

# Pastor's Letter

May 11, 2025—4th Sunday of Easter

Dear Church Family,

As the church carries out its mission of proclaiming and living the gospel, we do so as a community of human beings who are “in the world, but not of the world.” At the heart of who we are as the Body of Christ is the Holy Spirit who unites, guides, and empowers us. In our Gospel reading for today Jesus describes the Spirit as our Advocate, the one who stands beside us, in this world and before the throne of the Father. The help of the Holy Spirit is given both directly to each of us and indirectly through the apostolic structure of the church. We see this demonstrated in the Acts of the Apostles when the church brings its questions and disputes to the Twelve Apostles for them to pray about and decide.

Some people believe that the Holy Spirit and structured, hierarchical authority don't go together. Some believe that the church should just “go with the flow” of the Spirit and that organization just makes it harder to hear what the Spirit is saying. Others believe that a lack of structure and rational organization just leads to chaos. As is often the case, the answer lies in the middle.

The answer to the question of being Spirit-led or hierarchical is not either/or. It's both/and. Each of us has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us along the way, but in the complexities of life it's not always clear what God wants us to do. Sometimes we have to choose between competing goods and we don't know which should have priority. Sometimes our own desires conflict strongly with what God wants from us and his voice is drowned out. At those times we need the help of God-appointed authority to hold us together and keep us on track. We need to hear how the church has wrestled through the ages with issues that we face today. Our bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, have been given the graces to bear that responsibility.

We are grateful for the living voice of the Apostles which comes to us through their successors, the bishops. Under their leadership we can be confident that it is the Spirit of Christ which guides us and not just our own preferences or the political and social whims and trends of the present age.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



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## The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



## Calendar

### Saturday, May 10

Wedding @ St. Joseph

Wedding @ St. Brigid

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, May 11

7:30 am Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

### Monday, May 12

6:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

7:00 pm Journey of Faith (OCIA) @ St. Brigid

### Tuesday, May 13

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

### Wednesday, May 14

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

5:30 pm Catechist Appreciation Dinner @ Sprouts

### Friday, May 16

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

### Saturday, May 17

Wedding @ St. Joseph

Wedding @ St. Brigid

3:45 pm—4:15 pm Reconciliation @ St. Brigid

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

### Sunday, May 18

7:30 am Mass @ St. Brigid

9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

10:30 am Mass @ St. Edward

### Monday, May 19

6:30 pm Mass @ St. Brigid

7:00 pm Journey of Faith (OCIA) @ St. Brigid

### Tuesday, May 20

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Edward

8:00 am Mass @ St. Edward

7:00 pm St. Joseph Cemetery Mtg

### Wednesday, May 21

7:15 am—7:45 am Reconciliation @ St. Joseph

8:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph

6:00 pm Mother & Daughter Banquet @ St. Brigid Hall

### Friday, May 23

8:00 am Mass @ St. Brigid

## Mass Intentions

### SAT. MAY 10

4:30 PM—St. Brigid: +Robert Richmiller

+Bob Obert

### SUN. MAY 11

7:30 am—St. Brigid: +Joan Siebers

9:00 am—St. Joseph: For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 am—St. Edward: +Allison O'Donnell

+Leroy & Bertha Richmiller

+Jason Kasparie

### MON. MAY 12

6:30 PM—St. Brigid: +Mary Jo Obert

+Anne Snider

### TUES. MAY 13

8:00 am—St. Edward: +Rose Mary Howell

+Bob McCleary

### WED. MAY 14

8:00 am—St. Joseph: +Jason Ohnemus

+Jack & Irene Bunte

+Jon & Ann Faubel

### FRI. MAY 16

8:00 PM—St. Brigid: +Michael Brummer

+Raymond Maas Sr.

