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5.3.2026

Ffith Sunday of Easter

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM Holy Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12 PM HF Spanish
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sacred Heart
First Saturday of each Month: 8:30 AM Holy Family

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, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (Apr. 26)	\$2,403.84	\$192.30	\$1,442.30	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$825.00	\$142.00	\$979.00	\$55.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$1,578.84)	(\$50.30)	(\$463.30)	(\$12.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$103,365.30	Capitol	\$62,019.10	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$95,576.40	Funds	\$65,850.78	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$7,788.90)		\$3,831.68	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$123,759.58		\$89,793.03	
Expenses for the year to date	\$108,841.22		\$86,900.35	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$14,918.36)		(\$2,892.68)	

The Royal Priesthood of the Catholic Church

Priesthood is different than pastorship; yet many people see priests as merely pastors and not as a priest. Pastors lead a flock, they guard, protect, and serve the members; yet, a priest not only pastors, he also offers prayers and sacrifices for his own sins and the sins of the others.

The Old Testament Priesthood was a chosen tribe — Levites — who led the Israelites in their public worship of God. They were ordained to offer right worship to God; offering the different and complex prescribed offerings, and sacrifices to God on behalf of their own sinfulness and the sins of the Israelites. They also blessed the people.

Though they led the people in right worship, the nation was also chosen by God to be a priestly people and follow the example of the ordained priests so all would love God with their whole heart, mind, body, and soul: the Great Shema, offering sacrifices with the priest and bless the family.

The New Testament is the same. Ordained priests lead the people in right worship of God, offering the prescribed Sacrifice: the body and blood of Christ, so the laity participate fully becoming priestly themselves and ultimately holy!

Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

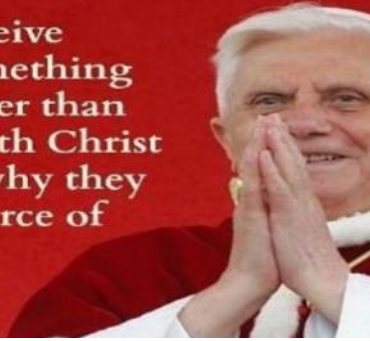


You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own."

May 3, 2026

‘Many people perceive Christianity as something institutional – rather than as an encounter with Christ – which explains why they don’t see it as a source of joy.’

- Benedict XVI



Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat. May 2 Holy Family 5:00PM: Forrest Bell †
- Sun. May 3 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Aaron & Mary Ockenfels
- Sun. May 3 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Daniel Mitchell †
- Sun. May 3 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Parish Family
- Mon. May 4: *No Mass Here*
- Tue. May 5 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Rene Buchholz †
- Wed. May 6 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Suhanyi Family
- Thu. May 7 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Tom Johnson †
- Fri. May 8 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Kathleen Maddox
- Sat. May 9 Holy Family 5:00PM: Paul Tappy †

† indicates Memorial Mass



May 3 May Crowning

- May 3 Last Day of CCD Classes at Sacred Heart
- May 5 Healing Mass 6 PM Sacred Heart
- May 6 CONFIRMATION practice 6:30 PM Sacred Heart
- May 7 CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 7 PM Sacred Heart with Bishop Jorge
- May 16/17 Cross Catholic Outreach priest visit
- May 25 Memorial Day Celebration at Heart of the Plains Cemetery 9 AM
- May 31 Parish Picnic 1 PM Schey Park, Keenesburg
- May 31-Jun 5 TOTUS TUUS - Registration is open!
- Oct 5-15 Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Tom

Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhalfen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Epple, Theresa Schindledecker, Adriana Elias Trinidad, Nayely Vasquez, Cristopher Flores



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

Trust vs. Distrust

Trust is the foundation of every relationship. Children have absolute trust in their parents because children have no one else or no other reference point. Some parents are not trustworthy. They fail to parent well because they are not responsible. Their children grow up who have that mindset and they too become irresponsible because they never experience true trust from their parents.

The same is true for Christians. They trust Jesus because they have no one else to trust. But as time progresses so many faithful distrust Jesus. They see the failures of other Christians, even hierarchy, and become jaded. They question their faith and easily falter becoming doubtful instead of trustful.

Trust is the foundation stone of every relationship, especially with Jesus. He is trustworthy, but many who claim to be followers are not. They are sinners who fail to live up to the Christian ideal. Yet, we cannot condemn them for we too fail. We all fall short of the glory of God.

The struggles we face are those who force their trust on others. They think they know what is best and easily lord it over others. They have a certain style that dominates rather than serves.

Trust serves. It engages in the chaos of life. It experiences the vulnerability of others and even exposes another’s vulnerability, This is trust’s essence.

The other feels safe, secure, and supported even in their sinfulness.

Being vulnerable to one another, our relationships solidify and trust builds because it is based in truth. Trust then takes place through truth, not hiding from it especially when it is testing.

True trust tests our resolve as it exposes our weaknesses and failures, and confronts others, exposing their faults, failures, and dysfunctions. This is not to shame and embarrass the other, but to hold the other to a higher standard: to heal the brokenness. This is the core of trust. To expose faults without damaging the person’s integrity.

