

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

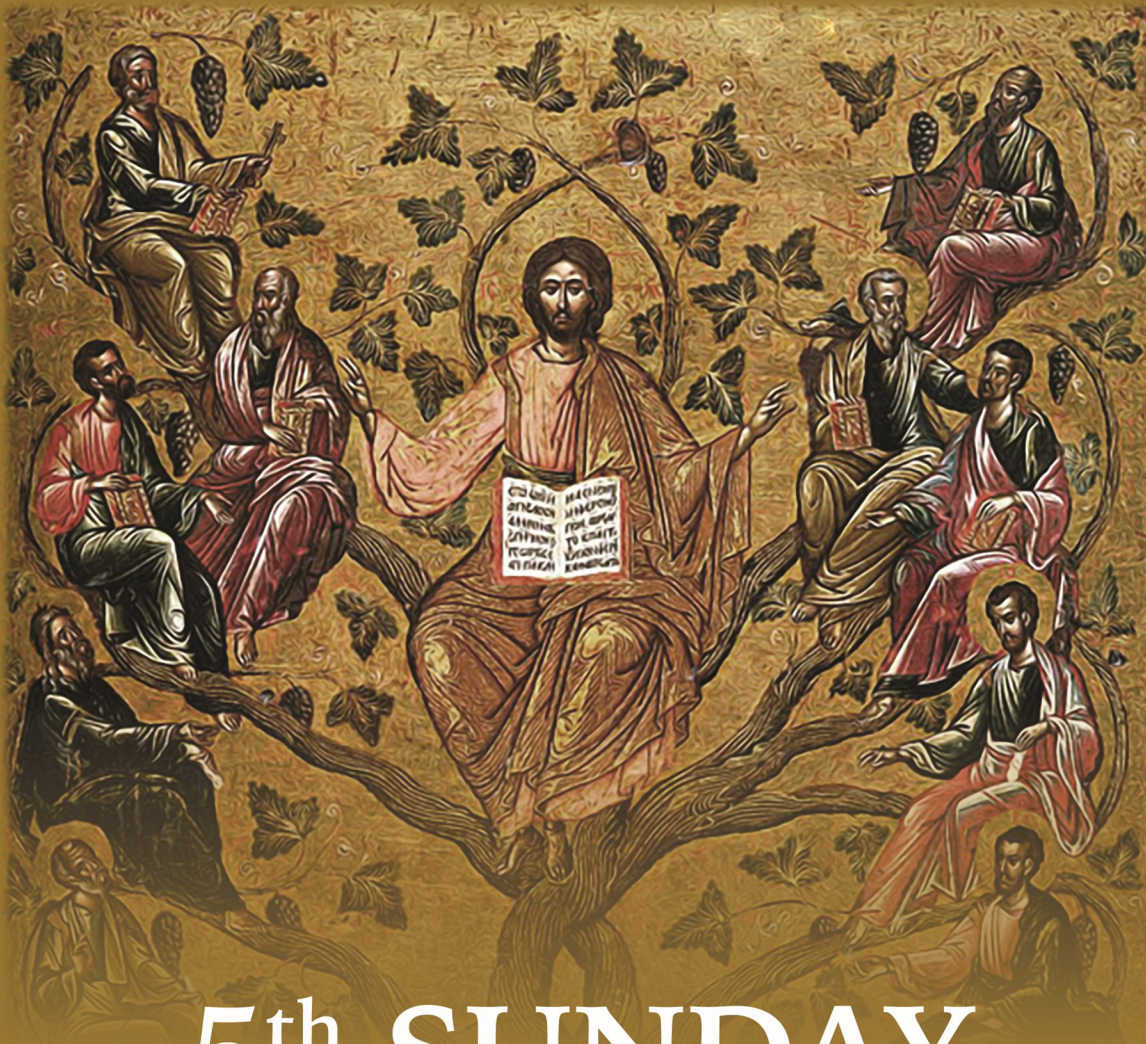


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METHODIUS PARISH

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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in
me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without
me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

