

# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>		May 16th
5:00 p.m.	Lee Jones, Russell Jones, Helen Strange, Deceased Members of the Eugene Strange Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>The Ascension of the Lord</u></b>	May 17th
8:00 a.m.	Robert T. & Helen Louise McAtee	
10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Graduation Mass</u></b> Patrick Delaney, Loretta Arvin, Stephen Seals, Jerry & Wanda Bradley	
4:00 p.m.	Michael Elliott, Jr.	
<b>Monday</b>		May 18th
12(Noon)	Gregory Kupper (at St. Mary)	
<b>Tuesday</b>		May 19th
6:00 p.m.	Rosary at St. Martin	
7:00 p.m.	Diane Shepard	
<b>Wednesday</b>		May 20th
9:00 a.m.	For The People	
<b>Thursday</b>		May 21st
9:00 a.m.	Mike Davis	
<b>Friday</b>		May 22nd
9:00 a.m.	Rich Kluesner	
<b>Saturday</b>		May 23rd
5:00 p.m.	Rick Hagerty, Jason Bradley, Connie McAtee, Barbara Ash	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Pentecost</u></b>	May 24th
8:00 a.m.	Patrick Arvin	
10:00 a.m.	Loretta Withem, Sharon Fields, Ethan Fields, Delbert Fields	
4:00 p.m.	Vonda Elliott	

## Ministers for SACRISTANS May 16th/May 17th, 2026

5:00 p.m.	Susan Ackerman
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
10:00 a.m.	Angie Zins

## SERVERS:

5:00 p.m.	Keaton Smith, Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Brendan Green, Volunteer
10:00 a.m.	Noel Harty, Noah Esch, Alex Guinn, Alex Merkley, Kamden, Wilson, Micah McAtee
4:00 p.m.	Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Hattie Kluesner

## GREETERS:

5:00 p.m.	FD: Elsie Horsting SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m.	FD: Greg/Dottie Potts SD: Annette Taylor
10:00 a.m.	FD: Gayle Strange SD: Angie Zins

## READERS:

5:00 p.m.	Matthew Findlay
8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m.	Dax Lee, Kamila Wilson
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer

## EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Two Ministers needed - 1 assigned / 1 Volunteer if Deacon is not present

5:00 p.m.	Elaine Wade
8:00 a.m.	Rita Divine, Bernie Smith
10:00 a.m.	Dayne Holder

## From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

A very special thank you to Bishop Siegel who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with us. Also, thank you to Jackie Esch, their Confirmation catechist. A note of thanks is in order to Ashton Kahle, our Parish Catechetical Leader, for her planning and guidance of the ceremony, which includes the reception afterwards. Also, I am most appreciative for the help given by our Hospitality Committee.

Congratulations to Dax Lee who was the recipient of the John Phillip Sousa Band Award last Wednesday night at the Spring Band Concert. The John Phillip Sousa Award is given annually to one outstanding senior student, who is recognized to have excellent musicianship, dependability, loyalty, and cooperation. It is the pinnacle of achievement in a high school band program.

At our 10:00 a.m. Mass today, we recognize the Seniors who are graduating. We are most thankful for the many talents and gifts which our Lord has given to these young men and women. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they begin a new chapter in their lives. They have a special place in my prayers!

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ into Heaven. Before ascending to his Father, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and to direct the Church and our lives. That same spirit has been among us in the Church for over 2,000 years. In our liturgy we anticipate the Solemnity of Pentecost which we will celebrate next weekend as a community of faith.

A special thank you to the K of C 4th Degree Honor Guard who added to the solemnity at the Easter Vigil, First Communion, May Crowning, and Confirmation Masses, as well as the Senior Recognition Mass today. On Mother's Day, they handed out a flower to each mother.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which is the birthday of the Church. Let us celebrate the day that was chosen for the Apostles to begin their public ministry.

May 22, 1988 is the anniversary of myself becoming a canon lawyer for the diocese. Returning from studies, Bishop Shea appointed me to the Tribunal 38 years ago. Bishop Siegel reappointed me to the Tribunal as Judicial Vicar. I am most grateful for my time in the Tribunal over these many years as I have had the opportunity to assist our Bishops, Priests, and help the People of the Diocese.