Trust then is based upon honesty. To be honest about yourself and honest with others. Christians build trust when each person is honest and accepts the correction of another humbly, or offers a correction to the other charitably.

Perfectionism, narcissism, and manipulation are three actions that absolutely destroy trust; whereas, honesty, integrity, and sincerity build trust. A crisis reveals the cracks and fissures in any relationship. But those fractures are an opportunity to strengthen trust!

The Good Shepherd knows our vulnerabilities and supports us despite our failures. Only those who have been touched by Jesus’ trust will be able to act trustworthy with others, especially those struggling. Jesus tells us not to be troubled about our lives or our past or future, but trust Him. To trust Jesus we remove the distrust within our heart, knowing that whatever happens to me will not destroy me, but will draw me closer to Him, Who will come back to me safeguarding his trust.

Prayer to be Humble Like the Shepherd

IF MY PEOPLE,
 WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,
 SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES,
 & PRAY, & SEEK MY FACE,
 & TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS
 THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN,
 & I WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN,
 & I WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

O Jesus! When You were a Pilgrim on earth, You said:

"Learn of Me for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

O Mighty Monarch, my soul finds rest in seeing You, clothed in our weakened human nature. You humbled yourself become like us in everything but sin.

You humbled Yourself to wash the feet of Your apostles, then died on the cross. Now I recall Your words that teach me how to practice your humility:

"I have given you an example so that you may do what I have done. The disciple is not greater than the Master ... If you understand this, happy are you if you put them into practice."

Lord, I understand these words that came from Your gentle and humble heart and I want to practice them with the help of Your grace.

I beg You, Good Shepherd, correct me whenever I try to set myself above others. I know, O my God, that You humble the proud soul but to the one who humbles one's self You give an eternity of glory.

I want to humble myself being last so I can share in your glory as you humbled yourself, suffering on the cross for the sins of the world. Give me O Good Shepherd, a share with You in the kingdom of Heaven now and forever.

You know my weakness, Lord. Every morning I resolve to practice humility and overcome my sin; yet in the evening I recognize I have fallen short and committed many faults due to my pride. I am tempted to become discouraged but I know that discouragement is pride. Therefore, O my God, I want to base my hope in You alone. Since You can do everything, deign to bring to birth in my soul the humility I desire so I can please you in all things.

To obtain this grace of Your mercy I will pray:

"O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours!"

Be careful never to become discouraged when you see yourself surrounded by spiritual infirmities. If God lets you fall into some weakness, it is not to abandon you, but only to establish in you humility and make you more careful in the future.

—ST. PADRE PIO



Prayer?

"PRAYER REVEALS TO SOULS THE VANITY OF EARTHLY GOODS AND PLEASURES. IT FILLS THEM WITH LIGHT, STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION; AND GIVES THEM A FORETASTE OF THE CALM BLISS OF OUR HEAVENLY HOME."
 ST. ROSE OF VITERBO

Prayer takes effort and many do not put in the effort and wander through the spiritual life never encountering the risen Lord intimately.

Prayer reveals to the soul the dignity of what it means to be a child of God and see our inner beauty given by grace.

The central concept of prayer teaches us that God dwells in our soul and when we embrace that abiding presence, the kingdom of God is within us not outside. He becomes our bridegroom.

To help us encounter divine presence dwelling within, St. Theresa of Avila offer these six points to ensure that our prayer is proper and effective.

1. God is always near. He dwells within the soul "for the Spirit of God dwells within you" (Ro 8:9).
2. Prayer is absolutely, unequivocally indispensable. It gives me humility and self-knowledge, knowledge of my weakness and God's Infinite Goodness founds my prayer
3. All harm comes to us when we fail to realize that God is near; therefore, DO NOT take your gaze off of Jesus, the King of your soul
4. The spiritual journey, although sustained by grace, demands intense effort, including detachment, mortification and perseverance, as well as patience, as the soul waits for God to act on it.
5. Desire for God is critical.
6. Progress on the spiritual journey is not only possible and desirable, but is also necessary. It takes time and progress is slow at first.

"Each of us makes his own weather."

We determine the color of the skies in the emotional universe we inhabit. That's a strong claim.

It means that even when life feels heavy, even when things aren't going our way, we are not passive victims of our interior world. We have the grace to re-look at the situation through God's eyes.

We can, by grace and deliberate effort, bring the light of Christ into our souls and that light changes how everything else is experienced. When life starts to tilt toward frustration or negativity, that's not the moment to drift.

That's the moment to decide.

Make gratitude a priority. Not as a vague ideal—but as a concrete goal for the day. To actively notice what is good. What is beautiful and true.

What is a gift from God.

Gratitude isn't just a feeling—it's a discipline. And practiced consistently, it reshapes our interior climate. It doesn't deny difficulty. It transforms how we walk through it. Knowing spiritual struggles are God's precious favors.

~Fulton Sheen

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