

May 9, 2021—6th Sunday of Easter
 May 16, 2021—The Feast of Ascension

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM

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From the Pastor . . .

May 9 is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13; This weekend is Mother's Day. It is not a church feast. However, it is important to include prayer for all mothers and women in mothering roles and ask God's blessing. Women in mothering roles "lay down" their lives for their families and others they care for. Anytime anyone put the needs of others ahead of their own needs, you are Christ to others. It is only in giving to others that we understand what it means to be a follower of Christ.

May 16 the Feast of Ascension is celebrated in this part of the United States. Jesus has completed his mission and now "ascends" back to the Father in heaven. Jesus is not abandoning us. He is showing us that one day we will be with God in heaven. Before leaving, he "commissions" his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15—Fr. Harris

A Mother's Day Blessing

"Gracious God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church. Bless these women and all women who are mothers to us by birth, adoption or nurturing roles. May they be examples of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Bless mothers whose arms are empty and desire a child or have lost a child. Give them your peace. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Drive Up Communion Times Change

The Drive Up Communion Times for St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. and St. Bridget's at noon. Please arrive at the designated start time. We will distribute Holy Communion until all at the church entrances in cars are served. Thanks. Fr. Harris and Fr. Stefanin

Sign of Peace: What it Means

We are still refraining from the "Sign of Peace" during Mass for now. It is more than saying "hello" to the people next to us. The Sign of Peace takes place in the Communion Rite. Therefore, Christ's peace is one that brings people into union—into "communion." This is Christ's will. This sign, this rite, is one which we are invited to turn from sin to ways of true unity—Christ's Unity. Christ's peace overcomes the sin of the world that would bring disunity between one another and with the Triune God. This Sign of Peace is a sign of hope. Even though we do not physically share some expression of Christ's peace, Jesus' command to share and live that command is still there. When the priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." Think of your response, "And with your spirit." The desire in your heart to make this peace happen in home, church, and world. Fr. Harris

Read the Bible in a Year

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible or gain a better understanding of our salvation history? Check out Bible in a Year Podcast by Father Mike Schmitz. This podcast will lead you through the Bible in 365 days. You can follow along using your own Bible, as Father Mike, with Jeff Cavins, reads aloud the selected passages of the day and then ends with a short reflection to help you gain a better understanding of what you just heard and read. Each episode lasts about 20 minutes. This podcast can be found on Amazon music or at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>.

Free Book Distribution "I heard God laugh"

On Mother's Day weekend, we will be distributing free copies of the book "I Heard God Laugh" written by Matthew Kelly at both churches. This gift to our parishes and St. Thomas More Newman Center is through the generosity of the Joany Shepard Fund, who was a member of St. Bridget's Parish. The book describes "how to pray" and the importance of how prayer can change our lives and world. When you receive a copy check out the proposed prayer process by reading page 41. There will be more information on Pentecost Sunday.

Youth Faith Formation

Totus Tuus is coming to our parish July 18-23. Please put this on your summer calendar! Be on the lookout for additional registration information via email in the upcoming weeks. We are looking for two host families for the Totus Tuus team. If interested please contact Kelly Becker or Kelly Veenendaal. We are also in need of catechists for next year's faith formation. At this time many grade level opportunities are available. If interested or if you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Kelly Becker or Kelly Veenendaal.

Prayer Meeting

Please join us on Thursday, May 27 at 7PM in the church basement for a prayer meeting. This is open to anyone who wants to deepen their prayer life. All covid 19 regulations of masks and social distance will be followed. Questions can be directed to abbiegoossen1@gmail.com.



KC Corner

Next Regular Meeting: May 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This and all future meetings will be "in person" meetings held in one of the church basement

classrooms. Please plan to attend as there are many activities to discuss.

Family of the Month - May 2021

Deacon Joe and Clarice Paron Family —
Congratulations!!

Officer Elections

At the April meeting, the current slate of officers was nominated for reelection. Two positions, Deputy Grand Knight and Lecturer, remain vacant. If you are interested in one of these or any of the other leadership roles, please come to the May meeting or contact one of the current officers and express your intentions. We strongly encourage and readily welcome any member to step forward and assume a role in the leadership of Council 7030.

