

May 12, 2024 • The Ascension of the Lord

WE RAISE *our heart*
to you, LORD

ELEVAMOS *nuestro corazón*
hacia ti, SEÑOR

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Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

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Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM
Closed Friday

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St. Joseph Prayer Line

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 4

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PMSFX
 4:00 PM † Gerard Brown by Judy Wensenk.....SFX
 5:30 PM † Robert Umlor by FamilySJ

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM † Gale Nutt & Ray Paprocki by FamilySC
 11:00 AM † Chad Umlor by Wayne Umlor Family..... SJ

Monday, May 6

8:00 AM Rosary.....SFX
 8:30 AM † Bill Finkler by Steve & Theresa Steffes.....SFX
 5:15 PM Confessions/Adoration until 6:15SFX

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 AM † Diana Zimmer by Family & Friends.....SJ
 9:00 AM Adoration until 3:00 PM.....SJ

Wednesday, May 8

No Daily Mass

Thursday, May 9

8:30 AM † Joe Helsen by Art Klein & Family.....SC

Friday, May 10

8:30 AM † Rosemary Rasch by M/M Dan VanOeffelen.....SJ

Saturday, May 11

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PMSFX
 4:00 PM † James Dutkiewicz by Family.....SFX
 5:30 PM † Ray Dietrich by FamilySJ

Sunday, May 12

9:00 AM † Lloyd Goodno by Jason, Maura, &
 Shea LamoreauxSC
 11:00 AM † James Kline by M/M Tom Brechting.....SJ

St Catherine = SC • St Francis Xavier = SFX • St Joseph = SJ



Her children rise up and
 call her blessed

Proverbs 31:28

Please Pray

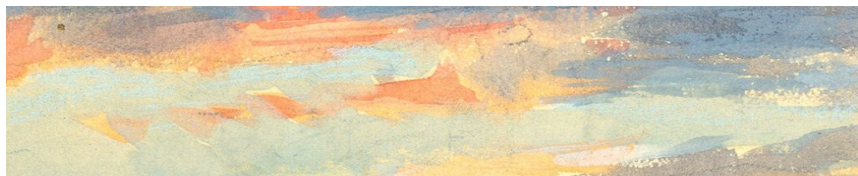
*It is within the waters of Baptism that we
 welcome into our communities...*

Mason Coon
 Palmer Coon
 Lewis Zielinski
 Emilia Rust

*With Heartfelt
 Sympathy* TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Thom Myers
 Arlene Armock
 Dorace Klein
 Leo Rasch

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let
 perpetual light shine upon them.*



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spend trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

Rosary Intention for May

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



Ministry Schedules

Saturday, May 18

St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM

Sacristan/EM Kathleen Zimmer
 Lector Terry Anderson
 Usher Anyone Available
 Server Anyone Available

St. Joseph • 5:30 PM

Sacristan Marty Brown
 Lector Bob Brown
 EMHC..... Karen VanDyke
 Precious Blood Ministers..... Barb Umlor &
 Deb Clelland
 Ushers Dave Clelland & Norm VanDyke
 Servers..... Marty Brown

Sunday, May 19

St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan Nancy Adams
 Lector JoAnn Beechnau
 EMHC..... Barb Emery
 Ushers . Andy, Jack, Joel Emery, & Jeff Mabrito
 Servers..... Everleigh & Roran Hackenberg

St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan Chuck Rasch
 Lector Michele Allers
 EMHC..... Chuck Rasch
 Precious Blood Ministers..... Michele Allers &
 Tonya Fritz
 Ushers Don Rasch & Ryan Umlor
 Servers..... Therese, Dominic, &
 John Paul Sokolowski

Money Counters for May

St Catherine

Mary Patterson & Cheryl Helsen

St Francis Xavier

Bill May

St Joseph

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 12, 2024

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19
 In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Isidore

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Are you expecting a child soon? In all the planning that goes into having a baby, your child's baptism is one of the most important details in the process! Preparation for baptism is required 3 months prior to your child's baptism in order to complete the necessary paperwork and formation for parents and godparents. Feel free to reach out to Jeannie Sokolowski, jsokolowski@ourcluster.org or call the parish office for more information

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office.