MASS Intentions

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May 1, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of the Rosary Society
❖ For Sean, Sarah & Isabelle Sandelands
❖ †Stella Orlowsky
- 12:00PM **First Holy Communion - PRIVATE HOLY MASS*
For the First Holy Communicants & their Families
- 5:30PM For Matthew Dzieciolowski
❖ For Noah Pablo (B'Day)
❖ For Heather Babbie
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Carl and †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Noreeya Israel
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal

May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 9:26-31 ; 1 Jn 3:18-24 ; Jn 15:1-8

- 7:30AM For Elena req. Meme & Papa
❖ For Samantha Debczak
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ †Richard Yamin
❖ †Josephine Davis
❖ †Gary & Roland Gasparsk
❖ †Angelina & Antonio Slongo req. Mike MacDonald
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)* *May Crowning Holy Mass
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Eleanor Burley req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Felipe Ching ❖ †Demon Gammo
❖ †Margaret Yanoschik ❖ †Joanne E. Fredal
❖ †Nancy Elebri req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

May 3, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
❖ For Teresa Fontana Sullivan
- 12:00PM †Alamma Lazar req. Bindu
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal
❖ †Marge Robine req. Vitale Family

May 4, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM For Violet Timmerman
❖ †Nancy Elebri req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal

May 5, Wednesday – Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)*
For Sophie Chanko (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ †Richard Mroczek
- 12:00PM For Fabian Gammo & Family
❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ For Andy & Steven Gappy

May 6, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Al & Ann Varchetti & Family
❖ For Eleanor Burley req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Nancy Elebri req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
- 12:00PM For Christina Sunday
❖ †Anna Sutherland
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife, Irene
- 7:00PM For Marta Dibra req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Joseph Saywa
❖ †Sandra Manfre req. Vera Dushaj

May 7, First Friday – Prvý Piatok

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Dorothy Torina
❖ For Claire Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
- 12:00PM For the Rosary Makers and their Families
❖ For Paul, Linda & Family
❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Yanik Family
- 7:00PM **Confirmation Holy Mass - PRIVATE HOLY MASS*
For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖ For the Confrmandi
❖ For Sam Gill & Family

May 8, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Disclaled Carmelites
❖ For Maria & Martin Vilcek req. Prusak Family
❖ †Miguela Romero
- 5:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Kathleen Pate
❖ For Katie Shubnell req. Langlois Family
❖ For Raymond req. Grandma & Papa
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Eleanor Burley req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Anna Rudzewicz
❖ †David Chupa

May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter - Nedela

***** MOTHER'S DAY *****

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

- 7:30AM For Jordan Zabawa req. Langlois Family
❖ For Catherine Miller
❖ For Joseph Desser (B'Day)
❖ For Michael req. Grandma & Papa
❖ †Saveria DiCicco req. Caterina Persechini
❖ †Antonina Pacitto req. Caterina Persechini
❖ †Anna Sutherland
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
For the Intentions of all Mothers (Natural & Spiritual)
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
Na úmysel všetkých matiek
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Alia
❖ For Emmanuel Korkis (B'Day)
❖ For Ernest & Maria Gaiera
❖ For Eleanor Burley req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Nancy Elebri req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Anthony J. Morici req. Uytuico Family
❖ †Esther Norris req. Uytuico Family

Welcome

Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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**SPECIAL NOTE
for
FRIDAY, MAY 7**

MASS SCHEDULE NOTE for FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 7:

**THE FIRST FRIDAY, 7:00PM HOLY MASS, WILL BE A PRIVATE HOLY MASS
FOR CONFIRMANDI AND THEIR FAMILIES ONLY!**

Unfortunately, due to limited space, if you wish to fulfill your First Friday Devotion,
please plan to attend either the 6:00AM or 12:00 Noon Holy Mass on that day (Friday, May 7).

