

SUNDAY BULLETIN APRIL 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

For The Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

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.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH
MASS

Tuesday, April 30—St. Pius V

5:00 PM—Adoration

6:00 PM—Renee Jones+

Wednesday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

8:15 AM—Fr. Robert Rost+

Thursday, May 2—St. Athanasius

7:30 AM—Shirley Benson+

Friday, May 3—Sts. Philip and James

First Friday Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm

8:15 AM—Carolyn Jeffries+

Saturday, May 4—St. Monica

7:30 AM—Holy Souls in Purgatory+

5:00 PM—Paul Churchill+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM— Denny Lightner+

10:00 AM—People of the Parish

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DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE ”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

April 30: Pope St. Pius V

Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council of Trent. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius's hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

May 1: St. Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that digni-

ty and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

May 2: St. Athanasius

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemical, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.

May 3: Saints Philip and James

We know nothing of James except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES MAY 4-5		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte	Jackson Reeter
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	James Mathew Jude Lentz
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Cameron Williams Rocky Sherer Thatcher Rardon Hudson Marcolla Dominic Sherer Elijah Sensenich Rowdy Miller

the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet May 9 at 10:00 am in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Donna Sizemore and Alice VanDyke will be hostesses. Final plans for the upcoming Salad Luncheon on June 6 will be discussed. Please, all ladies try to attend.

LECTOR SCHEDULE MAY 5	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

We are very fortunate that our parish has the opportunity to practice the devotion of the First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is exposed in the monstrance following morning Mass until 5:00 pm and is not to be left unattended. If you are assigned a specific time, please come or find someone to fill in for you. All are encouraged to stop by the church and spend whatever time you can in quiet prayer and contemplation before Jesus on the altar.

BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

The last week has been a flurry of activity, getting ready for our annual Dinner Auction. The students enjoyed being a part of the excitement that comes with this week each year. They are really helpful with the set up, having their 'jobs' to do! We had an early dismissal on Friday so parents could come in and work their magic! I marvel at the generous donations from the parishioners, the parents, and the community businesses in support of our fundraiser. We are so grateful to each one, and humbled by the support for our students!
THANK YOU!

Students finished their standardized tests this past week. Two weeks ago they took academic tests in Science, Math, Social Studies, and English Language Arts. This past week, they took the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test), which tests critical thinking. Results from both tests give us information that will be used to plan and adjust instruction.

Our students in grades 5-8th are going to the Kansas City Zoo on Tuesday, April 30. We appreciate the parent drivers that make it possible for our students to take field trips! The students are looking forward to going.

We have 6 students from BH and 6 non-BH students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 5 at the 10:00 am Mass. Mrs. Ginger Williams has done a nice job of helping them prepare.

May God bless you!
Pam Brobst, Principal



Weekly Offering

April 21
Offertory \$5,369
Parish Prop Maint \$4
Birthday \$50

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