

Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish Newsletter

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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Low Mass - 8:00 am

Confessions - 9:00 am

Rosary - 9:30 am

High Mass - 10:00 am

Monday:

Mass - 7:00 am

Confessions - After Mass

Tuesday:

Mass - 7:00 am

Confessions - After Mass

Wednesday:

Confessions - 8:15 - 8:45 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Thursday:

Adoration & Confessions - 8:00 am

Benediction - 8:45 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Friday:

Adoration & Confessions - 8:00 am

Benediction - 8:45 am

Mass - 9:00 am

First Friday:

Mass - 7:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday:

Confessions - 7:30 - 7:50 am

Mass - 8:00 am

First Saturday:

Rosary & Meditation - 8:45 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

10:00 am & 5:30 pm (unless alternative times announced)

MASS TIME CHANGES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

* May 14 - Ascension Thursday - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION -

* Mass at 9:00 am (Benediction and Adoration will precede Mass)

* Mass at 5:30 pm (Father will hear confessions from 4:30-5:15 pm)

* May 18 - 21 - Father Shannon Collins will offer Mass each day at 9:00 am; Father Mackey will also offer a Mass at 7:00 am each day.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Retreat

The parish welcomes Father Shannon Collins of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist as he leads our parish retreat.

The format for the retreat will be the same every day. Your attendance is encouraged and all ages are welcome. The dates for the retreat are:

* **Monday, May 18**

* **Tuesday, May 19**

* **Wednesday, May 20**

* **Thursday, May 21**

The format for each day of the retreat will be the same:

Mass at 9:00 am; Catechism class (all ages welcome) at 10:00 am; Confessions at 6:00 pm; Talk given by Fr. Shannon at 7:00 pm

OUR LADY ASKED ST. BERNADETTE:

"Would you be kind enough to come to this place ..."

SHE SAID YES...

AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED!

RESTORATIONS!

Come to the parish mission on Our Lady of Lourdes!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* **May 3 - First Holy Communion** at the 10:00 am Mass. There will be a reception following Mass. Please help us celebrate with our First Communicants:

* David Hand

* Mark Francis Green

* Catherine Zorovich

* Maricella Becerra

* Willow Chavosky

* Sarah Minjares

Announcements continued on next page....

Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians

O Mary, powerful virgin, thou art the mighty and glorious protector of the Church; thou art the marvelous help of Christians; thou art terrible as an army in battle array; thou alone hast destroyed every heresy in the whole world. In the midst of our anguish, our struggles and our distress defend us from the power of the enemy and at the hour of our death receive our souls in paradise. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **May 10 - Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of the parish!** In honor of our Blessed Mother, the First Communicants will crown Our Lady at the 10:00 am Mass on May 10!

*Daily, daily sing to Mary, sing, my soul, her praises due.
All her feasts, her actions worship with the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wondrous contemplation, be her Majesty confess'd.
Call her Mother, call her Virgin, happy Mother, Virgin blest.*

- * **May 16 - Celebration of Life Baby Shower** - Please join us in celebrating the gift of life! Bring a gift to donate to *Choose Life*, as well as a gift for Catie Mikolaschek and the little boy she's expecting! The celebration will take place at 10:30 am in the church hall.
- * **May 17 - Graduation Blessing** - Attention all graduates: if you graduate from high school or college this year, please plan to come forward after the 10:00 am Mass for a special blessing. Following Mass and the graduation blessing there will be a reception in the hall.
- * **May 18 - 21 - Parish Retreat** - See note on page 1 for more details.
- * **May 31 - Trinity Sunday** - Following Mass, Father Mackey will invite the parish to recite the Athanasian Creed. Copies of the Creed will be provided.
- * **May 31 - Parish potluck** - Join the parish for a potluck lunch following the 10:00 am Mass! Our parish has grown so much in the last few months - we'd love to meet and welcome all of our new members today! Join us for a lovely afternoon! Families, please bring a dish and dessert to share. (A good general rule of thumb for the question of "how much" is to bring enough to feed your own family.) The church will provide paper products and drinks. RAIN DATE: (June 14 — this will be announced via email if the potluck is moved to the rain date.)

A Virtue for Every Month :: May :: Meekness

Source: *A Year With the Saints: A Virtue for Every Month of the Year, Imprimatur 1891*

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth. MATTHEW 5:4

St. Francis de Sales

There is nothing which edifies others so much as charity and kindness, by which, as by the oil in the lamp, the flame of good example is kept alive.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

I have turned forward and backward and on every side, and what conclusion have I reached? I have considered all methods of governing, and even tried them, and I have finally seen that the best is that which is amiable, sincere, humble and patient.

St. Bonaventure

Beware of becoming vexed or impatient at the faults of others; for it would be folly when you see a man falling into a ditch, to throw yourself into another to no purpose.



St. Francis de Sales

The remedies against anger are:

1. To forestall its movements, if possible, or at least to cast them aside quickly, by turning the thoughts to something else.
2. In imitation of the Apostles when they saw the sea raging, to have recourse to God, whose office it is to give peace to the heart.
3. During the heat of passion, not to speak, nor take any action as to the matter in question.

Parish Notes

Interested in joining the parish - Please submit a Membership Form to the office. Forms can be found on the informational table in the hall.

For weddings and funerals - Members of the parish should contact Father Mackey directly.

Funerals: Please contact Father Mackey before coordinating with a funeral home.

Weddings: Contact Father Mackey at least 6 months prior to a projected wedding date.

Communion for the sick: Contact Father Mackey if you would like him to bring Holy Communion to you or a loved one.