We are sorry for any inconvenience!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 9AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM

THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM

THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM

SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

***WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10AM - 2PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM

THURSDAYS: 11AM - 5PM

**Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass*

Mother's Day Novenas Available

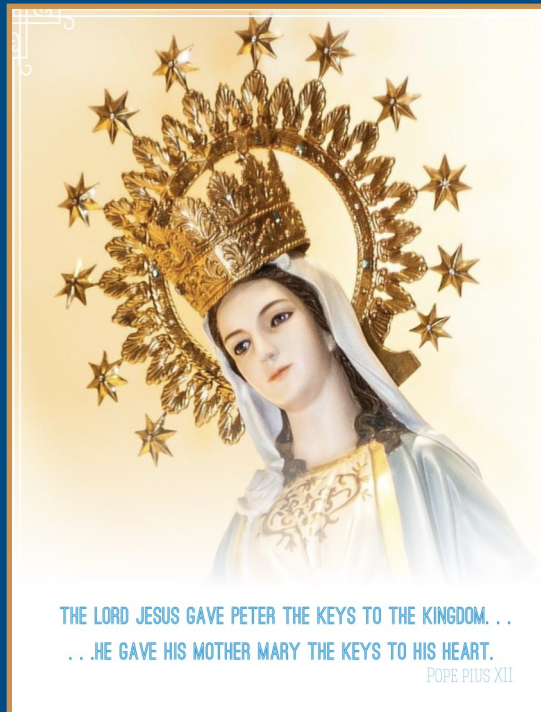
Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift --- a beautiful Mother's Day Novena Mass card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, stepmothers, mother-in-laws, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. The novena begins on Monday, May 10.

Novena Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available now in the Parish Office on weekdays or you may have your card mailed to you or your loved one.

If you would like to have your card mailed, please follow the directions as outlined below. Please:

- ◆ Email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church
- ◆ In the subject line, write: MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- ◆ Put the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed.
- ◆ Indicate how you would like each card signed (i.e. "Love, Joey", "You're the best mom, Suzie", etc.)
- ◆ Make donation for cards by either:
 - ◇ using [PushPay](#) on our parish website-or-
 - ◇ making check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish". In memo line, write: "MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA" and mail it to: 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Novena



Congratulations to our First Communicants & May 1, 2021



Communion Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ,
I firmly believe that I am about to receive, in Communion,
Your Body, Your Blood, Your Soul and Your Divinity!
I believe it because You have said it,
And I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth.
Amen.

Prayer for the First Communicants

Sacred Heart of Jesus ever present in our lives,
Hear our prayer as our communicants receive their First Holy Communion.
Grant them, Our Lord, Loving Grace
And help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship
As they receive at the Table of Our Lord
The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light
Throughout the course of their lifetimes
Always leading them one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven!
Amen.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." - John 6:54

Happy Mothers' Day from RTL-LIFESPAN • Next Weekend, May 8 & 9

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all mothers for choosing life for their children, for nurturing those lives, and for teaching them the value and sanctity of human life. Without your selfless "Yes!" to love, none of us would be here. Having been blessed with life, love, and a voice, we strive to share our blessings by advocating for those whose lives are in jeopardy.

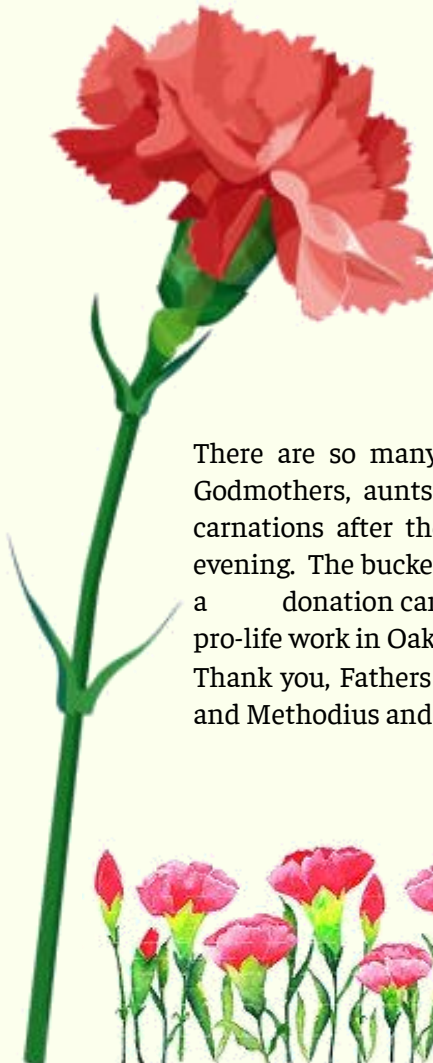
A small way in which you can say THANK YOU to your Mother, help save the unborn, AND prevent mothers from emptiness and regret is by supporting your local pro-life educators, Right to Life-LIFESPAN. We will be having our annual Mothers' Day Carnations available after all Holy Masses on Mothers' Day weekend. Suggested donation is \$1 each.

There are so many who play a motherly role of some kind in our lives (mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, neighbors, etc.). Volunteers will be near the buckets of pretty carnations after the Holy Masses next Saturday, May 8, evening and Sunday, May 9, morning and evening. The buckets will be outside the main entrance of the church under the overhang. There will be a donation can set by the buckets for anyone who wishes to give a donation to LIFESPAN for their pro-life work in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Thank you, Fathers Libor and Juraj, for permitting LIFESPAN to offer carnations again at Saints Cyril and Methodius and thanks to all those who will choose to give a donation to LIFESPAN that weekend.

God bless you all!

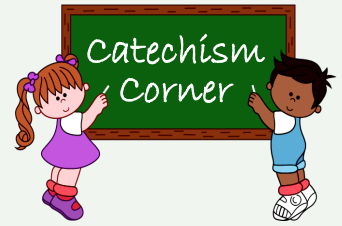
Lynn Gura, Youth Director Right to Life - LIFESPAN



Catechism Corner

** PLEASE TAKE NOTE **

Our Confirmation Holy Mass takes place this week on First Friday, May 7th. Due to the limited space available for our Confirmation Families, it will be a **private Holy Mass**. Therefore, if you wish to fulfill your First Friday Devotion, please plan to attend either the 6:00AM or 12:00 Noon Holy Mass on that day (Friday, May 7). We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Questions: Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education, cschuller@saintcyrls.church or (586) 726-6911

Saturday May 1: **Private** First Communion Holy Mass at 12:00PM

Sunday May 2: May Crowning at 9:30AM Holy Mass

Wednesday, May 5: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM

(Rehearsal & Confession for Confirmandi (8th Graders) in the Activity Center)

Friday, May 7: **Private** Confirmation Holy Mass 7:00PM

Wednesday, May 12: Last Week of Catechism from 6:15PM - 7:30PM

Life Teen High School Ministry

OFF FOR A COR TEAM MEETING

Life Teen will meet again on Monday, May 10, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM. The topic will be *"DIY Bible Study—A Night on Starting your own Bible Study!"*

EDGE Middle School Ministry

OFF FOR A COR TEAM MEETING

EDGE will meet again on Thursday, May 13, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM. The topic will be *"Reaching Out—A Night on the Importance of Engaging Others!"*

We will be registering ALL teens who would like to participate next fall (2021) THIS spring. The link for EDGE registration will be available this week. New teens are always welcome, but should be registered BEFORE the Night.

