

April 27th/28th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

4:00 pm at St. James Marie & George Rucinski Vickie & Bill Takacs

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 am at St. Catherine Parish Families
 11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Russ Mason Sandy Mason & Family

Monday, April 29th,

9:00am at St. Mary & St. Joseph No Mass
 11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Funeral Mass for Betty Gene (Dye) Stevens

Tuesday, April 30th

9:00 am at St. James Tom DePiere Ann DePiere
 9:45 am at St. James Scripture Study

Wednesday, May 1st

6:30 pm at St. Catherine Danny Price Richard & Mary Price

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Joann Burns Jim & Barb Hash

Friday, May 3rd

No Mass

Saturday, May 4th

4:00 pm at St. James Deceased Members of OloL Women's Guild OloL Women's Guild

Sunday, May 5th

9:00 am at St. Catherine Christine Locke Gialousis John & Mary Pat Juhasz
 11:00am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Lorraine & Charles Brazin Amy & Chuck Brazin

Liturgical Ministers for May 4th & 5th The Sixth Sunday of Easter

	4:00 pm St. James	9:00 am St. Catherine	11:00 am St. Mary & St. Joseph
Lectors:	Amy McCullough	Patty Melnykovich	Pat Benetis
	Lyn Sonnenlitter	Tommy Janik	Lisa Kellner
EM:	Rich Alcorn	Nancy Cowan	Sandy Mason
Server:	Vickie Takacs	Gary Lippert	Alex Foster

Readings for Sunday, May 5, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection:

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” – 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

Church support for the weekend of April 20/21, 2024: Offertory: \$3,045.00, Easter: \$20.00, Communications: \$20.00, Seminarian Support: \$422.00, Candles: \$119.00

Congratulations: To Lily Susak and Nicholas Zimbardi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at the Cathedral. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they continue their Spiritual journey.

Thank You: To Denny Samblanet for improving our lighting in the social hall at St. James. It is very much appreciated.

Women’s Guild Meeting: Women’s Guild meeting is Wednesday, May 1st, at 10:30 am at St. James.

Help is needed for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall: Please call or text Mary Adams at 330-547-8418 if you are able to help on any of the following days from 10:15 to 12:30: May 6th, May 7th, 8th and/or May 10th. Thank You in advance!

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Seminarian Support Collection: Thank You for your generous support of the Seminarian Collection last weekend to assist with costs of their tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry in parishes. Your support and prayers for our seminarians is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations.

For more information about seminarians in our diocese, visit <http://doy.org/vocations/seminarians>.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Jesus, better than anyone else, understands what kind of trust it takes to achieve intimate, strong friendship. Today’s Gospel is a love-letter from Jesus. God longs to have true friendship with His children. He is honest with us about what a relationship with Him requires and gives. Remaining with Him requires pruning, and it bears much fruit.

Who doesn’t want to bear “much fruit” (John 15:8)? Our parish seeks to abide in Jesus in this same way and you can help through your support of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. As you discern, abide in Jesus. Respond to how He, the vine, moves you, His beloved branch. Help us bear fruit as a parish so we can yield a greater harvest for Him together.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

ODJFS Seeks Foster Families:

It takes 100% heart to foster and adopt in Ohio. Every year, people open their homes to children in need – and they don't all have fancy houses or graduate degrees. What they do have is 100% heart. Thousands of children in Ohio need stable, consistent, and loving homes. Becoming a kinship, foster, or adoptive parent is a serious yet rewarding experience that requires research and preparation. Children who have been abused or neglected need caring, compassionate people to be willing to open their hearts and homes as foster families or adoptive parents. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on the challenges and rewards of becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please use this link to learn more:

<https://fosterandadopt.ifs.ohio.gov/foster-care/foster-care>.

Church Support Record: Sunday, April 21, 2024 Weekly: \$2,511.00 Candles: \$38.00 Church Hall Rental:\$200.00
Memorial Donation:\$9,000.00 Seminary Support:\$266.00

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is the Mother's Day Dinner on Wednesday, May 1 at the Covered Bridge Inn Banquet Room @ 6:00 pm.

Parish Council will meet on *Thursday, May 2 @ 6:00 pm* in the parish office.

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If you still have Christmas Wreaths, Artificial Flowers, Etc., from the winter months on your loved one's graves, please remove them or they will be discarded. *Firmly mounted saddles are allowed, as are limit periods around the following holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day.*

Concern for the Souls- The Eucharist gives us spiritual strength for our journey through life. Perhaps you know fallen away Catholics who are spiritually "starving" from being away from the Bread of Life for so long. The Easter Season may be a time to invite them back to the joy of the Eucharist. Evangelize- Make sure to be a teacher and evangelizer of the Eucharist to non-Catholics as well so they may learn about this great gift of our Catholic faith. *"When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life. Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself."*~St. Peter Julian Eymard Helping Catholics to better Learn, Live and Love their Faith. SitStandKneel.com

Just a note of thanks from the people involved in our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** and its director, Eileen W. Novotny. Recently, we asked you to share that we needed yarn. We've received many donations that even include new purchases. We're very grateful! An exciting project we're involved with is working with young people to make shawls. Crafting is gaining popularity with high school and college students. We currently have athletes from YSU, the YSU Crochet Club and a graduating high school student (signed up for our Summer Service Learning Program) all working on making prayer shawls. We couldn't do this without the generosity of you in sharing our plea for yarn, and the kindness of your parishioners moved to help us! Thank you! Respectfully, Michele Gatts.