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Deacon Ed Green (SH)  
Christina Workman (HF)

**5.18.2025**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Parish Information

#### Mass Times

**Saturday: 5:00 PM HF**  
**Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12:00 PM HF**  
(Spanish)  
**Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions**  
**Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart**

#### Confessions

**30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses**  
**Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart**  
**Or by appointment**

**Baptism:** Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

**Marriage:** Call six months prior to wedding date.

#### Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2024 - April 25, 2025)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (May 11)	\$3,055.56	\$190.97	\$1,271.25	\$67.84
Actual Collection	\$2,165.00	\$137.00	\$667.55	0
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$890.56)	(\$53.97)	(\$603.70)	(\$67.84)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$139,444.44	Capital Campaign	\$53,792.50	Capital Campaign
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$95,888.95		\$46,380.05	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$43,555.49)		(\$7,412.45)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$161,201.93		\$65,979.36	
Expenses for the year to date	\$152,443.88		\$68,006.58	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$8,758.05)		\$2,027.22	

#### Abide with Me!

Attitudes today see the Church as a meeting place, an entertainment spot, a Café. They do not see it as a home, much less as the dwelling place of God here on earth.

Jews believed in a tabernacle, that is, the place where God dwells among his people. This tabernacle was a tent at first which Moses built to house the Arc of the Covenant, the Menorah, and the Table of the Bread of Presence (Manna).

Solomon built a permanent temple with the Holy of Holies, the place where God dwelt among his people. Yet that temple was destroyed twice, once in 587 BC and then in 70 AD.

Today God still dwells with his people in his Word: Scripture, but for Catholics, we also believe God dwells in our tabernacles, containing the Real Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. He is truly present in Word and in the Eucharist.

He abides with us truly present. He dwells not only in our Eucharistic tabernacles: the Holy of Holies: our sanctuary, but He also abides in our souls which is another tabernacle.

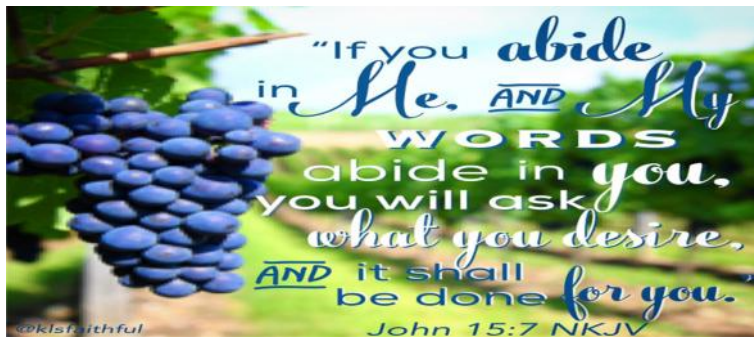
Good stewards recognize that He, Jesus, dwells in our churches, a sacred place, but He also dwells within us and we dwell within Him in the Eucharist.

**"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."**

**DWELLING PLACE**  
A GOD ENCOUNTER

**He will dwell with them and they will be his people**

May 18, 2025



## Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. May 17 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Matthew & Emilee Klausner

Sun. May 18 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Philip & Jeanne Buchholz

Sun. May 18 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family

Sun. May 18 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Jasmine Adame Rodante, Aiden Cadena Rodante, Cecilia Díaz Ochoa, Crecencio Díaz Gonzales

Mon. May 19: No Mass Here

Tue. May 20 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Joshua Green

Wed. May 21 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Larry & Cheryl Campbell †

Thu. May 22 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Shirley Nelson †

Fri. May 23 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Janice Green †

Sat. May 24 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Parish Family

† indicates Memorial Mass

Our Lady of Fatima is visiting  
Sacred Heart Church  
May 14 - 28, 2025.

Come and say your daily rosary  
while she is here with us!

## Upcoming Events

May 21 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM SH

May 22 Confirmation 7 PM SH

May 26 Memorial Day Celebration at Cemetery 9 AM

June 1-6 Totus Tuus SH

June 1 Parish Family Picnic 2 PM Schey Park, Keenesburg

June 3 Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick 6 PM SH

June 7 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM HF

June 8 Men's Breakfast after 8:00 AM Mass SH

July 1 Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick 6 PM SH

July 4 Independence Day Mass at Cemetery 8:30 AM

July 5 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM HF

## Pray for Them

Crystal Crowley, Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Katherine Bowman, Han Bo Eun Ah, Ralph & Jo Gassman, Gemmah Sell, Bill Epple, Lupe Ybarra, Cecilia Aichelman, Juli Zimbleman, Linda Conter



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

Abide in Me!

Where is Love? Love symbolized by the heart though is not in the heart. Love is not of the flesh, but of spirit. The heart merely symbolizes life and love. Love dwells in the soul and is a gift from God.

Love, then, is not an object, but a person, Jesus. He is Love and we love Him because He loved us first.

Many love but love wrongly. They love objects or worse, they reduce persons, including Jesus to an object. Objectification of another easily uses the other for selfish gain. But love is anything but selfish gain. Love selflessly gives of oneself to another.

Covenants break us free from this objectification of the person. Covenants exchange persons in which both state:

**"I am yours and you are mine."**

This exchange, goes beyond the physical, even rational characteristics of a person. It encompasses the whole person, including their faults and sins as well as their talents and graces. In this exchange both become bonded. They create a soul tie by which they exchange their life for each other freely and totally.