If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE,
please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or
lifeteen@saintcyrls.church

Medical and Dental Professionals:

Make a Difference in the Lives of Those in Need

Please consider volunteering half a day a month to provide free care for the uninsured. The Malta Clinic needs medical and dental licensed professionals of all specialties, as well as others who want to serve the community. The clinic provides a complete range of dental services (including examinations with radiographs, teeth cleaning, fillings, extractions and dentures) and medical services (including general clinic care, physical exams, blood pressure screening, wound care, urine analysis, urine pregnancy testing, diabetic supplies and medication, asthma supplies and medication, and free generic medication refills) to Detroit's working poor, low-income seniors, and homeless. The clinic is located in the new Catholic Charities Center at 8642 Woodward, Detroit, 48202. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Harmon, R.D.H. at maltadentaldirector@gmail.com or 313.288.2362.

Parish Lenten Projects Thank-you

Thank-you! Thank-you! To everyone who donated a baby item to Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers, provided Easter dinner for a family at St. Dominic's, converted their Lenten fast savings to a donation to feed the hungry at St. Christine's, assisted Bishop Minde and our sister parish in Tanzania with a monetary donation, or gave to the St. Cyril's Christian Service Fund. Your sacrifice is making a difference in people's lives and was very much appreciated by the agencies and the people they minister to.

On March 15, with the help of several volunteers, we FILLED a truck, an SUV and a minivan with the baby items you brought to church over the weekend and delivered them to the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights. The director was amazed by the generosity of our parishioners as we filled the office with diapers, clothing and other essentials. The following Monday, I delivered to St. Dominic's Outreach Center 23 baskets and boxes filled with the complete makings of Easter dinner as well as little extras like egg dying kits, coloring books, or Easter themed plates and napkins. Again, the director was thrilled, because she was then able to help 23 more families celebrate Easter. Making these deliveries is the best part of being Christian Service coordinator at St. Cyril's. Our parish's donations usually exceed expectations. They energize the volunteers who work long hours as well as helping the people they serve. On their behalf, thank-you.

Thank-you to the 52 individuals or families who donated the money saved by their lenten fasts to Fasting For Food. Together you provided a very generous contribution to St. Christine's Christian Service's soup kitchen and food pantry. Likewise, the monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use, building up the church in Africa, paying the bills and providing the necessities to keep agencies open. On behalf of Image of God, St. Christine's, St. Dominic's, and our sister parish, thank you for your contribution to the Parish Lenten Projects.

Thank-you also to the children of the parish who created Easter greeting cards for homebound parishioners and to all those who sent cards to nursing home residents through Operation Cheer! Your creativity, thoughtfulness and love brought extra joy to someone's Easter.

Erin Rybicki, Christian Service Coordinator

Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAYS † 1:00PM-7:00PM

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER: PATRON OF RELIGIOUS BROTHERS

MAY 1 ~ Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker & National Religious Brothers Day



St. Joseph, a Patron of Religious Brothers? Yes, he is a patron of husbands and fathers in the married vocation. But Joseph is our patron, too, because he lived the three evangelical counsels heroically. As Religious Brothers, we are consecrated to Jesus through the counsels of poverty, celibate chastity, and obedience. We know of Joseph's obedience to God and the angel's revelations through his dreams... take Mary your wife into your home... Name the Child Jesus... depart for Egypt... return... but take a different route! We know of his poverty from his humble trade of carpentry in the unpopular town of Nazareth. We know of his chastity, for he guarded the very Ark of the New Covenant, the Perpetual Virgin!

Joseph's silence in the Gospels is a sign of the virtue of humility, a key virtue of our Religious Life. That he provided for his family as a carpenter is a sign of a faithful, skilled laborer and of his understanding of the call and dignity of work. Brothers develop skills to provide generously for the poor we serve. As a foster father, he guards the Virgin and Jesus in a most direct way. We Brothers guard Jesus in the Eucharist, keeping watch at many hours daily. In our Western tradition, Joseph was not a biological father, but he was called on to be a father—to provide, protect, defend, love, and shepherd his family. We Brothers aren't biological fathers, but we are spiritual fathers to many souls: the unborn, the homeless, the hospitalized, the medically vulnerable, the victims of torture, the refugees. It is these souls we are called to "father" as we provide, protect, defend, love and shepherd them.