On Friday, May 29th, I will celebrate the 45th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. It was on a Friday night, May 29, 1981, here at St. John, that I was ordained by Bishop Francis R. Shea. I was baptized at St. John as well. So many wonderful memories of our parish, community, and diocese. Please keep me in your prayers.

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, 11am – 12(Noon):** Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
**Thursday, 9am – 6pm:** Eucharistic Adoration at St. John

Our Parish Rosary is on our web site. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on our Lord's life, death, and Resurrection and the important role of the Blessed Mother in salvation history.

**May our Lord bless and keep you,  
Father Walker**

**Ministers for May 23rd/May 24th, 2026**

**SACRISTANS**

5:00 p.m. Mike Luzwick  
8:00 a.m. Volunteer  
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

**SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Natalie Willoughby, Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley  
10:00 a.m. Kamila Wilson, Karmen Wilson,  
Kendall Wilson, Kamden Wilson  
4:00 p.m. Elena Lyon, Remington Bell

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. FD: Anne Marie Crays  
SD: Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. FD: Joseph/Elizabeth park  
SD: Rita Poirier  
10:00 a.m. FD: Brenda Mathias  
SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

**READERS:**

5:00 p.m. Francis Doyle  
8:00 a.m. Greg Potts  
10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. James Hager  
8:00 a.m. Annette Taylor, Jerry Lubbehusen  
10:00 a.m. Brenda Mathias

**Sunday Collection May 10th/May 11th, 2026**

**St. John 165 Envelopes \$8,083.00**  
**Vigil Light Money \$43.00**

**Save the Date**

**The Ascension of the Lord – May 17th**  
**Senior Recognition Mass – May 17th, 10am Mass**  
**K of C 3rd Degree Meeting – May 18th, 7pm**  
**Men's WELCOME Meeting – May. 20th, 6:30 p.m.**  
**K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – May 20th, 7pm**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting – May. 21st, 6pm**  
**Pentecost – May 24th**  
**K of C 4th Degree Meeting – May 25th, 7pm**  
**Hope & Healing Meeting – May 26th, 6:30pm**  
**The Lights Are On – May 28th, 6:30pm – 9:30pm**  
**Women's WELCOME Meeting (St. John) – May 30th, 9am - 11am**  
**Most Holy Trinity – May 31st**  
**Savio Awards – May 31st**  
**Corpus Christi – June 7th**  
**Altar Society Meeting – June 8th, 6:30pm**

**Bishops Consecrating the United States of America  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Service at St. John  
– TBD**

**Saturday Confessions**

**May 23rd: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**



**MEMORIAL DAY 2026**

On **Monday, May 25th**, the **Ceremonial Unit of the American Legion Post 120** and **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395** will pay homage to the Veterans of ALL Wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. A special ceremony directed to our departed comrades will be presented. Please, join with us as we honor family members and ancestors interred in these cemeteries.

**Time & Location**

9:00 a.m. - Burns City	12:15 p.m. - St. Martin (Whitfield)
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph	12:45 p.m. - Truelove
10:00 a.m. - St. Mary	1:30 p.m. - Mt. Zion
10:30 a.m. - Goodwill	2:00 p.m. - South Martin Cemetery
11:15 a.m. - St. John	2:45 p.m. - Hindostan Cemetery

**WOMEN'S WELCOME**

“Our faith was never meant to be lived alone!”

When we think of “Christian Community,” we realize how fortunate we are to live in a small, rural community with a Catholic parish that is thriving! This weekend, several people were a part of Matthew 5:16 Day, when they came together in Service, Fellowship, and Prayer. St. John was well-represented!

“People Need People” is a popular song by the Christian band, CAIN. Listen to it! It says it all!

**ST. MARTIN SHRINE**

Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. during the month of May, parishioners will gather at the St. Martin Shrine to say the rosary. If it is raining, the rosary will be said in St. Martin Church.

**GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE**

Fr. John Boeglin invites you on a cultural, historical, and religious pilgrimage to Guadalupe and other shrines in Mexico from November 9th – 16th this year. Brochures are available at the back of the church. You may also contact Tekton Ministries at pilgrimage@tektonministries.org or Father Boeglin at jboeglin@evdio.org.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS**

As we celebrate our seniors this weekend, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2026! This is such an exciting time for you to go out into the word and spread the love of the Lord. No matter where your path is leading you, you were born to do great things. Let us, as a parish, keep these students in our prayers as they make this transition.

