

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## THE COURAGE OF STEPHEN

The reading from Acts today follows a lengthy trial and discourse by Stephen, in which he retells Jewish history to the court from a Christian perspective. Because he dares to proclaim Jesus as standing in heaven at the right side of God, the leaders of the court fear that Stephen could lead others into blasphemy, and so he is stoned to death. Stephen understands what we hear in the reading from Revelation today, that Jesus, with the Father, is indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He knows that this truth is worth dying for. All who desire the tree of life need only receive the life-giving water of salvation and rest in the Lord, the bright morning star. This is a new understanding of how God interacts with humanity, and some of the Jewish leaders were not ready to hear this. But as we have seen in our scriptures throughout this Easter season, God's message of salvation is available to all, whenever they are ready to hear it.

## THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE

There is a perfect unity between the Father and the Son. All those who believe are part of this unity as well. In God's great love for us we were given to the Son, and the Son has given us all that we need to be brought to perfection in the love of God. When we stand in the waters of baptism, we may at first think of our sins and our past as being washed away. But there is so much more than that. The waters of baptism are washing us into the love of the Father and Son. The water itself is divine love, love that overflows into our hearts and throughout all creation. We are loved creatures; we are precious to God. Jesus stands with the Father, holding us in the palm of his hand. If we can begin to understand the depth of this divine love, then we can be as brave as Stephen and proclaim the Good News of salvation courageously and without fear.

Today's Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

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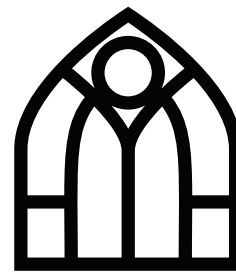
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# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

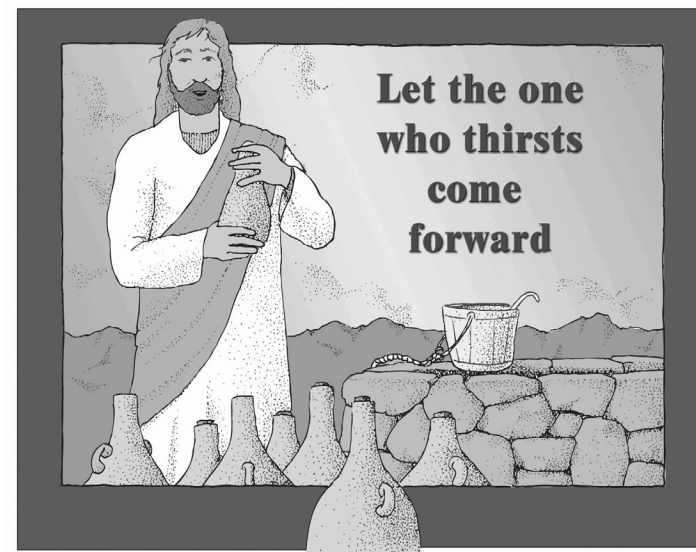
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## Sunday, June 1, 2025



## 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 on summer break and will resume in the fall.

### 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 31 - The Unborn

Sun., June 1 - Joe Westhoff

Sat., May 31 - Ray Little

Sun., June 1 - Jonathan Gursha

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

## PSR RECAP YEAR 2024-2025

We completed another year at St. Mary Parish School of Religion. The total number of children attending religious education this year was 21, including the youth bible study group which consists of recently Confirmed young people along with some children being ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027.

Many thanks go to Anastasia Morris, PSR coordinator, volunteers Rebecca Boyer, Virginia Dobler, Dani Foley, Reginia Forst, Bonnie Franklin, Gabriel Franklin, Afton Marti, Tiffany Pommier and Kara Weber. Together they organized snacks for the children, spent hours in the classrooms, cleaned following the meetings and assisted with our fundraising events.

We commend the parents for their commitment to our Religious Education Program; as many other parishes have ended their religious education classes, we continue to offer the parents an avenue for their child (ren) to learn the Catechism of the Catholic Church and receive the Holy Sacraments at their appropriate age.

To finalize the year, we want to thank all those who donated items for the garage sale last week. Without their donations, we could not have received the necessary funds to purchase books and buy snacks for Sunday classes. We received over \$500 from the sale. Thank you, Father Pat and Dani Foley for the extra workdays to set up tables, organize the items to be sold and the enormous task to clean up everything on Saturday after the sale ended. There is much to thank the Franklin family for removing the unsold items after the sale.

We will meet again in the fall to begin another year. Keep us in your prayers, as we thank God, our Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus, for another year.

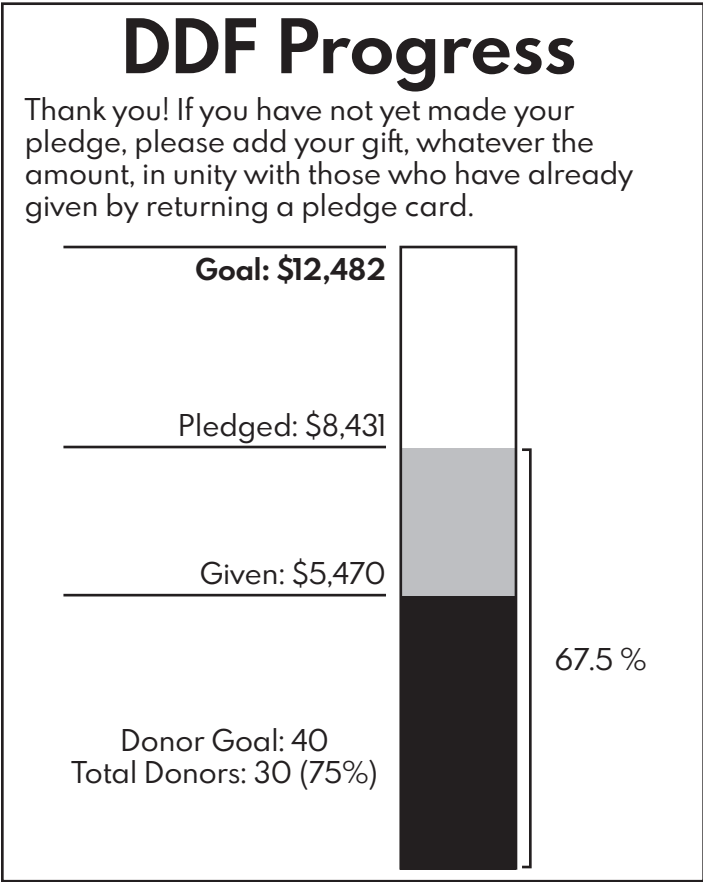
## Cemetery Association Meeting June 1

The Saint Mary’s Cemetery Association will be hosting a meeting following Mass on June 1. The association is also still 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.

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.

## Special Collection This Week

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to support local efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)



# Liturgical Assignments

	June 1, 2025	June 8, 2025
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Forst David Walters Michael Pommier	Bill Forst Frances Forst Connie Forst
Lector	Rebecca Boyer	Terry Riegel
Altar Server	Natalie Pommier Joseph Franklin	Elaina Marti Landry Morris
Ushers/Collection	PSR Children	PSR Children

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	June 7-13	Anniversaries	June 7-13
Roger Miller	June 8		

Collection	
May 25, 2025	
29 Envelopes out of 76	\$ 1,034.00
Loose collections	\$ 106.00
Votive	\$ 9.00
Mission Coop	\$ 581.00
Mass Intention Donation	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 1,750.00
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](mailto: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
  - James Bradley 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