St. Joseph the Worker, pray for Religious Brothers!

By Brother Paschal Listi, fbp

Franciscan Brothers of Peace

<http://www.brothersofpeace.org/>



Monthly Prayer Request for Priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Would you pray for a priest each day?



- † **May 2:** **Msgr. R. Monticello**
- † **May 3:** **Rev. L. Moreeuw, C.P.P.S.**
- † **May 4:** **Rev. G. Morelli**
Rev. C. Morris
- † **May 5:** **Rev. R. Moslosky, C.S.B.**
- † **May 6:** **Rev. C. Muer**
Rev. S. Muma
- † **May 7:** **Rev. T. Munz, S.J.**
- † **May 8:** **Rev. W. Murphy**
- † **Daily - Rev. Libor Marek & Rev. Juraj Nuota**

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— St. John Vianney



In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

On Sunday, May 2nd, at the 9:30AM Holy Mass, we honored Our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning. A spiritual bouquet to all the many parishioners whose helping hands assisted in making this a memorable tribute to Our Heavenly Mother.

This year two ladies from our Confirmation Class comprised the Crowning Court.

Crowners: Nevada Jaczowski (2020)
Aya Bunao (2021)

Many essays were submitted by the young ladies of the Confirmation Class entitled “*Why Would I Like to Crown the Blessed Mother?*” Father Libor was asked to read the anonymous essays and he has selected two winning essays: the first is written by *Nevada* who would have been the crowner in 2020 and the second by *Ava*, the crowner from this year’s Confirmation Class.

Every essay submitted was heart-felt and beautiful, making it a very difficult decision. Each of the ten essays received expressed these young ladies’ devotion to Our Lady and we will be sharing them with you throughout the month of May.

May Crowning Essay Winner 2020

Nevada Jaczowski

I want to crown the Blessed Mother because I understand the importance of children having a mother in their lives. When I was a young child my biological father moved out of our family home. Because of this my mom became a single mother. For the next few years she provided for me and my sister while keeping up a stable job. She was always there for us no matter how hard any situation got. If I am being honest I can’t imagine that managing toddlers alone can be that easy. Somehow she managed to make it through those times. This shows just how important children are to their mother and how they rely on her. My mom still had a job so another person who I saw as a mother figure was my grandmother. From a long time ago I remember the days she would watch me and my sister at our house while my mom went to work. Even though I was little I looked up to her. With both these women I see how strong and independent they are and it encourages me to be the same. This is how I envision the Blessed Mother, a strong and independent woman that provides for her family and cares for all. I want to crown the Blessed Mother because I appreciate and look up to her for proving to me that she is who I believe she is.

May Crowning Essay Winner 2021

Aya Bunao

I want to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because I want to grow and strengthen my relationship with Mary. Blessed Mother Mary inspires me in many ways, especially in the way she said yes in response to God’s call to her and served the Lord in all the ways she could. She was very open and accepting to God’s plan, even as she knew how big of a responsibility it would be. I aspire to be able to find the courage within myself to say yes to all of God’s plans for me as she did that’s why I think that Mary is the perfect role model for that.

Blessed Mother Mary doesn’t only inspire me with her faithful ways; she also inspires me with the ways she was always so humble, kind, compassionate, loving, and honest. In the Gospel readings I heard at Church and the Bible stories I was told as a kid, Blessed Mother Mary was always someone I learned to look up to for guidance with things, even small things like ordinary acts of kindness. Whenever I had personal troubles, I learned to pray to her for help and guidance through those troubling times.

Praying to Blessed Mother Mary encouraged me to be more compassionate and kind to others, even when I wasn’t always feeling that way. She served as an example for the virtues of bravery, honesty, humility, chastity, patience, diligence, charity, and much more. Even as I am constantly learning from her and praying to her, it would be an honor if I could have the opportunity to experience something such as helping crown her during the May Crowning. Blessed Mother Mary has an important role in my life and the opportunity to do something like that would mean a lot to me.