The past few weeks have been busy but joyous. We celebrated our newest members at Easter, First Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Confirmation, and Senior Recognition. Each of these events would not have been possible without the help of several people. To everyone who volunteered their time and talents, thank you all for living lives of service – you are appreciated! To the hospitality committee: thank you for hosting receptions for all of these special occasions!

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**SING INTO SPRING**

The Board of Trustees want to show the progress in the preservation and renovation of Waggoner's Chapel to grateful supporters and the public. Come and listen to different bands play on Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m. at Waggoner's Chapel at 5743 Windom Road, Shoals.

**May 1:**

Beth Ann Arvin  
Katie Callison  
Roxie Hunt  
Lacy Jeffers

**May 2:**

Elizabeth Boswell  
Mary Jane Colbert  
Cayden Harder  
Brock Rayhill  
Brenda Rutherford  
Kelsy Seals  
Isabel Toy

**May 3:**

Justin Byrd  
Tiffany Lingenfelter

**May 4:**

Nancy Consley  
Sandy Divine  
Larken Holder  
Ed Summers

**May 5:**

David Bowman  
Kashten Lengacher  
Nelson Elliott  
Jake Lagree

**May 6:**

Greg Bateman  
Liz Burch  
Lee Christmas  
Lance Mathies

**May 7:**

Mindy Rose  
Rogan Shake  
Leslie Summers

**May 8:**

Logan Carrico  
Frances Doyle  
Chastity Sward

**May 10:**

Sydney Blankenbaker  
Edward Bullock  
Sheri Seals  
Karl Sexton  
Dennis Smith

**May 11:**

Larry Craney  
Elizabeth Krzesniak  
Gretchen Smelser

**May 12:**

Eli Boswell  
George Erler  
Jessica Shinn

**May 13:**

Bella Harmon  
Beverly Hedrick  
Mark Jeffers  
Helen Trowbridge  
Izabella Winger

**May 14:**

Jeremy Braun  
Karin Chandler  
Jerry Lubbehusen

**May 15:**

Knox Jeffers  
Owen Smelser  
Paul Steiner  
Benjamin Wilson

**May 16:**

Janara Morrison  
Brent Nonte  
DeAnna Smith  
Georgia Templin

**May 17:**

Alyn Strange  
Breanna Hollaway  
Jeremy Holt  
Rose Ann Morris  
Kelli Potts  
Nick Strange

**May 18:**

Linda Brown  
Linda Lett  
Waylon Matthews

**May 19:**

Brett Bradley  
Peggy Bridgewater  
Gary Mathies  
Christina Peter  
Greg Potts  
Fred Wagler

**May 20:**

Eugenia Davidson  
Aaron Hedrick  
Corbin Henninger

## ***May Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish***

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Rozanne Hogan  
Teresa Nolley

### **May 21:**

Ava Fuhrman  
Ava Jeffers  
Sheila Lents  
Maria Sexton  
Kylie Van Hoy

### **May 22:**

Bonnie Dant  
Josie Hawkins  
Andrew Ochs  
Brain Williams

### **May 23:**

Avaley Braun  
Lee Henninger  
Brynleigh Mullen  
Anderson Toy  
Emily Wade

### **May 24:**

Steven Jones  
Traci LeTourneau  
Charles Parfitt  
Gabrielle Ritchey

### **May 25:**

Kimberly Blackwell  
Neil Bradley  
Britanny Graber  
Carol Staab  
Bethany Tinkle  
Jaybe Wagoner  
Kristen Waggoner

### **May 26:**

### **May 27:**

Julia Beck  
Patti Parsons  
Xavier Todd

### **May 28:**

Michael Morris  
Agnes Wilcoxon

### **May 29:**

Michael Elliott  
Patricia Paul  
Sue Woodfork

### **May 30:**

Gianna Armstrong  
Corey Arvin  
Ryken Chandler  
Toni Craney  
Jeff Crew  
Betty Huelsman  
Vivienne Murphy

### **May 31:**

Tommy Flynn  
Benjamin Hogan  
Kendra Lythgoe