

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

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Cooperstown

**St. Joseph**  
Kellnersville

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I ask on their  
behalf; I do not  
ask on behalf of  
the world, but of  
those whom You  
have given Me;  
for they are  
Yours

John 17:9

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bidding farewell to a loved one is not easy, and is something we never fully grow accustomed to doing.

The Ascension marks the end of Christ's earthly mission and his glorious return to the Father. He had achieved the work he was sent to do. While the trumpets were sounding in heaven to greet the arrival of the ascending Lord, the apostles must have been experiencing a deep sadness in their hearts at his departure. However, his final words, "I am with you always. Go make disciples of all nations," while full of comfort, were urgent in meaning. Not only was Jesus not abandoning them nor depriving them of his presence but he was entrusting them with the mission of making the love of God the Father known, through joyful and selfless lives in the service of others.

In Jesus' absence the disciples are not to remain inactive but to move into the future with courage. They have a vital and essential role to play in announcing the salvation Christ has won on Calvary, by transforming death into the dawn of a new life.

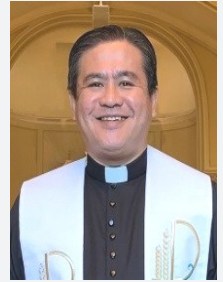
Jesus will no longer be present in a human body but his place will be taken by the Holy Spirit who will be their guide and strength as they journey through life. If we ponder within our hearts the meaning of this great feast we may come to grasp something of the confidence which God has in us because the Ascension focuses on what we must do to be with Christ forever. Where he has gone we hope to follow.

Like the apostles, we are at the center of the stage and our call is also to service. We are to continue the work of those who

have gone before us and help build up Christ's kingdom. In a world full of homeless and jobless people we turn sorrow into happiness by being his comforting word and his every smile.

Our lives may be the only book of the gospel open for people to read.

What we are, speaks more loudly than either what we say or what we do. He is counting on us. Our prayer is that he will renew within us the work of the Spirit so that we may know what is true and have the strength to do what is right.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### St. James Church

|      |        |         |   |
|------|--------|---------|---|
| Sat. | May 20 | 7:30 pm | + Donald Shimon   |
| Sun. | May 21 | 8:00 am | + Ben & Beverly Stangel, Clarence & Alice Servais & Leo, Roland & Gerald Dewane |
| Tue. | May 23 | 8:00 am | + Mel & Betty Graczyk   |
| Sat. | May 27 | 7:30 pm | + Patricia "Pat" Valenta and Gary Valenta                                       |
| Sun. | May 28 | 8:00 am | + Allen Remiker   |
| Mon. | May 29 | 9:00 am | Memorial Day Mass + Veterans: Edmund Siehr & Martin Reedy                       |

### St. Joseph Church

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|------|--------|----------|--|
| Sat. | May 20 | 4:00 pm  | + Russell and Evelyn Ebert   |
| Sun. | May 21 | 10:00 am | In Honor of St. Jude, Patron of Hope & Peace & St. Joseph, our Parish Patron |
| Wed. | May 24 | 8:15 am  | Parishioners struggling with illness   |
| Sat. | May 27 | 4:00 pm  | + Schleis, Dirkman, Sleger and Sauer Families                                |
| Sun. | May 28 | 10:00 am | + Mary Boncher   |
| Mon. | May 29 | 8:00 am  | Memorial Day Mass + Deceased Veterans of St. Joseph's Parish                 |

### READINGS FOR MAY 28, 2023

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY GRIEF GROUP

**Sunday May 21 12pm to 2pm St. James Parish Hall**

"Getting Through the Annual Reminders of Your Loss"

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Call Tom Bekkers for the Zoom link or with any questions,, (920)660-8066.