In this exchange, the covenant tie creates an indwelling in each other and no greater example exists than marriage. As husband and wife abide in each other's hearts, the two become one. Not just physically through intimacy, but spiritually as they have one soul: their love for each other.

Covenantal love is Jesus' desire too. He makes a covenant with us declaring this is my body and this is my blood which He gives to us out of love.

**Jesus exchanges his Divinity for humanity so humanity becomes divine.**

He becomes everything we are so that we could become everything He is.

Jesus dwells within us through the Mystery of the Incarnation; He also dwells within us through the Mystery or Covenant of the Cross: the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, Jesus reveals the depth of this indwelling as He not only dwells among us as a person, but He becomes one with us at communion.

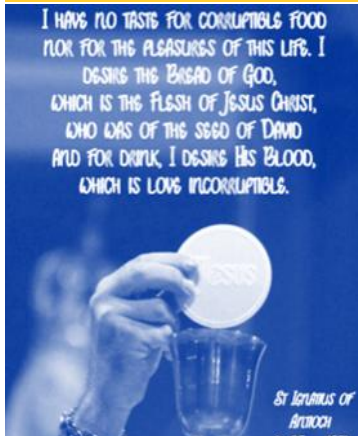
He, the Son of God, takes upon Himself our fallen human nature. In so doing, He becomes the Priest Who offers His human nature as a sacrificial offering, destroying our sin and death. Healed, He restores our covenant with Him through his divine love.

He literally joins Himself to us through the New Covenant, the offering of His Body and Blood. During the Passover Meal in the forms of Bread and Wine, Jesus exchanges his total self so we can abide totally through, with, and in Him.

In his love, we love because He poured Himself into us. United, we love each other as He loved us for our love joined to his, becomes pure.



## Shepherding is Sacrificing



Bread was a powerful symbol and reminder for the Jewish people. God gave them Manna, or Bread from Heaven: the Bread of Angels. (Ps 78:25)

At the beginning of every meal, the Jews were to recite the Barakah, or the Blessing. The father of the family would take bread and speak a blessing (barakah) which

praised God: "Blessed are you, Lord, God, King of the universe, who has brought forth bread from heaven." (The Mass, Edward Sri. P. 93).

During the Passover, they would read the history of what happened reminding them of God's power.

"In the Passover meal, there also would be a reading of the Haggadah, which retold the story of the first Passover in Egypt and interpreted that foundational event in Israel's history for the current generation. This made God's saving deeds of the past present and applied to the story to their lives." (The Mass, Edward Sri. P. 93)

The Eucharist begins with the Barakah: the blessing of the bread and wine because it will become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Following the blessing of the bread, the Eucharistic Prayer retells the story of what Jesus did. He took bread broke it and said this is my body. So too, He took the chalice and said this is my blood. It retells the story of new covenant in which Jesus not only takes bread and wine and blesses it, but He offers Himself out of love upon the cross to redeem us from our sinfulness.

As we partake of this New Covenant, the Heavenly Bread and Wine the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, we enter into this Mystery of the Covenant in which Jesus not only blesses the bread but becomes our Bread of Life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we too become one with Jesus, transformed by his love. Only in partaking of this New Passover can we keep the New Covenant and love as He commands.

## Honoring Unborn Babies

*The Heart of the Plains Cemetery invites you to honor any baby lost due to stillbirth, miscarriage, or abortion by purchasing a small, personalized plaque that will be placed on the Monument for the Unborn at the cemetery. Anyone can honor an unborn baby, regardless of how long ago your loss was and regardless of religious affiliation. It is our hope to honor as many babies as possible.*

*Order forms are in the back of the church. Contact Susan Unrein (970)590-2831 or Linda Eppele (970) 347-7597 with any questions.*

## The My Culture

Some 300 - 400 times daily, we hear messages that cultivate the My Culture. Listen carefully to the advertisers: Have it your way. How do you need it. So too the self-help mantras concerning my space, my time. A host sayings brainwash the listener to embrace the culture: Its Mine!

People amass huge collections of material "stuff" thinking they are entitled to it. To give you an idea, the United States has 2.3 billion sq. feet of storage space. That is 7.3

sq feet for every person. The My Culture also promotes rights. Individuals demand their rights claiming victimhood if they are not met. We hear, read, see, and live the My Culture, and then we have the reaction to it: Me Too!

Sadly, the My Culture infiltrates our Catholic Church. We give merely 1% of our gross income; while main-line Christian denominations give 2% - 3% to their parish, far below the 10% that Scripture recommends.

If Catholics would increase our giving by only 1%, that is from 1% to 2%, it would mean an additional \$7 billion to parishes, ministries, and services. Revival of good stewardship is critical if we are going to combat this My Culture. In a pastoral letter the bishops points out:

"Parishioners must accept responsibility for their parishes and contribute generously both money and service - to their programs and projects. The success or failure of parish programs, the vitality of parish life, or its absence, the ability or inability of a parish to render needed services to its members and the community, depend on us all." (STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter)

Happily we see pushback against this My Culture as people realize they are the victims of this culture. Selfishness never satisfies. Giving does.

Being generous with your time, talent, and treasure gives life a fullness and dimension that satisfies our deepest longings:

**To be a gift to another.**



## Dress with Dignity

As summer comes, casual dress becomes common. Yet, our dress for Mass ought to be different. At Mass, our dress ought to reveal our faith as well as our own personal dignity in the Lord.

Keeping our attire more formal rather than common, respects Our Lord's presence as well as his presence dwelling in our souls.

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