

Notes from Barb!

- † Join us for Scripture & Supper Thursday May 18 at 6pm. Bring a dish to share.
- † Our **Spring Clean Up Day** is Saturday, May 20th from 8-noon. We need help planting flowers, digging out the playground for new mulch, cleaning inside the office and much more. Your help is appreciated for as much as you are able to give.
- † Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.



*Congratulations to our
First Communicants*

*Ryatt Beasley
Clara Fagg
Waylon Robertson
Vivian Serena
Johnathon Wrin*



The dates for
Vacation Bible School
are
July 24-28!
Let Jena know
if you can help.

Happy Anniversary

Randy & Kristen Toney

5-15



Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Surprising Heroes

The story goes that Philip the deacon went from Jerusalem to Samaria to preach the gospel there. But after he baptized the people, Peter and John still had to follow after him to lay hands on the new believers so they could receive the Holy Spirit. It appears from the story that Philip needed help. It looks like he did not do a very good job on his own.

But give credit where it is due.

Samaria was hardly the place the apostles expected the gospel to take root. They must have been surprised that Philip got anywhere at all with the people who had been enemies of Jerusalem for so long.

Remember how Jesus surprised people with the parable of the Good Samaritan, and that the only grateful leper among the ten he cured was Samaritan too. Nobody expected Samaritans to be heroes. But Philip the deacon made headway in enemy territory. He preached, expelled demons, and cured the paralyzed. Not a bad record.

When Peter and John arrived, the Holy Spirit came with them.

Look carefully at the people you think are not doing a very good job, or people about whom you have low expectations. They may be instruments of Christ, preparing the ground for the Spirit of life.

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May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Sacramental Life
Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation
Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.
The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.
We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	May 14	May 21
Lector	Carol Cummins	Caleb Fleschner
Gift Bearers	1st Communicants	Scully Family
Ushers	Bob Curley & Nick Savant	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey
Eucharistic Ministers	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney	Pam Norris & MaryLu Thralls
Counters	Tom McKinney & Kay Jatczak	Bob & Patty Kane
Cleaners	Carol & Charlie Cummins	Off week
Coffee & Donuts	Off week	Off week

Mass Intentions:

May 14 St. Mary's Village Parish
May 21 Bill Mars

If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00.

We are now scheduling masses for through July.

Birthday Blessing to:



Colleen Curley 5-15
Gavin Norton 5-15
Emma Chambers 5-15
Nick Holbert 5-18
Christine Marrs 5-19
Lora Kane 5-20

Prayers Please for:

Louise Arnold, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, Doug Hand, John Finley.



If you have people on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb to update her on their conditions.



Fundraising

Thanks to all who supported the Vendors' Fair!

We are still taking donations for the Gift Card Raffle. You can help by donating a gift card (preferably purchased from our SCRIP program, or getting businesses to donate cards. Final prizes will be set by the end of May. Raffle tickets will go on sale in June..

Finance Report

	May 7	Budgeted	Additional Donations	
Sunday Collection	\$1837	\$2308	Education of Priests	\$25
Galvin Fund Donations	\$ 367	\$ 115		

DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, Mother of God

Mary was the mother of Jesus because she not only carried Jesus in her womb but also supplied all of the genetic matter for his human body, since it was through her—not Joseph—that Jesus “was descended from David according to the flesh” (Rom. 1:3).

Since Mary is Jesus’ mother, it must be concluded that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the Mother of God. Although Mary is the Mother of God, she is not his mother in the sense that she is older than God or the source of her Son’s divinity, for she is neither. Rather, we say that she is the Mother of God in the sense that she carried in her womb a divine person—Jesus Christ, God “in the flesh” and in the sense that she contributed the genetic matter to the human form God took in Jesus Christ.

The Nestorian heresy claimed that Mary did not give birth to the unified *person* of Jesus Christ. It attempted to separate Christ’s human nature from his divine nature, creating two *separate and distinct* persons—one divine and one human—united in a loose affiliation.

Since denying that Mary is God’s mother implies doubt about Jesus’ divinity, it is clear why Christians (until recent times) have been unanimous in proclaiming Mary as Mother of God.

Adapted from: <https://www.catholic.com/tract/mary-mother-of-god>