### BELL RINGING DURING MASS

When you hear the altar bells rung at a new time during Mass, this is for a special reason. The bells are rung at the moment in the prayers when the Holy Spirit is called down to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. The sound of the bells should alert you to the great miracle that is about to take place.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2023

#### St. James Parish

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Sacrificial Giving | \$3,145.00  |
| Online Giving      | \$45.00     |
| Loose              | \$ 290.00   |
| Bishop's Appeal    | \$27,736.06 |
| Bishop's Goal      | \$35,902.00 |

#### St. Joseph Parish

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Sacrificial Giving | \$1,085.00  |
| Loose              | \$244.75    |
| Bishop's Appeal    | \$9,930.00  |
| Bishop's Goal      | \$13,953.00 |

### HOME MISSIONS OUR OWN NEEDS COLLECTION

A second collection for four causes will take place on May 27 & 28.

Here are the four beneficiaries represented in this collection.

- Black and Indian Missions
- Catholic Communications Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Catholic Home Missions

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS****St. James 9am****Mon. May 29**

A Mass will be held at the cemetery altar (weather permitting). This will be followed by a VFW service at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a lawn chair.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS****St. Joseph 8am****Mon. May 29**

A Mass will be held in church. Following the Mass everyone is invited to the cemetery where the VFW will salute our fallen veterans and Deacon Cal will hold a prayer service.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE****MAY 20 & 21**

A member of the KC's will be collecting donations after each mass this weekend. This annual drive supports children in our area with special needs.

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**St. Joseph - Sat. June 10 at 4:00pm Mass****St. James - Sun. June 11 at 8:00am Mass**

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. It parallels the celebration on Holy Thursday in commemoration of the institution of the sacrament. We will celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and give public witness to our faith and devotion with a Eucharistic Procession on church grounds. The Knights of Columbus will join us in our procession as Father Santy carries the Blessed Sacrament. The procession will conclude the celebration of Mass when placed back in the tabernacle following adoration.

**ST. JAMES PARISH****BRAT FRY - SUN. MAY 21****ALL SAINTS SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

The Youth/Young Adult Mission trip group will be having a brat fry fundraiser. Food will be served after the 8:15am mass until 2pm or until gone.

**THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM  
PLEASE WELCOME**

Eva Josaphine Guza

Daughter of Brian and Joanna Guza

May 21, 2023

**CEMETERY ALTAR HISTORY**

A leaflet with information is being prepared for those who have purchased a lot or for someone who is interested in purchasing one. We would like to include historical facts about the altar that is in the cemetery. If you have information about the altar, please contact Jean Schleis (920) 863-3965.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you Pat Blakeslee for taking care of the Easter flowers every day for the past seven weeks. Pat made sure that each plant was watered when needed. Her expertise is greatly appreciated. The Easter flowers made the worship space look beautiful!

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

A bulletin board is set up in the back entrance of church with information about the two capital improvement projects that we are anticipating. There are photos with explanations depicting both the SW entrance plans and the proposed lift installation area. Help yourself to a handout. The committee welcomes your questions, comments and other ideas. Call Jean Schleis at (920) 863-3965. Contractors wishing to bid on any part of this work, please call Pat Hickey at (920) 418-2500.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday May 25 6:30pm

**JOB OPENINGS AT ST. JAMES**

We currently have an opening for a Parish Secretary and a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Secretary position is a part-time day position working 6 to 8 hrs. per week. Knowledgeable computer skills and office equipment is required. The Coordinator position is part-time with an average of 5 to 15 hours per week depending on the time of year. If you would like more information, please contact Father Santy.

**UNITED IN MARRIAGE**

Molly Rosek &amp; Trevor Genz

May 6, 2023

&amp;

Georgia Pantzlaff &amp; Timothy Fels

May 12, 2023

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH****FAITH FORMATION MEETING**

Mon. May 22 - 6pm

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Tue. May 23 - 6pm

**FISCAL YEAR REMINDER**

June 30th is the end of our church's Fiscal Year. Please remember that all contributions need to be received in the office by June 30, 2023.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT AND  
HOSTS & WINE**

Week of May 21

Deceased of Muench Family

**ALUMINUM CANS FUNDRAISER**

We will continue to collect aluminum cans for our Faith Formation. Please remember to not add any garbage in the bags with the cans. Thank you.

**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH**

Brian Portzen of Painting Pathways will speak at the end of Mass on May 20 & 21 regarding the importance of mental health and how they can help our community.

**CLEANING TEAMS**

Team Rabas/Kuik May 27

Team VanDyke June 17