

Church of the Assumption

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare, but he personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the Scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the friend of God (Isaiah 41:8). God spoke with Moses as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants.

What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. He loved his own to the end (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do we wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

Readings for Sunday, May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

Saint of the Week ... St. Matthias, Apostle

According to the Acts of the Apostles, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

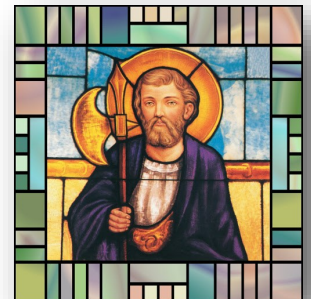
They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.

St. Matthias was present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. Aside from this, little is known of the rest of Matthias' life. According to one tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded (he is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death). Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

His feast was originally celebrated on February 24 but in 1969 it was moved to May 14 to be celebrated outside of Lent.

St. Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and saintmatthias.org



Feast Day: May 14



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates who will be receiving their blessed sacrament this weekend!

- Micah Faith Alt
- Jude Kyles Barrick
- Maddox David Cameron
- Hayden Ray Costello
- Pippa Arabella Dolechek
- Tess Eleanor Maybury
- Tucker James Newlin
- Brant Franklin Pritts



*Blessed is the mother
 who lets the Lord
 be her guiding hand,
 whose faith brings
 her family courage,
 whose wisdom
 comes from God,
 and whose children
 still stand and honor her.*

Happy Mother's Day!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 8	4:00 p.m.	All Mothers, Living and Deceased	Assumption Parish
Sunday, May 9	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers, Living and Deceased	Assumption Parish
	10:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Candidates.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, May 10	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 11	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 12	6:00 p.m.	Soul of James DeMasi	Mary Shannon
		Soul of Joseph "Buck" Smith.....	Mitch & Carol Durst
Thursday, May 13	12 noon	Soul of Rita Blamer	Martin & Julie Alt
		Joanne Stickleby's intentions	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, May 14	9 a.m.	Soul of Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
Saturday, May 15	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
		Virginia Collins' intentions.....	Harry & Kelli Wittman
Sunday, May 16	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Thomas Dorsey.....	Judy & Kenn Dolechek
		Kelley Kuhn's intentions.....	Mike & Joanne Stickleby

Collections & Attendance May 1-2, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,775
Loose Donations	\$594
Repairs & Maintenance	\$512
Total	\$3,881

Attendance

Saturday 5/1	48
Sunday 5/2	78
Total	126

April 2021 Balance Sheet

April Income	\$16,490
April Expenses	\$17,581
Balance.....	-\$1,091

The Year of St. Joseph



Most watchful guardian and loving father, pray for us.

Monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph's virtues and titles.

May's Theme:

Joseph.

Model of Workers

This month please take a minute to thank our own "Models of Workers" who spend countless hours caring for our parish properties and cemetery. Thank you Denny Dolechek, Mike Landis and Jeff Kuhn!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 15	Kenny Brant (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
Sunday, May 16	Alan Taylor (L) Julie Alt (C) Michael & Sonja Stan (U)
Saturday, May 22	Karen Yowler (L) Linda Marsh (C) Mike & Joanne Stickley (U)
Sunday, May 23	CCD Seniors (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Denny Dolechek (U) Tina Stephen (U)



There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In today's Gospel, Christ presents us a vision of happiness that is wildly counterintuitive to our contemporary, individualistic society: "love one another."

Jesus reveals that we find ourselves only by giving ourselves away. This is because we are made for relationship, not self-indulgence. Christ tells us that there is no greater love than to "lay down one's life one's friends," not in an effort to scare us, but so that his joy may be in us and that "your joy may be complete."

So how do we live out this self-giving love? Most of us aren't called to be missionaries in foreign lands, or to completely devote our lives to caring for the poor or sick. Yet opportunities to lay down our lives for others abound. One simple way? Support our ongoing Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your offering will directly contribute to our ability to share the love of Christ with a world in desperate need, truly producing "fruit that will remain."