### SAT. MAY 17

4:30 PM—St. Brigid: +George Schneider

+Roger Hummel

+Herman & Rita Huber

### SUN. MAY 18

7:30 am—St. Brigid: +Yvonne Arnold

+Jeffrey Graham

9:00 am—St. Joseph: For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 am—St. Edward: +John Blickhan

+Edward Blickhan

## Parish Collection: May 4

St. Brigid \$ 5,828.00

St. Edward \$ 2,907.00

St. Joseph \$ 2,247.00

**Thank you for your generous support!**

*All Collections included in total this week*

## Memorial Day Cemetery Masses

### Monday, May 27

- 8 am Mass at St. Brigid Cemetery
  - 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery
- If raining, it will be moved in the church.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!



## Baptisms

Maeve Marie Kelly,

Daughter of Dwyer & Breanne Kelly at St. Edward

# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL

By: A.C. Buzzy McLaughlin



On this day a mother means more than just words or a bouquet of sweet flowers, for a mother can make a rainy dark day into a happy day with just a warm smile on her face and the words, lets bake some cookies.

A mother accepts her children's good points, faults and disappointments in stride. A mother's love is a true treasure that she shares every day with her family. She shows this through caring, acts of kindness, advice given or always ready to help without thinking twice about it.

A mother's faith and inspirations help her guide the family in good times or bad. Mothers are special gifts to children every where, as time passes she becomes a very good friend, someone to confide in or rely on.

A mother places the needs of her own family first far above any priorities she has in her life. We take our mom's for granted for all the thankless jobs they do, but if it wasn't for mom, Lord what would we do?

A mother never asks for pay, just a kiss or hug will do, the words, 'Mom I love you' just makes her day brand new. So Happy Mother's Day to all our moms, may God's blessing rain down upon you, for family isn't family without a mother like you.

## Baby Bottle Blitz

Can you spare some change for Care Net's Baby Bottle Blitz? Care Net is a local Christian organization that provides compassionate support to women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions. Each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day we fill baby bottles with our loose change to help support Care Net's goal to save lives. Bottles can be picked up, Sunday, May 11th - June 8th, and returned to the church on Fathers Day, June 15th.

## Safe Environment

Misty is working on the updating of the Safe Environment parishioner/volunteer profiles. You may be receiving a letter to update your background check and the DCFS check. These checks only happen every 5 years, and are required by the diocese for all active volunteers. This program helps to ensure the safety of our children and parish assets. If you are having difficulty navigating the update, please call the office, Misty is willing to help you. Also if you are no longer an active volunteer, please call the office to have your name removed.

## Thanks, Advertisers

Please be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in our Parish Bulletin. When you're considering purchasing products or services, be sure to look first at our ads in the Bulletin. We thank them for providing our weekly Bulletin.

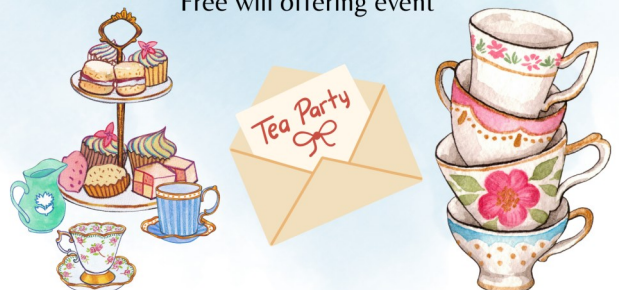
## St. Joseph Easter Memorial Flowers

Jack & Irene Bunte  
Dan & Katie Hugenberg  
Bob & Theresa Hugenberg  
Laurine & Delmer Frese  
Meyer, Mock & Moore Families



## Mother & Daughter Banquet

Please join us for our special  
Mother & Daughter Event!  
Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.  
Saint Brigid Catholic Church Hall  
A meal will be provided!  
Please RSVP to Renee @ 217.440.8417  
We hope you can join us!  
Free will offering event



