

The Pastor's Corner

“THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS”

We’ve likely all heard the hymn “They’ll know we are Christians.” It drives home a central point: all should know where we come from by our love- which is indicative of the life of a Christian. However, let’s take it a step further, considering the Gospel for this weekend: how will they know we are Catholic?

Couldn’t we say so much more than your “average” Christian? What does set us apart from the other religious denominations? Is it our style of worship- perhaps we use a few more “smells and bells” than some others? Is it our music- that we have hymns that only a few others may recognize? How about Reconciliation- the fact that we have real, concrete proof of God’s forgiveness through the words being spoken by a priest? Could it be through our Holy Father, and the entire process of how he came to be chosen and elected just a short time ago?

How will they know we are Catholic? Is it by the priesthood and religious that help serve the Church in various ways? Is it by the Eucharist- that Christ Himself comes to us under humble appearances so that we may touch and receive Him? Is it by the crucifixes that should adorn our Churches, our homes, our schools, and even ourselves? Is it by the golden chalices, vessels, candlesticks, and so many other things we use? It seems that the differences are quite deep, if we think about it!


What is the point of all of this? There are many things that do help us distinguish ourselves as Catholics- and many very powerfully so. However, do not forget the most basic of the ways we should give witness to the fact that we are disciples: we should be loving and living like Christ and are trying to bring Him to others.

-Fr. Belken

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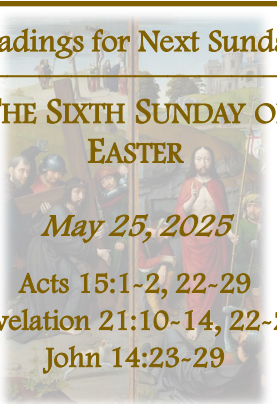


Readings for Next Sunday

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER · MAY 18, 2025

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18-24, 2025
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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	May	17	4PM	David Harris	Thu.	May	22 7AM Norman Heuring
Sun.	May	18	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	May	23 7AM Jeanna Essner
Mon.	May	19	No Mass		Sat.	May	24 4PM Don Gosche
Tue.	May	20	No Mass		Sun.	May	25 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	May	21	7AM	Paul W. & Geneva Essner			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAY 18 - Mary F. Glastetter, **MAY 25** - Theresa Essner, **JUN 1** - Jill Pinkston, **JUN 8** – Carol Klipfel, **JUN 15** – Dorothy Deason, **JUN 22** – Margaret Heuring, **JUN 29** – Mary B. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:
May 11, 2025: Loose \$207, Envelopes \$3258, Total: \$3465.

TUESDAY, MAY 20th, DIOCESAN MASS. At St. May’s cathedral in Cape Girardeau. Starts at 5:15. Mass is for Pope Leo IV.

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd, SCOTT CITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRATWURST SALE. Just in time for your Memorial Day weekend cookout, the Scott City Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for their world-famous bratwurst. Cost is \$5 per Pound, and it will be ready for pick up Thursday May 22nd, at the hall after 6PM. To order call Gary 573-576-6451.

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Jeff & Gina Essner
Theresa Essner, Tim Essner, Zachary & Jacklyn Essner, Sheila Harper.

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church 7:30-10:30AM.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS. Sunday 8:30AM Mass will be honoring our St. Lawrence high school graduates Hayden Steimle, Kole Burger, Kendyl Burger, Gwen Essner, Rolen Heuring, Mady Johnson, Carson Kern, and Molly Johnson. Please wear cap and gown. If we missed anyone, please call the parish office.

MONDAY, MAY 26th MEMORIAL DAY MASS. Mass at 8AM, at the Grotto. Mass is for Those Lost in Service to our country. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church.

SATURDAY, MAY 31st, CANCER BENEFIT. John Beuell Cancer Benefit, doors open at 4PM at the **St. Denis Parish Center**. Multiple auctions (oral, silent & sweet treats), 50/50, raffles, lottery tree, music, and a taco bar. Bar will be by donation, beer, soda and water available. Event tickets: Donation, Pay at the door. For more information contact Abigall Blunt 573-270-2324 or Angela Blakely 573-419-9319.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat.	May	24	4PM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sat.	May	24	4PM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat.	May	24	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Jason Bahr
Servers:	Sat.	May	24	4PM	Tucker Dirnberger/Saylor Dirnberger/Willow Bickings
Ushers:	Sat.	May	24	4PM	Alex Duncan/James Duncan/Harold Eftink/James Eftink

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Eric Beardslee
Servers:	Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Leigha Estes/Berkley Dirnberger/Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne
Ushers:	Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Terry Eftink/Brian Enderle/Orville Enderle/Ralph Enderle

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. DENIS. Ages 2-12, Open to all. For more information, please call or email Mrs. Wikle at 573-545-3017, lindsay@stdenisbenton.org.

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) REPORT. To date our parish has given \$13,015 toward our \$24,075 goal. Thank You! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is coming to St. Lawrence Parish in New Hamburg on June 16-20. For more information, or to register your children, please contact Pat Moore or the church office.

WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) was the papal motto for Pope St. John Paul II who dedicated his life totally to Jesus Christ through Mary. Totus Tuus is also the name of our fun and energetic summer youth program for all children in elementary, middle school, and high school. The weeklong program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, music, fun activities, Eucharistic worship, and more. Not only will the youth learn more about their Catholic faith, but they will return home excited to live it and share it! Call Pat Moore or the parish office for more information or to register your children.

THANK YOU. As we end our Parish School of Religion, we thank God for being with us and showering His Blessings upon us this year. We thank Father Belken, our dedicated teachers for the sacrifices they make each Sunday to teach God’s young people. We thank our parents and our students. Have a great summer and remember Jesus. Thanks. -Pat Moore