



# 4th Sunday of Easter

## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments, Prayer and Service to others.

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,  
Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend  
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## MASSES

### Sunday, May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

† Edward Kallenback  
For Our Parish Community

### Monday, May 4, Easter Weekday

† Midge Vodde  
† Edwin Schouweiler

### Tuesday, May 5, Easter Weekday

† Thomas & Annette Jones  
† Agnes Farnbauch

### Wednesday, May 6, Easter Weekday

† Stephen Forte  
† Bud Marburger

### Thursday, May 7, Easter Weekday

† Clara Bloom  
† Deborah Geary

### Friday, May 8, Easter Weekday

† Lynn & Lou Ellen Hartman  
† Richard & Michael Zurbuch

### Saturday, May 9, Easter Weekday

† Dora Villalon

### Saturday, May 9, Vigil

† Living & Deceased of Rosary Sodality

### Sunday, May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

For Our Parish Community  
† Living & Deceased of the Ralph J. Miller Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

Sun., May 3: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2.20b-25 / Jn 10.1-10  
Mon., May 4: Acts 11.1-18 / Jn 10.11-18  
Tues., May 5: Acts 11.19-26 / Jn 10.22-30  
Wed., May 6: 12.24-13.5a / Jn 12.44-50  
Thurs., May 7: Acts 13.13-25 / Jn 13.16-20  
Fri., May 8: Acts 13.26-33 / Jn 14.1-6  
Sat., May 9: Acts 13.44-52 / Jn 14.7-14

Please pray for the following  
members of our parish community  
who will soon marry.

III Gwendolyn Myers—Phillip Sordelet



Participate in a livestream Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. To join, visit the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend YouTube or Facebook pages. Search "@diocesefwsb." Other alternative Mass options, diocesan directives, and more can be found at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

### FORT WAYNE AREA TELEVISED MASSES:

- 7:00 a.m.: WPTA Ch. 21.3 (MyTV) | Frontier: 9, 509 | Comcast: 252, 1024, 1172 | DirecTV, 22
- 10:00 a.m.: WISE CW Ch. 33.1 | Frontier 6, 506 | Comcast 19, 1033 | DirecTV 33 | Dish 34
- The 10:30 Mass with WFFT-55 is no longer offered.

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



As I look at my calendar, I see that this is First Communion weekend. What a sad state of affairs. When we sent our children home in March, they weren't yet fully prepared for the sacrament. Now, we are not allowed to gather for this great day. When we are able to gather again safely and when our children are fully ready, we will have a great celebration. Only the Lord knows now when that will be.

We are also missing our May procession and crowning this weekend. For those with a statue of the Blessed Mother in your home, it may be time to begin a tradition of crowning that statue while praying a family rosary and singing a hymn to Mary in your home. We are planning to do a private May crowning in the church and film it for this week's Fireside Chat. If you haven't found your way yet to our parish Fireside Chats, they are posted on the parish website along with the pastor's column. You can also go to Youtube.com and type in "St. Charles fireside chat."

We had a wonderful parish event last weekend, planned at the very last minute yet carried out with great reverence. I opened an e-mail from Margaret Ryan on the morning of April 25, asking about the *Greater Litanies*. I had never heard of this. With a little internet research, I learned that there is a tradition dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century of holding a procession on April 25, praying for mercy and asking for relief in times of crisis. The tradition says that St. Peter moved to Rome on April 25 and that would be the date when the Roman Catholic Church became Roman. It is recorded that twice the plague was ended in Europe after people took part in these processions and begged the Lord's mercy.

As I looked at these accounts, my eyes popped when I read that St. Charles Borromeo was an active participant in the Greater Litanies. It seems that when he moved to his diocese of Milan, he was disappointed that so few people were taking part. Therefore, he led the procession himself, walking through the streets of Milan barefoot as an act of penance.

Given all of that history, it seemed clear that we needed to do this. Six or seven families were quickly gathered outside the church and we held a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Maintaining six feet of social distance, we processed around the church property, reciting litanies of mercy and praying a litany of the saints. Following the example of our patron saint, many of us walked the procession barefoot as an act of penance. A beautiful event, asking for God's mercy in this time of crisis. Next year, assuming that we won't be so isolated, we may want to organize this and announce it in advance.

I would hope that every St. Charles parishioner is actively taking part in a TV Mass or a livestreamed internet Mass. This is our time for God, a time that we need. One family told me that they dress up in Sunday clothes and light candles by the TV. Another parishioner told me that her family is enjoying attending Mass in a variety of churches across the country and even in foreign countries.

### HASA 300 CLUB 2019-2020

**\$150.00 - April 27**

**JOE & LOIS EWALD**

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*