

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions  
 5/2/21 For the People of the Parish  
 5/3/21 Rev. Octoavio Suarez  
 5/4/21 Cecilia Lyons Yundt  
 5/5/21 Theresa and J.C. Giglio  
 5/6/21 Lillian Copeland  
 5/7/21 Mary Foreman  
 5/8/21 Deceased Members of Giglio and Maceo Families

Week of April 25 - May 1, 2021  
 Income \$2,396.00  
 CCD \$152.00  
 Home Missions \$440.00  
 Expenses \$2,474.00

I was glad to see the enthusiastic support for our spring parish fundraiser last week, the potato sale. It was a first of its kind. Thank you to Steven who led the effort and the committee who planned it and all who supported it!  
 - Father Ross+

**May 2, 2021 The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Birthday List  
 Zane Pierce 5/3  
 Tommy Nobles 5/4  
 Todd Begnaud 5/5  
 Chris Forster 5/6

We give praise to God as Harper and Larry receive their First Holy Communion! May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life dwell in their hearts for ever!

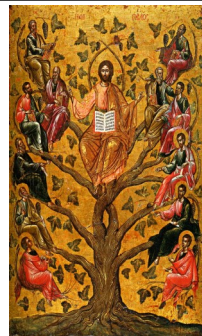
The Parish Pastoral Council met last Thursday. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Our Special Collection next weekend goes to Birthright. Please see the insert.

Mass on Thursday, May 6, will be offered at 6pm, not 8:30am.

The Junior High Youth will meet in the hall on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30pm.

**What does the Catechism Teach?**  
 "In Scripture, we find a host of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church. 'The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.' (Lumen Gentium 6c)" - from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #753&755



The parable of the vine (John 15:1-8) conveys a marvelous sense of assurance: that we are somehow rooted, firmly and enduringly; that our birth does not leave us orphaned, isolated, dependent solely on our fragile selves; that we are not merely creatures of an inscrutable Creator who may indeed give us existence and sustain us - for as long as it pleases him; that we do stem from an empowering and fructifying origin out of which we can lead a useful and meaningful existence. Yet the assertion that pervades the entire Gospel is more than this assurance. It is the *requirement*, based on the assurance, that we persist in our origin: "remain in me, as I remain in you." The requirement is so urgent that a threat lies behind it: Whoever does not remain will wither away and be pruned off and burned. This takes place in a natural sense, as the parable of the vine and branches shows, but is also takes place in a personal sense, since God the Father himself is concerned for the union between his Son and his branches and members. This union is the central event of the world and its history, and it is such an intimate union that it tolerates no compromise: the branches are either attached to the vine's trunk or they are separated. We have to take this to heart: "Without me you can do nothing" - no matter

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
 Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry