

X“BEHOLD, GOD’S DWELLING IS WITH THE HUMAN RACE.”

— REVELATION 21:3

Readings

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14

5:00 PM (P) Deborah Chartrand

Sunday, May 15

8:00 AM (J) Marie Menard

Monday, May 16

10:00 AM (P) Loren & MaryLou Holcomb

Tuesday, May 17

8:00AM (J) Greg Harbaugh

Wednesday, May 18

10:00AM (P) S. Rose Anthony Mathews Family

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM (J) Safe travels for Fr. Sebastian

Friday, May 20

NO MASS

Saturday, May 21 Prayer Service

5:00PM (P) Margaret Ann (Simpson) Hayes Family

Sunday, May 22

8:00AM (J) Rosie Mudd

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Our Military & their families, Ray Hess, Ruth Henry, Ken Williams, Roger & Carol Hess, Neil Mudd, Doris Wilson, Steve Wallach, Ruby Dickinson, Ina Doiron, Joan Schaefer, Michael Brand, Steve Deterding, Regina, Armin & Lola Depper, Eileen Heinen, Fred Deterding, Kathy Ghahkenschah, Betty Deterding, Geraldine Vogt, Kenny & Wanda Conners, Rhonda Heck, ASC Community, Katheryn & Bill Chartrand, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Christine Steibel, Kim Scott, Taylor Luke and Garrett Grimm
Billy Dethrow

CHURCH SUPPORT-May 8th

St. Patrick’s:

Envelopes \$991 Loose \$34 Roses \$194 Easter \$20 Good Friday \$10 Brick School \$200 House Rent \$850

St. Joseph’s:

Envelopes:\$2,530, Loose: \$186, Candles (Apr.): \$58, Roses:\$266 Easter: \$10



FR. SEBASTIAN’S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The first reading of today (Acts 14:21-27) tells us the great apostolic strides made by Paul and Barnabas. they were a dedicated pair who ensured that the message of Christ got to the furthest ends of their world. They saw their discomforts and hardships as their contribution towards the advancement of the Gospel and as such, received them with joy. Their harvest was bountiful.

The second reading (Revelations 21:1-5) talks about a new heaven and a new earth where the old gives way to something better and brighter. God then comes down to dwell with the people and there are no more tears, death or mourning. God will take the pain away and will make all things new. What a world that will be!

The Gospel (John 12:31-33, 34-35) takes us back to the events leading up to the passion of Christ. After the departure of Judas, the prayer for peace and love was made by Jesus. He gave them a new covenant, greater and more enriching than that of old. It was simply to love one another. When we show love, something new, vibrant, enriching and life-giving, springs up in us.

I will be away for vacation from May 20th until the 20th of June. Do keep me in your prayers and be assured of same from my end. May God continue to keep us in his love and peace. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass schedules for MAY are 5pm Saturday at St. Patrick and 8am Sunday morning at St. Joseph. Masks will be optional at Mass and all liturgical celebrations. **Fr. Sebastian will have daily Masses Monday’s and Wednesday’s at St. Patrick’s and Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at St. Joseph. Fr. Sebastian will be gone from May 20th-June 20th...there will be no weekday Masses during this time.**

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

Thank you to Dave Eichenseer and Cheryl Scherle who will be attending a seminar on May 13th & 14th “Sunday celebrations in the Absence of a Priest” and to John Parker who is already certified. We will be utilizing this training on Saturday, May 21st with a prayer service being celebrated at St. Patrick’s parish. Please come and support our parishioners who have so graciously volunteered to give of their time and talents.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Our diocese is currently blessed with seven seminarians and we are asking for your help in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room, board, and other expenses is over \$48,000 per year for each seminarian. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution to this collection is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in Southern Illinois.

JOSEPH VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Eucharistic Ministers: Beginning the weekend of June 5th we will be adding a Eucharistic Minister to help Father with communion only. If you are or want to be a Eucharistic Minister please sign up in the back of church.

ST. JOSEPH 300TH MEMORABILIA

Ornaments and Candles are here and will be available during office hours. Mon, Tues. Thurs. & Friday and after Mass.

ST. JOSEPH PICNIC REMINDER

In the past each family in St. Joseph Parish was asked to donate a hand quilted queen size quilt, we would like to start this process again beginning this year. This responsibility may be shared by multiple families. Also acceptable is a cash donation equivalent to the price of one quilt; \$250. Thank you.

COMMUNION

If you are not able to attend Mass, whether homebound/hospital/assistance living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call **Diane Mudd at 618-284-7150** or **Leonard DeRousse 618-284-2200**

CARE MINISTRY

Care Ministry is a ministry of compassion provided by volunteers who deliver small care packages to those in need and may bring communion if they’re homebound or just a friendly face to talk with. Care Ministry’s mission is to assure individuals that they are not alone and that God is with them in time of need. If you are interested in joining our Care Ministry please contact Lynne Gonzalez."

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. Joseph: Tuesday May 17th at 7pm parish hall
St. Patrick: Monday, May 23rd at 7PM in the Brick School

ST. PATRICK SERVERS

If you have made your First Communion and would be interested in starting to serve, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

NEED A RIDE?

If you need a ride to Mass at St. Patrick’s, please contact Dave Eichenseer @ 618-791-0504 or Liz Mudd @ 618-530-5750. We can also help you to and from the car.

SAVE THE DATE

ST. PATRICK’S Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner with strawberries and ice cream, today, Sunday, May 15th from 11am-2pm (or until sold out) **CLEANING OF BERRIES AND SET UP FOR THE DRIVE THRU WILL BE SATURDAY AFTER THE 5PM MASS.**

ST. JOSEPH’S: BBQ fundraiser for St. Joseph Sunday, May 22nd at IGA. Serving 10:30 until we run out. Pork steak and Brat sandwiches and dinners. We are looking for 10 volunteers to help with this. Contact Roger Henry at 618-967-6348 or Lisa Mueller at 618-521-0266 to see how you can help!

St. Patrick’s Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. May’s collection will go to the Prairie du Rocher School food pantry. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- To Janis for cleaning the kitchen in the hall to prepare for our drive thru dinner.
- To Carla for staying after Church to help with the Baptism
- To Marvin and Leonard who keep things running behind the scenes.
- To our ice cream dippers and strawberry cleaners.
- To Fast Stop/N&B Fuel Mart, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Kim Zimmer 5/14, Patrick Drury 5/14, Hannah Meyer 5/16, S. Rose Anthony Mathews, ASC 5/17, Ellie Suhre 5/17, Hadley Schneider 5/18, Corey Steibel 5/18, Christine Hartman 5/18, Kenia Mudd 5/18
Tom & Jolene Heine 5/14
Nathan & Brooke Schilling 5/20

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: “Love one another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment. How are you doing?

ON-LINE QUILT AUCTION

St. Patrick’s quilting ladies are holding an online quilt auction fundraiser. Visit our Facebook page at (St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ruma, IL) to view the quilt and to start bidding by putting your bid in the comments, or contact the parish office at 282-3176. Bids must appear on the original post on our Facebook page. Measurements are 84X103. Bids accepted until June 5th at 5PM. Bid as of 5/13/22 is \$100.

PATRICK’S CHURCH CLEANING

We are in need of volunteers to clean our church once a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin table. Please contact Sandy so she can unlock the church.



A very special welcome to Lance, Jen, Macy, Hadley and Sophia Schneider...new parishioners at St. Patrick’s Parish.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“SAY TO YOURSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS: GOD LOVES ME! AND THEN ADD: AND I WILL TRY TO LOVE HIM!” Fulton Sheen