

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am

Thurs: 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm Sunday 7:00-7:45am

Baptisms, Weddings, etc

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Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 6th May 19-24 June 9-13 Sunday, June 29th Parish Committee meetings Parish Directory Photos Vacation Bible School! Parish Picnic Fr Kottas Social Hall, 6:30 and following Social Hall (M-Th) and Church (F-Sa) St Albert's, 5:30—8:30 pm. The Landing, 11 am—3 pm

4 MAY, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Father Jacob

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The Apostles gave witness to Jesus Christ, even when all the world tried to get them to stop. They even rejoiced to be able to give that witness despite opposition, because they knew they were serving the Lord by doing so.

Many Christians today don't give much witness to Jesus Christ. I can only imagine what tremendous forces must be threatening them to prevent them from doing so. What awful tortures must be being held over them to keep them quiet about our Savior!

Witnessing to Jesus Christ doesn't usually mean standing on a streetcorner and shouting at pedestrians, and it doesn't mean having all the answers. It does mean praying for an opportunity, it means being ready to explain why Christ and His Church are important to you, and it means inviting others to join you in prayer, at church, or at an activity. Odds are good nobody will torture you for doing so.

The Conclave

This Sunday concludes our nine days of mourning for Pope Francis. It is a work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead. Thank you for your prayers.

Please also pray for the conclave which will meet beginning this Wednesday. Cardinals who have been in the conclave describe it as a prayerful experience, and one they take very seriously. Not one describes it as anything like what is depicted in a recent movie, or as the political race often described in the media over the last two weeks.

Let's pray for the Spirit's gifts of wisdom, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord for the Cardinals who will elect our next pope!

First Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to our 10 First Communicants! Please pray for them this weekend as they receive their first Communion at a special Mass Sunday afternoon at 2pm. May they receive Jesus's Body and Blood with real love this weekend and long into the future!

Congratulations also to our 1 Confirmand this year, Cole Noon. He was confirmed this past Wednesday evening. Please pray for him for continued guidance and strengthening by the Holy Spirit.

Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic will move earlier this summer to Sunday, June 29th, the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul. We will have an 11am Mass at The Landing followed by lunch, music, and games!

Bethlehem House

Our Parishioners gave very generously to the Bethlehem House clothing drive this year. <u>Thank</u> <u>You</u> to all who cleaned out their closets and gave good clothing to ladies in need!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

We are very behind in the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year. The biggest difference is that last year 212 different families or people gave to the appeal, and this year only 113 families or people have given to the appeal so far.

If you haven't given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal yet, give this week in any amount you can. Take a slip at the exits or use the QR code below:



4 MAY, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *CHI Mercy Hospital Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale-May 14, 25, 16, 21, & 22, 2025 from 8:00am—3:00pm **READINGS FOR:** May 11, 2025 **1ST READING:** Acts 13:14, 43-52 2ND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 *Social Concerns will be collecting summer indoor & out-door children's games for Children's Square. Beginning May 10 through June 1, boxes will be in the front and side GOSPEL: John 10:27-30 doors of the church. MASS SCHEDULE *St. Peter's Parish Council is seeking five spirited and de-pendable individuals to join the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact Father Jacob at the church office -712-318-3030. 5/6 8:00 am Dorothy Snook-RIP 5/7 Wed 8:00 am Tom Suden-RIP *Universal Church Directories will be here May 19 to May 24 taking pictures for our new church directory. We are looking for volunteers to help on Monday, May 19, and Tuesday, May 20, between 2:00 pm and 8:30 pm to sign Thurs 5/8 5:30 pm Private Intention 5/9 8:00 am Walter Schmitt Jr. people in for their photo session (there are three time slots available on Monday and Tuesday, each are about 2 hours long). We also need someone for Thursday, May 23, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please contact Toni Hansen at 402-490-7344 this week for your opportunity to help, giving 5/10 4:00 pm Mary Schnitker-RIP & Thomas & Murphy Family 5/11 8:00 am St. Peter's Parish you a great way to meet and visit with parishioners. 10:00 am Cathy Burke-RIP LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN...... Noon Lisa Shafer I named by dog 5 miles so I can tell people I walk 5 miles every day. SATURDAY, 4PM May 10, 2025 Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just ALTAR SERVERS: Nicholas Moses, Emma & Nicolas Rodenburg finished the vacuuming the entire house before I real-LECTORS: Ros Nuss, Wayne Stangl ized that it wasn't plugged in. EUCH MINISTERS: Toni Hansen, Jacque Liston, Lucile Gerjevic I understand being a responsible adult....but every • USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Mark Assman day? Every single day? That seems a little excessive. I just want to apologize to the people I called old at 40 . SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 11, 2025 when I was 18. ALTAR SERVERS: Connor, Elle, Addie McGrath Adult life may be difficult, but at least we don't have LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Noah Smith to do PE anymore. EUCH MINISTERS: Ray McGrath, Hunter Venteicher In England they drive on the left side of the road. In USHERS: Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger, Keith Wirtz, Jeff Veit lowa we drive on what's left of the road. SUNDAY, 10 AM May 11, 2025 Tomorrow is National Grey Haired Grumpy Old Wom-. ALTAR SERVERS: Carter Rossbund, Aiden Gaul, Leighton Finnegan an Day and I expect recognition. LECTORS: Tony Peterson, Mike Noon I grew up in the era where our parents interpreted EUCH MINISTERS: Laura Cornelius, Marian Brown, Sandy Fritzsche exhaling too hard as talking back. USHERS: Dave Bristol, Jill Clevenger, Zachary Clevenger, Margine Henry My favorite hobby is "Add To Cart." I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting sick of Los Livingroom. SUNDAY, NOON • May 11, 2025 ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Olson, Keegan McCaffery, Emma Thompson LECTORS: Casey Peters, Aubree Brandau I try to be a good person but them someone pulls out in front of me doing 10 miles below the speed limit EUCH MINISTERS: Abby Barnes and I have to try again tomorrow. USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Mikey Donovan Signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...If I HAD loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up for the class. Father's Thought for the Week Instead of cleaning the house, I just turn off the lights. "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER All of creation gives praise to Jesus Christ. How does my daily life give praise to Jesus Christ? Do I have prayer, some DATES TO REMEMBER acts of devotion, or practical service to my neighbor or to the Monday, May 5-Committee Meetings 6:30pm Church to offer Him? Saturday, May 10-Finance Committee Meeting

Tue

Fri

Sat

Sun

Monday, May 26-Memorial Day-Office closed

Memorial Day Mass at St Joseph Cemetery 9am

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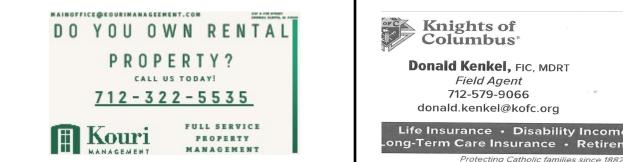
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