

Fifth Sunday of Easter

BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

It is certainly an important ministry to go and make disciples; it is equally important to ensure the continued strengthening of these disciples. Paul and Barnabas, in our reading from Acts today, are not only adding new disciples to the church of Christ. They are making sure that the work of the church will continue by appointing elders and otherwise organizing these new communities of faith. Structure is essential to the work of the church. Just as the skeleton gives form to the body, the organizational structure of the church ensures that the church stays true to its mission, that new disciples are well formed in the message of salvation, that the work of the church can continue from generation to generation.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Today's second reading, from Revelation, and the Gospel reading from John together help us to understand the radical nature of Christ's message of love. In Revelation, we are told that now the sea, the symbol of the chaos of the past, is no more. The new Jerusalem has come down from heaven and is joined with humanity for all time. Christ dwells within each of us, the baptized, in a radical new way of joining together. Christ is here, now, for all time, within each and every one of us. This is why Jesus' commandment of love is so very new. We are commanded to love each other as Christ loves, for when we love, we reveal Christ's presence among us. This is a love beyond any human concept of love, a love without concern for cost, a love that calls us to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, and grant mercy to enemies. This is the love demanded of us by our baptism, the radical love of others as we are loved by God. This love is our work, the work of the church of Christ on earth.

Today's Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145:8-13; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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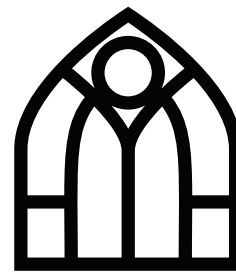
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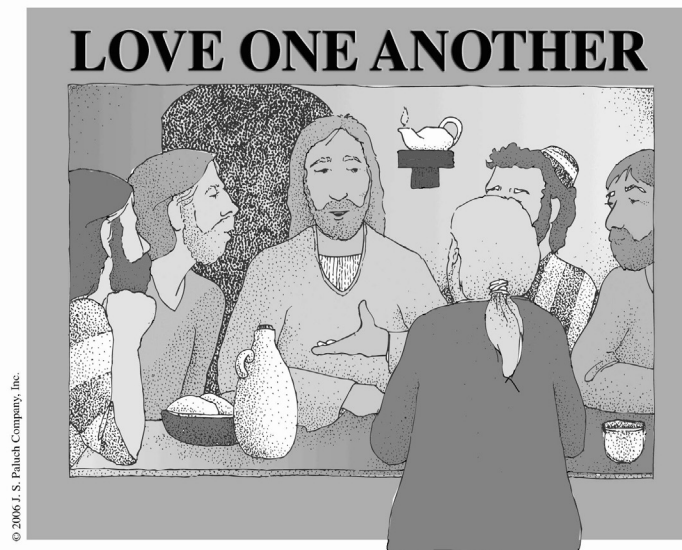
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Sunday, May 18, 2025



Parish Schedule/ Mass Intentions

Reconciliation/Confession

Sat. at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Daily (except Tue.) - 6:00 p.m.

PSR

PSR Classes and Adult Bible Study Classes are held following Sunday Mass in the parish hall.

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every first Friday of the month.

Rosary

First Sunday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the quiet room

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 17 - Patrick McGinn

Sun., May 18 - Gary Gastel

Sat., May 24 - Benita McGinn

Sun., May 25 - Maria Fregoso

Canon 946 states: "The Christian faithful who make an offering so the Mass may be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by their offering take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministers and works." We ask for the standard Mass offering of \$10 per Mass; there are envelopes on the table on the east of the entrance for your offering.

Our Home



Parish Established in 1869

Church Dedicated in 1904

News and Announcements

Last Day of PSR

This Sunday will be the final session of our PSR Program. The program will take a break and resume in the fall.

Cemetery Association Looking for New Secretary

Saint Mary's Cemetery Association is looking for someone to train for the Secretary treasurer position if you are interested come to the next meeting or get in touch with Jim Dill

Fun Facts about Pope Leo XIV

- Pope Leo is the first American pope.
- Pope Leo likes to play Wordle!
- He is also the first Peruvian pope.
- He has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics.
- Pope Leo met Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis!
- Pope Leo XIV's birthday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- Pope Leo's favorite sport? Tennis!
- He knows how to speak: English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. Additionally, he can read Latin and German, two important theological languages.
- Pope Leo is a Chicago White Sox fan! He even attended one of the games White Sox games during the 2005 World Series.
- Pope Leo XIV was an editor-in-chief for his school yearbook.



