

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
— *Psalm 67:6*

Readings

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or John 17:20-26.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21 Prayer Service

5:00 PM (P) No Mass intention offered

Sunday, May 22

8:00 AM (J) Rosie Mudd

Monday, May 23

10:00 AM (P) No Mass

Tuesday, May 24

8:00AM (J) No Mass

Wednesday, May 25

10:00AM (P) No Mass

Thursday, May 26

8:00 AM (J) No Mass

Friday, May 27

No Mass

Saturday, May 28

5:00PM (P) Kevin Crafton Family

Sunday, May 29

8:00AM (J) Ed DuFrenne

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, 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, Ron Fadler, Pam Fadler, John Mathews, Ashley and John Turner

CHURCH SUPPORT-May 14th & 15th

St. Patrick's:

Envelopes \$712 Seminarian \$30, Ascension \$30, Cath. Communication \$20



St. Joseph's:

Envelopes:\$2,110, Loose: \$123, Capt. Improvement: \$240

FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The first reading of today (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29) gives the summary of the outcome of the first council of Jerusalem. The leaders of the early Christian community had met to deliberate on teething issues and came out with a message of hope for all. They all agreed not to place more burdens on the people but to direct their hearts towards purity, holiness of life and God.

The second reading (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) reveals to us the splendor of the holy city of Jerusalem. The radiance was so overwhelming and it was so illuminated that there was no longer need for earthly space, time or configuration. Jesus was the source of its glow. The lamb was its lamp. If God is the source of our joy, we will never hit a dry patch!

The Gospel (John 14:23-29) re-echoes the words of Jesus on love. True love dispels fear and that was why our savior reminded us not to be troubled. We will face the challenges that come our way with the understanding that the messiah is never far from us. 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 be gone from May 20th-June 20th...there will be no weekday Masses during this time. Please note: the weekend of June 4th and 5th St. Patrick's will have Saturday evening Mass and St. Joseph's Sunday morning at Ft. Chartres**

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

Dave Eichenseer, Cheryl Scherle and John Parker will be utilizing their training they received "Sunday celebration in the Absence of a Priest" this weekend with a prayer service.

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.

ORDINATION CEREMONY

Bishop Michael McGovern has called The Reverend Mr. Thomas Richard Luge to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The ordination liturgy will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 10:30 AM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. In the days ahead, please pray for Deacon Luge, soon to be Father Thomas Luge, by the Grace of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Please also continue to pray that young men and women from our parishes will hear and answer God's call to vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

IF WE DIRECT OUR WORK TOWARDS GOD, WE SHALL WORK BETTER THAN WE KNOW.

Fulton Sheen

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 NEEDS

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.

Please save your ½ gallon milk jugs. They are needed for cooling broth. There will be a place for them in the back of church.

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. 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. JOSEPH'S: BBQ fundraiser Sunday, May 22nd at IGA. Serving 10:30 until we run out. Pork steak and Brat sandwiches and dinners. Come support St. Joseph's by enjoying a delicious BBQ meal and don't forget to spread the word!

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.

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 Dave, John & Cheryl for giving of their time and talents in preparing for our prayer service this weekend.
- To all those who made our drive-thru dinner happen. Without you it would not have been possible!! THANK YOU!!
- To Southern Illinois Crankshaft, Inc. our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

S. Raphael Ann Drone, ASC 5/21, Doris Papenberg 5/21, Steven Mudd 5/21, Sandra Hartmann 5/22, Betty Doiron 5/22, S. Joan Shalapin, ASC 5/22, Craig Hartmann 5/24 Matt Schwartz 5/25, Ron Schilling 5/25, Nancy Rahn 5/26, Emmett Deterding 5/26

Mike & Julie Carle 5/21, Dan & Jessica Powell 5/21, Tim & Amy Wiegard 5/22, Steven & Kenia Mudd 5/22, Terry & Joy Meyer 5/26, George & Betty Kawalec 5/27, Rodney & Angie Menard 5/27

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 5/20/22 is \$250.

ST. PATRICK'S DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Meals-653
Strawberry Jam-134 jars
Gross (before expenses) \$11,630
We have strawberry jam (\$3) and 3 gallon containers of ice cream (\$21) to sell. If interested contact Sandy or Diane.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. But, the bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that the life to come is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."



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