONLY 5-6:30
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 from St. Joe Baseball Players or the
 Parish Office (812-963-3273)



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY BASEBALL PROGRAM

ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY SPRING DINNER

The Altar Society is inviting all the ladies of the parish to their **SPRING PIZZA DINNER** on Thursday, **MAY 14th** at 6 in the school cafeteria. Make your reservation now by calling Donna Dippel at 812-963-5911, Reservations need to be made by **May 11th**.



GET YOUR BRAUTS & BRAUTBURGERS 4 LB MINIMUM ORDER \$5/lb

Sign up sheet in church or call the office (812-963-3273), Join us on Friday afternoon, May 29, beginning at 1 pm to help make the brauts and brautburgers. Pick up on May 30, 7-10 am



Before I was a Mom.....I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby. I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.



Before I was a Mom.....I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

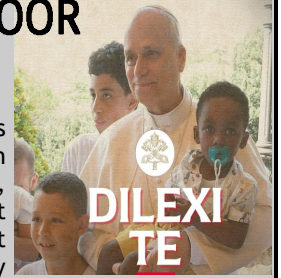
Before I was a Mom..... I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Mom.....I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay. I had never known The warmth, The joy, The love, The heartache, The wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mom. I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mom.



ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor



At times, Christian movements or groups have arisen which show little or no interest in the common good of society and, in particular, the protection and advancement of its most vulnerable and disadvantaged members. Yet we must never forget that religion, especially the Christian religion, cannot be limited to the private sphere, as if believers had no business making their voice heard with regard to problems affecting civil society and issues of concern to its members.

Indeed, any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments. It will easily drift into a spiritual worldliness camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk.

Nor is it a question merely of providing for welfare assistance and working to ensure social justice. Christians should also be aware of another form of inconsistency in the way they treat the poor. In reality, the worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care.

Yet, this spiritual attentiveness to the poor is called into question, even among Christians, by certain prejudices arising from the fact that we find it easier to turn a blind eye to the poor. There are those who say: "Our task is to pray and teach sound doctrine." Separating this religious aspect from integral development, they even say that it is the government's job to care for them, or that it would be better not to lift them out of their poverty but simply to teach them to work.

At times, pseudo-scientific data are invoked to support the claim that a free market economy will automatically solve the problem of poverty. Or even that we should opt for pastoral work with the so-called elite, since, rather than wasting time on the poor, it would be better to care for the rich, the influential and professionals, so that with their help real solutions can be found and the Church can feel protected. It is easy to perceive the worldliness behind these positions, which would lead us to view reality through superficial lenses, lacking any light from above, and to cultivate relationships that bring us security and a position of privilege.

ALMSGIVING TODAY

I would like to close by saying something about almsgiving, which nowadays is not looked upon favorably even among believers. Not only is it rarely practiced, but it is even at times disparaged. Let me state once again that the most important way to help the disadvantaged is to assist them in finding a good job, so that they can lead a more dignified life by developing their abilities and contributing their fair share. In this sense, lack of work means far more than simply not having a steady source of income. Work is also this, but it is much, much more. By working we become a fuller person, our humanity flourishes, young people become adults only by working.

The Church's social doctrine has always seen human work as a participation in God's work of creation that continues every day, also thanks to the hands, mind and heart of the workers.. On the other hand, where this is not possible, we cannot risk abandoning others to the fate of lacking the necessities for a dignified life. Consequently, almsgiving remains, for the time being, a necessary means of contact, encounter and empathy with those less fortunate.

TO BE CONTINUED



MAY 17 from 11-12:30
IN THE SCHOOL MEETING ROOM

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