

May 17, 2020

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



Scripture Readings: Acts 8: 5-17;  
Psalm 66:1-20; 1 Peter 3:15 -18; John 14:15-21

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

**Liturgical Assignments  
May 23-24**

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister
4:30 p.m.	Nancy Pease	
9:00 a.m.	Nancy Vanover	
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	
4:30 p.m.	David & John Paul Goettemoeller	
9:00 a.m.	Matthew & David Aberer	
Weekday		

**Money Counters:** Rhonda Christie / Nancy Teschner

**Sacrificial Offerings to God**

<b>May 10</b>	\$ 11,230.00
Envelopes	
Plate	303.00
Votives	199.85
Repair/Utility Fund	529.26
Misc.	85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,347.11</b>

Average Weekly Offertory Needed **\$14,360.00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the diocesan **Tomorrow's Priest Fund**.

**NOTE:** The parish office will close on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and reopen on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ADDITIONAL WEEKEND MASSES**

Father Totton will decide after this weekend if it is necessary to continue with the 3PM Mass on Saturdays and the 7AM Mass on Sundays.

**STAY CONNECTED!**

**St. James Parish and School Facebook Page**

We will be posting daily updates and Sunday Masses at 9AM. All videos posted to Facebook will also be available through the parish website [www.saintjamesstjoseph.org](http://www.saintjamesstjoseph.org).

**Seminarian Garrett King will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Sat., May 23.** His ordination will be limited to just his immediate family at this time. Please consider joining in his celebration by sending a card or note of congratulations to Garrett King, 12499 Canterbury Ct., Country Club MO 64505. Thank you so much!



**St. James Welcomes Seminarian for the Summer**

Thank you for welcoming me to your parish community! My name is Dan Stump, and I have just finished my first year of theology studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, after graduating from Conception Seminary in 2019. Before I entered seminary, I had earned a degree in English and Theatre from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA. I am a coffee guy, and I spent 6 years working at and then managing a Caribou Coffee shop between graduation from Briar Cliff and entering seminary. I have been a seminarian for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph since the fall of 2017. I have been blessed with the support of so many in the Church, and I thank you for supporting seminarians here at St. James. In my spare time I like to read, watch movies, and play video games. My favorite genre is mid-20th century literature such as the works of Arthur Miller, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and John Steinbeck. I look forward to meeting you all this summer and continuing to grow in my relationship with God.



*Mother's Day Memorials*

*Egzoslawa Zapala by Stuart & Chrissy Hughes*  
*Evolyn Stevenson by Dave & Bernie Stevenson*  
*Carmella Montalbo by Dave & Bernie Stevenson*

*Easter Memorial*

*Josef & Egzoslawa Zapala by Austyn & Shelby Hughes*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

Sunday, May 17	Mass at 7AM Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) Latin Mass at 11:30AM
Mon.	Confessions – 7:30 to 8AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Tues.	Confessions – 7:30 to 8AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy -5:30PM Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM
Wed.	Confessions – 7:30 to 8AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Thur.	Confessions – 7:30 to 8AM <b>Office Closed</b>
Fri.	<b>Office Closed</b>
Sat.	Confessions – 2PM (subject to change) Mass at 3PM (subject to change) Mass at 4:30PM
Sunday, May 24	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) Latin Mass at 11:30AM

**Rogation Processions This Week**

Traditionally, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to Ascension Thursday are observed as minor "Rogation Days". "Rogation" comes from the Latin "rogare," which means "to ask," and Rogation Days are days during which we seek to ask God's mercy, that we may avert the chastisements He makes manifest through natural disasters, and ask for His blessings, particularly with regard to farming, gardening, and other agricultural pursuits. They are set aside to remind us how radically dependent we are on God through His creation, and how prayer can help protect us from nature's often cruel ways. Historically, the Rogation Days began in response to plagues and famines in the middle ages. It is therefore appropriate that we revive their observance during this time of pandemic, continuing to pray: 1. for the healing and complete recovery of all those who have contracted COVID-19; 2. for the complete eradication of this Coronavirus; 3. for the protection of health-care professionals and others who may be exposed to the Coronavirus; and 4. for the long-term stability of the economy, in general, especially for the food-supply chain.



We will conduct a traditional outdoor procession, followed by a low Mass in the Extraordinary Form on two days this week:

4:30pm on Tuesday at **St. Patrick Parish**.

4:30pm on Wednesday at **St. James Parish**.

While the faithful are welcome to attend these events, please remember to observe social distancing and other prescribed health directives. Those who cannot attend may join us in praying the Litany at home using the English (or Latin) texts to be found online at: [www.maternalheart.org/propers/Ascension/Mass%20of%20Rogation/Mass%20of%20Rogation.pdf](http://www.maternalheart.org/propers/Ascension/Mass%20of%20Rogation/Mass%20of%20Rogation.pdf)

**Memorial Masses at Catholic Cemeteries Cancelled**

Due to the ongoing pandemic and need for safety of the faithful and cemetery staff, the annual Masses at our diocesan Catholic Cemeteries: Mount St. Mary's, Mount Olivet and Resurrection in Kansas City and Mount Olivet in St. Joseph are cancelled this year. Please remember all our beloved dead, but especially those who have died from coronavirus complications this year.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 18**  
**St. John I, Pope and Martyr**  
8 a.m. - Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins ✚

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**Easter Weekday**  
8 a.m. - Phillip Zuptich ✚

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest**  
8 a.m. - Charlie Peterson

**Thursday, May 21**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
8 a.m. -Latin - Ida Masson ✚

**Friday, May 22**  
**St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
8 a.m. - Robert Kneib ✚

**Saturday, May 23**  
**Vigil Mass**  
3:00 p.m. - Special Intention  
4:30 p.m. Anita Belz ✚

**Sunday, May 24**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
7:00 a.m. - Special Intention  
9:00 a.m. - Katie Goucan ✚  
11:30 a.m. (Latin) **Sunday after the Ascension**  
Pro Populo

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)