



5TH SUNDAY
of Easter

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 10, 2020

MASSSES

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

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

Monday, May 11, Easter Weekday

- † Sally Weigand
- † Deceased of the Redding Family

Tuesday, May 12, Easter Weekday, St. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

- † Deceased of Joseph & Anita Davis Family
- † Living & Deceased of the Rowe & Walter Families

Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

- † Kathleen Shank
- † Charles & Rose Michel

Thursday, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle

- † Living & Deceased of the Bob & Joann Gorrell Family
- † Tony Scatena

Friday, May 15, Easter Weekday, St. Isidore

- † Deceased of the Minnick & Horstman Families
- † Michel Sturm

Saturday, May 16, Easter Weekday

Special Intention (F.K.)

Saturday, May 16, Vigil

- † Peter Johnston

Sunday, May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- For Our Parish Community
- † Living & Deceased of the Jack Donovan Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

Sun., May 10: Acts 6.1-7/1 Pt5 2.4-9/Jn 14.1-12
 Mon., May 11: Acts 14.5-18/Jn 14.21-26
 Tues., May 12: Acts 14.19-28/Jn 14.27-31a
 Wed., May 13: Acts 15.1-6/Jn 15.1-8
 Thurs., May 14: Acts 1.15-17/20-26/Jn 15.9-17
 Fri., May 15: Acts 15.22-31/Jn 15.12-17
 Sat., May 16: Acts 16.1-10/Jn 15.18-21

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.

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 am writing this column, the Bishop has just given us the OK to begin public Masses on May 23. The governor of Indiana indicated that places of worship could open on May 8, but I think that our Indiana bishops are wise in slowing down and giving us two more weeks to plan. There are a lot of questions to address as we figure out how to provide the liturgy in safety. The bishop has dispensed the Sunday Mass obligation until August 15 and he asks that anyone over the age of 65 and those with health issues that put them at risk please continue to take part in the Mass by livestream or a TV station. We are anxious to return to life as it used to be, but we cannot forget that this virus is deadly. We have had one funeral at St. Charles for a corona virus victim and I know of three parishioners who were hospitalized, two for weeks on ventilators. In normal times, the Church teaches that we have an obligation to take part in Sunday Mass. However, if my attendance puts myself or others at risk of mortal disease, in charity I have an obligation to stay home.

When public Masses do resume, we will have to rope off half of our pews, and be sure that people are properly spread out in the pews. We will have to figure out how to limit attendance at each Mass so that there is enough distance and we will tape lines on the floor to space out the Communion procession. Everyone will be required to wear a mask to church and we will need to provide masks for those who didn't bring one. We will need to organize crews to disinfect pews, doors and surfaces between each Mass, and we will have many other details to organize.

At this time we have been given permission to hold public weddings and funerals, but we have to be careful to be sure that everyone is spaced at a distance. With the exception of the priest, brides, grooms, and infants, we will also require all guests to wear a mask.

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We wish everyone a very beautiful **Mother's Day**, as we remember the vocation of those who bear and raise children. Many will remember a deceased mother today, offering a prayer of gratitude and a prayer that we will join together in the Kingdom. Many, like myself, will be unable to visit a mother this year because of travel issues or isolation issues. In addition to a phone call or a card, we join in those prayers. For those who have a mother nearby, give thanks to the Lord for that gift.

As we continue through this month of May, we turn our attention to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Many people are now praying a daily rosary, asking the Blessed Mother's prayers for an end to the pandemic. This pandemic is putting people out of work, disrupting the economy, separating families from their sick or elderly loved ones, and worst: keeping faithful Catholics away from the sacraments. On May 1, the bishops of the United States led us in prayers to consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Mother and to rely on her prayers. Let us turn to the Blessed Mother and ask her to add her prayers to ours.

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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.