The PSR St. Mary's Catholic Church



At the Parish Hall
Friday and Saturday
May 23-24 from 7 am - 2 p.m.

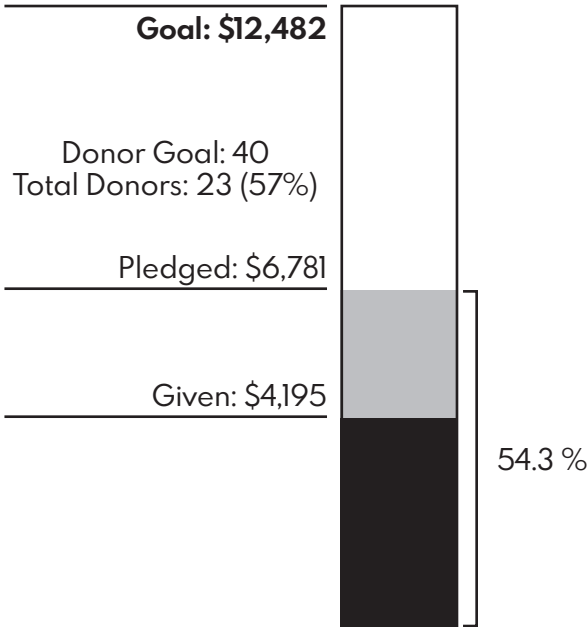


Clean up your attic, your garage and your husband's project table and bring your items to the hall Thursday May 22 after 2 pm. We will organize and get ready for the sale.

** Your donations are appreciated and welcomed.*

DDF Progress

Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.



Liturgical Assignments

	May 18, 2025	May 25, 2025
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Riegel Tom Shaw Michael Pommier	Rebecca Boyer Elva Weber Virginia Dobler
Lector	Rebecca Boyer	Landry Morris Natalie Pommier Canyon Dobler
Altar Server	Natalie Pommier Stetson Marti	Daisy Weber Jerome Weber Joseph Franklin (gifts)
Ushers/Collection	PSR Children	PSR Children

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	May 24-30	Anniversaries	May 24-30
Jennifer Ogden	May 25	Jim and Kim Conkle	May 25
Bil Forst	May 26	Dan and Jill Peters	May 27
Dan Peters	May 26	John and Barbara Saker	May 28
Eleanor Pommier	May 27	Tom and Marlene Shaw	May 30

Collection

May 11, 2025	
21 Envelopes out of 76	\$ 706.00
Loose collections	\$ 133.00
Votive	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 844.00

The discipline of tithing is the "Square Knot" by which God blesses the tie which binds us to Him, our church and others.

Parish Membership/Communications

The parish family of St. Mary Catholic Church welcomes you; we are blessed and honored you are here, and we look forward to your registration as one of our parishioners. Fill out a form located on the table at the east side of the entrance. Place the registration slip in the basket at the offering and we will take care of the rest; you may also visit with Father Teter next door at the rectory, or send us an e-mail: elvadweber@gmail.com

Prayer List

We pray for those who are sick or in the hospital:

- Josh Blanchard
- Michael Blankenship
- Brett Campbell
- Todd Cholka
- Ron Crews
- Janea Davis
- Ashton Lynn Dill
- Valeta Grunden
- Donnie Higgins
- Susie Knierim
- Carolyn Isaac
- Sherina Morrison
- Jason Noel
- Donna Oswald
- Tim Paulter
- Jill Purinton
- Sondra Riegel
- Kenneth Stegman
- Mitzi Stegman
- Maddie Stevens
- Madeline Winters

We pray for our military, especially

- Wyatt Davis
- Derek Forst
- Seth Fullerton

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-3738 or 844-CAN-TELL; or for suspected or known abuse of vulnerable or eligible adults, the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210.