

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GOVERNING AND GUIDING IN THE EARLY CHURCH

We see in our reading from Acts today that figuring out the proper rules for the church was a problem then, just as it remains a topic of discussion today. With prayer and discernment rooted in the Spirit, consultation with the leaders and then with the members, the early church developed a way of dealing with these disagreements. The question of circumcision was not a minor issue; it meant that Gentiles were coming to the church of Christ without first accepting the Jewish faith and practices. To dispense with circumcision meant acknowledging that the Christian faith was indeed something new, and open to all believers. The new teaching was promulgated in the name of all the members of the church, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

But this new teaching did not signify a rejection of the Jewish faith. The early Christians recognized the power of the Hebrew scriptures, reading them with the eyes of Christian faith. In the second reading, from Revelation, the new and holy city of Jerusalem includes the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The past is part of the future. And in the new and holy city, there is no need for a temple of stone or of earthly light, for all the temple we need is the heart of God, and all the light we need is the word of the Lamb of God.

LOVE AND PEACE

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John today to remain in love with him. Jesus assures us that he will remain with us always, through the power of the Holy Spirit. That power will give each of us peace of heart and soul. The peace of Christ reminds us of where our hearts must be, always resting in God and in the love of Christ Jesus. Peace is a gift given to the world, a gift each of us shares with another whenever we act in the name of the Lord. In the midst of division, war, and uncertainty, we can be people of peace by holding fast to the gifts we are given in baptism: faith in Christ, the power of the Spirit, and safety in the heart of God.

Today's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

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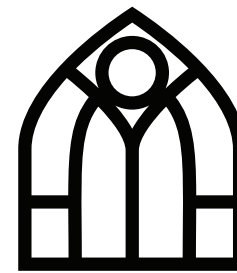
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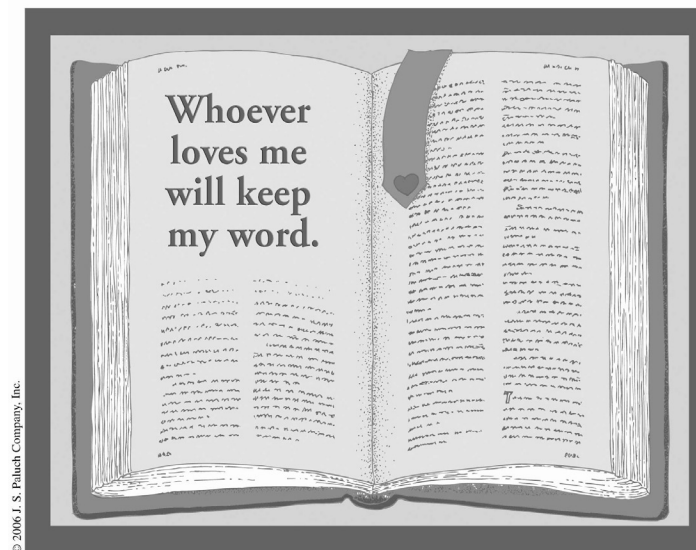
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Sunday, May 25, 2025



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 24 - Benita McGinn

Sun., May 25 - Maria Fregoso

Sat., May 31 - The Unborn

Sun., June 1 - Joe Westhoff

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

Special Collection Next Week

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United State using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc

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.

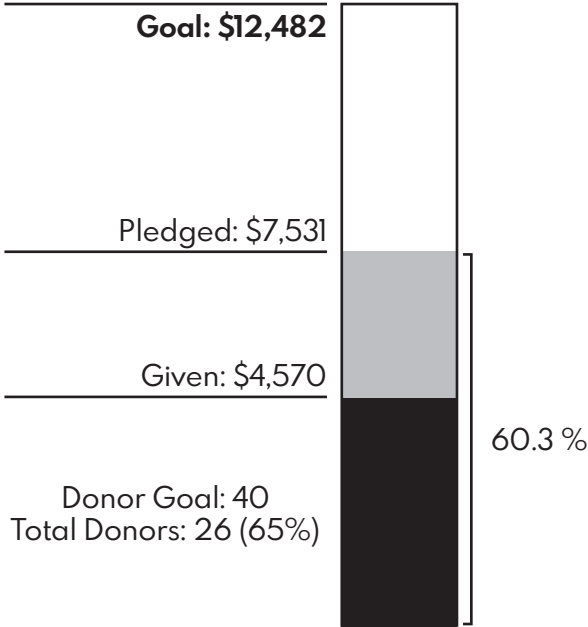


Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and
wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and
women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

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.



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.

Liturgical Assignments

	May 25, 2025	June 1, 2025
Eucharistic Ministers	Rebecca Boyer Elva Weber Virginia Dobler	Bill Forst David Walters Michael Pommier
Lector	Landry Morris Natalie Pommier Canyon Dobler	Rebecca Boyer
Altar Server	Daisy Weber Jerome Weber Joseph Franklin (gifts)	Natalie Pommier Joseph Franklin
Ushers/Collection	PSR Children	PSR Children

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	May 31-June 6	Anniversaries	May 31-June 6
Jeremy Caruthers	June 2	Matthew and Elizabeth Davis	June 6
Jerome Weber	June 3	Todd and Cathy McDonald	June 6
Richard Heinen	June 6		
Chad Rice	June 6		

Collection

May 18, 2025	
24 Envelopes out of 76	\$ 739.00
Loose collections	\$106.00
Votive	\$ 9.00
Total	\$ 854.00

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
- 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