St. Catherine's News

MARS Food Pantry Needs:

We are in need of dish soap, brownie/cake mixes, muffin mixes, taco shells, jelly or jam, canned chicken. Thank you for your continued support!

Men's Club

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 29th at 7:30pm** in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Altar Society

The next meeting will be on **May 21 at 1:00pm** in the Hall classroom. The hostesses are Helen Helsen & Judy Knapp, all women of the parish are welcome.

St. Francis Xavier News

Want to be part of the prayer line?

St. Francis is looking for more people to join the prayer line. Call Pat Sanford at (231) 853-5909 to join.

St. Joseph's News

Senior Euchre will be at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30pm. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, **the next date is May 21.**

Ministry of Funeral Hospitality

St. Joseph Parish is in need of volunteers! Responsibilities include: help call for salads and desserts, and to help serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in joining, contact Faith Umlor - (616) 914-4359 or Patty Alt—(616) 262-6942.

The Cluster News

Knights of Columbus

Beginning Mother's Day weekend, please pick up a Baby Bottle from the back of church and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Supporting the drive will benefit HELP's ministry in so many ways: Keeping them supplied with some of the most needed baby essentials such as pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby wash, lotion etc. They provide walk-in hours for a free ultrasound for those who are abortion minded; this service has the cost of providing a qualified ultrasound tech on staff. Please return **Father's Day Weekend**, Thank You!

Walking With Moms In Need—Community Outreach Ministry.

The free baby pantry is open on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** every month at St Joseph Church. Anyone in the community seeking a little extra help with baby or toddler necessities are welcome to stop between **9 to 11am** and select needed items free of charge. We have some baby equipment as well as diapers, ointments, lotions, many baby/toddler clothes, some formula and many more items. Questions? Email us at: wwminourcluster@gmail.com

Children's Book Bags

Do you have a busy toddler in the pews? Mass bags are now available in the back of church at each parish of the Cluster. The bags are filled with coloring pages, story books, crayons, and a Rosary to help young children learn more about the Mass and our Catholic faith. Please feel free to take one for your child and return at the end of Mass.

Divine Providence Academy

Storage Sheds

We are looking for storage sheds for both St. Joseph and St. Catherine Campuses. These will be used to store playground toys and bikes. We are looking for the approximate size of 10ft x10ft. Contact Christina Watkoski sjadmin@wingsdpa.org or 616-899-5300 (Ext. 2) if you have any questions.

Helping Hands is taken up as a second collection the FIRST Sunday of every month. The Helping Hands provides financial assistance to our school families.

Cluster Youth Group Ministry

The Graduate Mass will be May 19 at St. Catherine's (9:00 am) and St. Joseph's (11:00 am). Please contact Luke Cunningham (616) 785-3539 or by email lcunningham@ourcluster.org if your graduation senior would like to participate.

Outside the Cluster News

ChoirFest 2024

St. Sebastian Catholic Church in the main Church on **May 12 @7pm**

Featuring:

- St. Sebastian Adult Choir
- St. Sebastian Praise & Worship Team
- Grand Rapids Choral Society
- Kentwood Community Choir
- St. Sebastian Praise Band
- Todd Wilkie, Collaborative Pianist

Admission is free.

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on **Friday, June 7** by joining Bishop Walkowiak at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew for Mass followed by a diocesan Eucharistic Procession. All are invited to adore the Lord and proclaim our Eucharistic faith through Mass at 6 p.m. with the procession to follow.

We're looking for you!

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at:

grdiocese.org/employment/

Offertory for May 5, 2024

St. Catherine\$5,978.00
St. Francis Xavier\$1,377.00
St. Joseph\$5,761.41

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.

Questions (616) 899-2286

Online Giving

St Catherine tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n

St Joseph tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya

St Francis Xavier tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya

CSA 2024 Contributions

St Catherine \$28,869
(Pledged, \$28,169.00..... Still Needed \$700.00)

St. Francis Xavier \$18,397
(Pledged, \$11,865.00.....Still Needed \$7,946.00)

St. Joseph \$46,311
(Pledged, \$34,010.00.....Still Needed \$12,301.00)