# Ministry Schedules

ST. BRIGID CHURCH						
May 17 & 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SATURDAY 4:30 pm</b>	Ashley Schutte Kelsey Schutte Gwen Wiemelt	Norma Neisen Theresa Neisen Angela Obert	Ron Barry Ave Fessler Dave Fessler	Dave Fessler	Dave & Angela Obert	Ron & Rose Barry
<b>SUNDAY 7:30 am</b>	Kruz Klauser Karlee Obert	Nancy Obert Dot Smith	Ron Cramsey David Dodd Mike Hummel	Nancy Boone	Nancy Boone	Kyle & Elizabeth Leonard

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH						
May 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Usher	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 9:00 AM</b>	Maddy Ohnemus Lane Ohnemus Willow Neisen	Greg White Krista White Jeanne Cramsey	Mike Moore Andy Moore	Florence Dietrich		Moore Family

ST. EDWARD CHURCH						
May 18	Altar Server	Communion Minister	Rosary	Lector	Greeter /Hospitality	Gift Bearer
<b>SUNDAY 10:30 AM</b>	Jillian Shaffer Meredith Shaffer Devin Shupe	Jeannie Hildebrand Breanne Kelly Margie Kendrick	Margie Kendrick	NEED 1	Phil & Lori Hil- debrand	Jeff Venvertloh Family
* Please continue passing the basket for collection.						

## Please Remember to Pray For:

Daran Knuffman	Joe Rice	Ryan Wiemelt
Zoey Obert	Linda Windoffer	Scottie Bastert
Julia Winfield	Monica Mast	Bernice Dittmer
Haddlei Burnett	Bonnie Johnson	Joann Walton
Jim Steinkamp	Elizabeth Leonard	Kent Hilgenbrinck
Kayle Sheely	Ben Venvertloh	Jim Wilson
John Kroner	Ripken Rangel	Connie Dietrich
Marvin Meyer	Maurie Koch	Virginia Berhorst
Carl Schisler	Tony Peters	Corey Sheurman
Rachel Cramsey	Joy Huebotter	Lisa Bohan
Ginny Brinkman	Raleigh Bess	Rinley Barry
Denny Meyer	Karen Woodworth	
Rosie Miller	Doug Woodworth	

Please contact us if we need to remove your name from our prayer list.

## Stewardship Reflection

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."  
(Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



# ST. BRIGID – ST. EDWARD – ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



## St. Joseph PSR Breakfast



The 3rd Graders carried the crown and crowned Mary at St Joseph.



The four 8th Graders received a special blessing at mass at St Joseph. We appreciate Asher Mock, Andrea Moore, Isabella Neisen , and Maddy Ohnemus and the great leadership they have shown at PSR.



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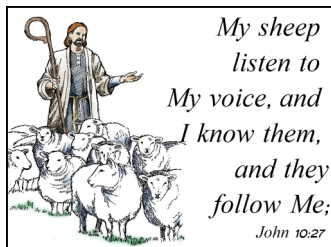


## The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

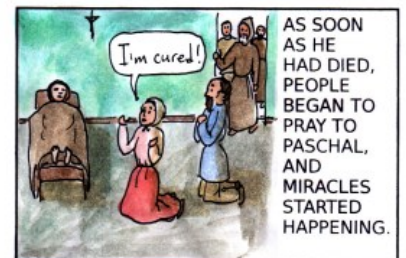
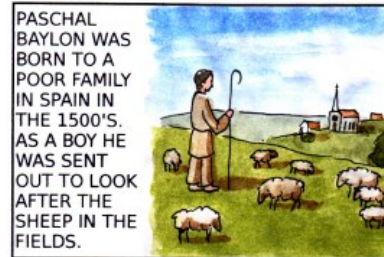
We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



## Saint Pascal Baylon

May 17



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
AGES 3 - GRADE 4

Come join us and have fun learning about the Story of Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah and the Flood, Jonah and the Whale, and Moses.

We will have games, snacks and TONS OF FUN!!

## June 22-26 6:30 pm

To register contact Jeanne Cramsey  
at 217-653-3962 or email at [cramz922@yahoo.com](mailto:cramz922@yahoo.com)