Knights of Columbus Benefits Seminar

Hosted by Heart of St. Croix Council 7030

Sunday, May 23rd 9:30am – 10:30am

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church basement

1265 Ridgeway St, Hammond, WI 54015

See separate announcement below.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Holy Smoke

St. Mary's youth night for 7th grade through high school starts Sunday, May 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. behind the rectory next to the church. This is simply a fun time to play games, have snacks, hang out and connect with others. Please contact Todd Edelman with any questions @ 715-222-6785.

PRAYER LIST
PASTORAL MINISTRY


If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office. Want someone prayed for or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office. The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

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| Donald Anibas | John Will | Kay Suckow |
| Ken Weiss | Lorraine Miller | Dominic Pedrotty |
| Charlene Bretl | Jodi Hurtgen Wagner | Heather Jaszczak |
| Janet Gregor | Emma Becker | Harriet Meath |
| Maureen Konder | Jane Koonce | Carlene Brown |
| Margaret Chyba | Coreen Compton | Kathy Weninger |
| Kelly Kopacz | Alyssa McClean | Jodi Trunkel |

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Scripture Readings		
www.usccb.org/bible/readings		
Monday, 5/10	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a	149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Tuesday, 5/11	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11	138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Wednesday, 5/12	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15	148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Thursday, 5/13	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Friday, 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17	113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Saturday, 5/15	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28	47:2-3, 8-9, 10
Sunday, 5/16	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20	103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Monday, 5/17	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33	68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Tuesday, 5/18	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a	68:10-11, 20-21
Wednesday, 5/19	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19	68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Thursday, 5/20	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26	16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Friday, 5/21	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19	103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Saturday, 5/22	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25	11:4, 5 and 7
Sunday, 5/23	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15	104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Ministry Schedule for the weekends through June 12					
	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan	Rosary Leader @ 7:30
Saturday, 5/15 7:00 PM	Carissa Kusilek	Virginia Anderson Veronica Devlin	Scott Amacher Maverick Kostrzak Todd Kostrzak Jacob Kusilek	Chris Stark	
Sunday, 5/16 8:00 AM	Jonalee Buckel	Juanita Ferg Martina Halverson	Curtiss Bourget Howie Evans Greg Hawkins Terry Korte	Julie Myer	Joe Paron
Saturday, 5/22 7:00 PM	Deb Phillipps	Toby Hable Traci Hable	Toby Hable Christopher John Mark Mikla Austin Nichols	Virginia Anderson	
Sunday, 5/23 8:00 AM	Brody Peissig	Justin Peissig Sarah Peissig	Robert Aune Terry Korte Peter Lohmeier Pete Nusbaum	Carol Halldorf	John Rukavina
Saturday, 5/29 7:00 PM	Steve Witthoft	Jeena Norenberg Ty Norenberg	Scott Amacher Maverick Kostrzak Todd Kostrzak Austin Nichols	Chris Stark	
Sunday, 5/30 8:00 AM	John Hueg	Kelly Veenendaal Ryan Veenendaal	Curtiss Bourget Maria Jacobson Christopher John Mark Mikla	John Rukavina	Fred Jourdeans
Saturday, June 5 7:00 PM	Brody Peissig	Justin Peissig Sarah Peissig	Jacob Kusilek Joe Kusilek Carol Teigen Scott Teigen	Virginia Anderson	
Sunday, June 6 8:00 AM	Cyndi Rineck	Eric Becker Kelly Becker	Robert Aune Christopher John Terry Korte Peter Lohmeier	Pete Nusbaum	
Saturday, June 12 7:00 PM	Mary Rumpel	Jeena Norenberg Ty Norenberg	Toby Hable Maverick Kostrzak Todd Kostrzak Mark Mikla	Carol Holldorf	

Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception				
Day	Date	Time	In Memory Of	Given By:
THURS	5/13	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
FRI	5/14	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
SAT	5/15	7:00 PM	Martha & Clarence Krear	Family of Thomas Spears
SUN	5/16	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
THURS	5/20	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
FRI	5/21	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
SAT	5/22	7:00 PM	Mary Feneis	Mark & Marsha Kotten
SUN	5/23	8:00 AM	People's Mass	

Chancery Bulletin - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

Ride to Worship - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - admin@stmaryshammond.org; Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Please call the parish office for all scheduling.

Holy Communion for the Homebound - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

Baptisms - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

Weddings - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

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