

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	09	8:00 a.m.	Matthew S. King
Tue.	10	8:00 a.m.	Raymond Ward
Wed.	11	8:00 a.m.	Tony Winkler
Thur.	12	8:00 a.m.	Brooke Peppers
Fri.	13	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	14	5:00 p.m.	Peggy Kohl
Sun.	15	10:00 a.m.	Tom Lee
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY MASS: MAY 14 AT 5:00 P.M.

Lector-----	Carl Cash
Special Ministers-----	Patricia Murphy Sheryl Sieve
Servers-----	Paula Pace, Vol.
Ushers-----	Fred Basse Janet Basse Robert Hambrick Robyn Hambrick
Cross Bearer-----	Suzanne Mullins

SUNDAY MASS: MAY 15 AT 10:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Chris Willette
Special Ministers-----	Becky O'Neill Bob Krull Barb Krull
Servers-----	Jax Byington Daniel Lukachick
Ushers-----	Patricia Venable Tom Willette Roland Seal John Pace
Cross Bearer-----	Patricia Vessell

ST. ANNE MASS: MAY 15 AT 8:00 A.M.

Lector-----	Mickey Bange
Special Ministers-----	Delores Brawley Evan Loveless Kenneth Knobbe
Servers-----	Clare, Patrick & Audrey McDowell
Gift Bearers-----	Roger Cortivo Volunteer
Ushers-----	Jim Novotny Betty Novotny
Cross Bearer-----	Audrey McDowell

Congratulations

Congratulations to the St. Francois Council Ladies Auxiliary #1088. They are the recipient of the "Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary" award for the fraternal year 2015-2016. We are very appreciative of all the hours worked, events managed and everything else the Auxiliary does to "Help Knights Help Others". The members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights are invited to a social on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall.

Welcome

Please welcome into our St. Joseph Church Faith community through Baptism Claire Marie Howard, daughter of Christopher and Jennifer Howard.
"May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11

St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks parishioners for their donations last month. During May, please bring dish soap, laundry detergent and/or bleach. Thank you.

Bingo

Bingo figures from April 28, 2016:
Gross Receipts: \$1,981.00
Players: 98

Church Cleaning

May 10: Jina and Mike Jennings
May 13: Deborah & Ron AuBuchon

Your Gift to God

April 30 & May 1, 2016

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$ 4,127.90	\$ 567.00
Loose	206.36	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	176.00	75.00
Building	73.00	40.00
Cemetery	27.00	-0-
Votive	30.50	-0-
Mother's Day	80.00	20.00
Ascension Thursday	114.00	-0-
Catholic Home Miss.	10.00	-0-
Catholic Comm.	10.00	-0-

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**ST. ANNE CHURCH
FRENCH VILLAGE, MISSOURI**

Circle your calendar for Sunday, June 12, 2016, and make plans to share in the fellowship and fun at St. Anne's Picnic.

Please remember that we will need handcrafted gifts, books, homemade jellies, jams, relishes, homemade breads, and gently used items for our Country Store. Please call 358-2112 for more information.
Church Cleaning Team #2 – J. Hejlek, A. Folle

Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day Cards to benefit Birthright of Hillsboro are available in the back of Church. When you choose to send a card to your loved one and give a donation to Birthright, you make it possible for mothers who face many challenges during their pregnancies to choose life for their unborn child. Thank you for your support.

From the Pastor's Pen

I would like to announce that Deacon Mark will be leaving St. Joseph Church in Bonne Terre and St. Anne Church in French Village to serve in his new parish assignment at St. Joseph Church in Farmington, MO, and St. Catherine of Alexandria in Coffman, MO, and to assist the Pastor Rev. Rickey J. Valleroy. We thank Deacon Mark for his ministerial service to the pastors and the faithful of St. Joseph and St. Anne Parishes for the last six years. May the Lord continue to share his blessings with Deacon Mark and his wife Lou Ann and his family. On Sunday, May 22nd we will have a farewell reception for Deacon Mark in the hall after Mass. You may come by to visit and wish him well.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will change from the first Friday to the first Thursday of each month effective June, 2016. Eucharistic Adoration will be after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. when the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place.

Ladies of St. Joseph & St. Anne

You are invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will be planning our second annual BBQ picnic. For more info, contact Janie McCormick at 760-877-75

Reflections on Motherhood

I was warned that they "grow up so fast." Kind, elderly strangers once looked at me in the grocery store with little ones in tow and advised me to enjoy every moment. I remember thinking at the time, "I'll never get out of this stage of exhaustion!" Yet, in the blink of an eye, I find myself the mother of young adults who are all making their way in this world, and I am overwhelmed by the passage of time. Now I'm the lady in the grocery store, smiling at young mothers with cute babies and telling them, "You have beautiful children! Enjoy every moment. They grow up so fast!"

This Mother's Day, I want to stop and pause—really reflect—on this tremendous gift of motherhood. First and foremost, I am reminded that motherhood is indeed a gift. As with any true gift, we should not grasp at it, nor insist upon receiving the gift as if it were a "right." It seems we have lost this perspective in our culture. Often, I forget that my children do not really belong to me. They belong to God, who is their beginning and their end. My children are simply given to me for a short time here on earth to nurture and to love, to raise and then release. Reflecting on these truths frees me to surrender my will, my dreams, and my fears regarding my children to the one who parents them best—God himself.

Secondly, I want to ponder motherhood as the great leveler of society. Whether rich or poor, young or old, educated or uneducated, mothers want the same things for their children. We share the desire for our children to live in safety, with food, clothing, shelter, opportunities to thrive, and most importantly LOVE. We also know and understand the universal "ache," when our children suffer and our hearts are pierced by the same "sword" that was predicted to the Blessed Mother. This leads me to pray for mothers who are sitting at the bedside of a sick child, for those who are grieving the loss of a child, for those whose children suffer from mental illness or addictions.

Finally, I am reminded to reflect on the awe and wonder of motherhood. I want to ponder the genius of God's design for humanity, especially woman's ability to conceive and bring forth new life. Pregnancy is a miracle! Labor and delivery are a miracle! The fact that we all lived and grew inside our mother's womb is mind-boggling—and oh so beautiful! I can't help but praise God for His incredible plan...and be grateful for my mother's sacrifices.

Whatever your state in life, stop and ponder motherhood during this month of May. Let it lead you to prayer and gratitude.

Patty Schneier is a Catholic author and national Catholic speaker. Her book, *Love Letters From Mom on What Matters Most* is available at Pauline Books and Media in Crestwood. She and her husband Larry are parishioners of St. Ferdinand Parish in Florissant.

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