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May Crowning & First Communion

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
- ***Weekday Masses:** Monday and Friday No Mass
Tuesday thru Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary before Mass]
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Natalie Horner
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Sacristan:** Mike Linton
- ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri & Luke Lenz
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
- ***Women's Society:** Carol Dougherty, President



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
- ***Parking adjacent to church** is for parishioners and visitors all the time.
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

May Crowning, Mother Day & First Communion

Readings: Rom 12: 9-15 and Lk 10:38-42

Today's Gospel puts before us an exchange of blessings and praise between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. It is chosen for reading on this solemnity because it lights up the privileges of Mary, who is so closely connected with the glory of her risen Son.

"Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb". If the Virgin's child is blessed, how could she not be so herself? The foundation for all Mary's privileges is her divine maternity. Linked so closely to the redeeming incarnation of the Son of God, Mary can hardly not share also in his resurrection.

But her true greatness is to be found even more in her faith, which caused her *"to conceive first of all in her heart, before ever in her womb"* (St. Augustine). ***"Blessed is she who believed...."*** Indeed, she accepted the message given her by the angel Gabriel and, as well, all the consequences it implied. A vocation is always a discovery. The act of faith asked of Mary at Nazareth had to be renewed, filled out, constantly deepened, taken right to the very end: to the cross itself, where Jesus asked her to receive John as another son. Only then could Mary really sing the Magnificat which St. Luke puts on her lips on the day of the Visitation. Elizabeth praised Mary, Mary praises God: His condescension towards His lowly handmaid, His mercy which reaches from age to age for those most in need of salvation. In the last analysis, the explanation of the mystery of the Assumption is in that unique love of God for His own which make Him do such great things.

Mother Day: Wonderful Mother

--God made a wonderful mother, in her eyes He placed bright shining stars, in her cheeks fair roses you see; God made a wonderful mother, and He gave that dear mother to me. --Pat O'Reilly

--"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

--Abraham Lincoln

--"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." --Mark Twain

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend and following days, May 11-16: Mother Day Masses

Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for the repose their souls.

- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma and Elijah
- ✠ Julian H. McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Margaret Simonetti and Stella Ryncarz by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt, Vicky & Christine Gompers
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Frances Linton by her sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Deceased Mothers of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Cecilia John by her Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan & their Families
- ✠ Our mothers & grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Millie Reynolds by her Family

- ✠ Beloved mother Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine
- ✠ Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family
- ✠ Margaret Schlog by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Anna, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- ✠ Freda Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias (MN)
- ✠ Pearl Shutler (mother) & Clara Shutler (grandmother) by Janet D. Shutler
- ✠ Charlotte George (MN) by her Family
- ✠ Elizabeth Machel & Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris
- ✠ Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas, Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- ✠ Mary J. Shipley by daughter Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Rachel Nader Farrah by Emily Farrah Kawas (FL)
- ✠ Mary popovich & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Dolores Fahey & Betty Lou Petros and Minnie Leech by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Leona M. Albaugh by her son Denny Albaugh
- ✠ Our mothers, grandmothers & aunts by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- ✠ Ruth Shiben & Clara McFarland by John & Dee Shiben
- ✠ Georgette Joseph, Nancy Valles & Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Sadie Coury (mother) and Eva Moffat (sister) by Lucille Gibbons and Family
- ✠ Mary E. Daniel by her daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Michael DiFabrizio
- ✠ Blanh Board by Ingrid Hendrickson
- ✠ Jean Bentz, Rose Fadoul, Elaine Cybulski, Sharlet Purpura, Annette Tysk and Annette Aprea by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Mary Sebulski, Ann Demsko and Mary Demsko by Rosemary Cornish
- ✠ Selma Joseph, Teresa Ferrera and Betty Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
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Living Mother Day Masses (From Sat., May 11 till Thu. May 16)

- ✠ Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Joyce Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias (MN)
- ✠ All the Children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren of the George Family (MN) by Margaret George
- ✠ Diane Frenn by Dr. Adel, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Nikki Jo lenz by her parents Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ My daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, and nieces by Lucille Gibbons
- ✠ Mary Ward by her granddaughter Ingrid Hendrickson
- ✠ Susan Saseen by her children Jena, matthew and Luke
- ✠ Susie Fadoul, Bambi, Janet & Kasha Fadoul, Ruth Werner by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Anna Frances, Judy Baker and Josephine Brownfield by Rosemary Cornish
- ✠ Judy Wilson by her children: Buzz, Chris, Pete and Bailey
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Next Weekend, May 18-19: 5th week of Resurrection

Saturday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Nimnoom Ghaphery

- ✠ Marthanne Rinehart and Elaine Cybulski (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah

Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Simon & Bris Families (100th Anniversary of the Miraculous Picture) by Mike David
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish
- ✠ Walter & Lottie Elwartoski by their son Richard
- ✠ Intentions of PJ & Nikki Lenz (Wedding Anniversary) by Dalton Haas

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Luane & Tommi Hosting</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, May 26th. Following Mass in the Cedar Hall.</i>
Cedar Club Rummage Sale Drop-Offs	<i>Monday, May 27th thru Friday May 31st from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall.</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th.</i>

Flowers Sponsored in Honor of the Blessed Mother in May

Flowers for the May Queen & her Attendants in the May Procession sponsored: Carol Dougherty. Sandra DeMuth, Veronica Muschet, Rita Strawn & Thomasina Geimer

Flower arrangements placed in front of the Blessed Mother are:

- Sunday, May 12: Sandra DeMuth, Veronica Mushet & Nettie Seidler
- Sunday, May 19: Rita Strawn, Thomasina Geimer & Mary Lish
- Sunday, May 26: Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Many thanks to each of these dedicated women for their thoughtful flower donations

First Communion and May Procession (Sunday, May 12)

We have two candidates for First Communion: Isabella AlKhouri and Rosella DeMuth. Parents and grandparents, Please let us know what children will be participating in the May Procession on the second Sunday of May. The 2019 May Queen is Eden DeMuth. We need the number so we know how many flowers to order. --Carol

Mahrajan Updates (Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th)

--Mahrajan Sponsors

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Silver Level: \$250-\$499	
Bronze Level: \$100-\$249	--Myron & Cynthia Law (OH) (\$150.00)

	--Jan Thomas (OH) (\$200.00) --Joseph Baker (FL) (\$100.00)
Supporters of the Festival	--Anonymous, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt,

Please consider making a donation at one of these levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses (approx. \$25,000) and to insure its continuation for future generations. --Msgr. Bakhos

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

May 15:	Austin Musilli
May 16:	Jacqueline Petros
May 17:	Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
May 18:	Millet L. Fadoul
May 20:	John Fadoul
May 21:	Rachel Zinn, Ella George,
May 23:	Jim George Jr.,
May 27:	Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
May 30:	Josie Stees Fertig
May 31:	Bill Dougherty
June 1:	Billy Committee
June 2:	Debbie Sengewalt
June 5:	Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Mary Zaid Stees, Kenly George
June 7:	Jean Weisner
June 8:	Patty Olinski
June 9:	Ava DeMuth
June 11:	Allison Duffy

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Marge John, Lillian Siebieda, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Judi Blake and Donnie Sigler (cousins of Larry & Lillian Siebieda), Phil Geimer, Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,366.00	Sunday Collection
237.00	2 nd collection: Shrine
756.00	Bake Sale
22.00	Coffee hour
1,380.00	Mahrajan
995.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$4,786.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New?

Thank You

To the volunteer committee who faithfully do the monthly sweeping and dusting of the church. The workers include Rhonda Murad, Jay and Liz Murad with their children, Ryan and Ava, Nini Miller, Thomasina Geimer, Linda and Micky Duffy. Thank you all so much. I could not do it without you. Linda



Story

Can you imagine standing by your husband's side while fifteen hundred people attend an event in his honor to demonstrate their respect for him? "A true champion" is what many called my husband, Joe. When he was a starting fullback at North Dakota State University, his former coach said he always did his job and did whatever he needed to do to win. Later, as a head football coach and social studies teacher, Joe inspired kids to do the same.

After Joe successfully taught and coached at Devil's Lake High School for several years, the people of Devil's Lake named their football field after him. At the dedication of Joe Roller Field, people from his past and present, some traveling great distances, came to tell Joe about the impact he had on their lives. It could have been a scene out of a melodramatic movie. But this was not a fictional movie; it was real. And Joe's life now was not so wonderful; he was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease—technically known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Joe came home one cold evening after helping a friend erect a grain bin. He had been unable to grip a hammer. As a physical therapist, I knew it could be serious. After eliminating several neurological conditions, his doctor determined it was ALS. We were devastated. We knew it was incurable and ultimately fatal. Although the neurologist gave us a glimmer of hope when he said it was possible the symptoms could stop with the right arm and never progress, within weeks the symptoms spread. Joe was given three to five years to live. We told our two children, Matthew, eleven and Rebecca, nine, right away.

Everyone cried and then we did the only thing we could; carry on with our lives.

It was 1986 and we had been married for thirteen happy years. Now, suddenly our lives had a stop watch over them—each precious moment ticking away. More than anything, I wanted to keep joy in our home. Partly because of this goal but mostly because of Joe's resiliency, the joy was there, despite our fear and Joe's gradual loss of physical function. Joe taught high school for another three years before his increasing physical disability made it impossible.

For advocates of euthanasia or assisted suicide, that might have been the point at which they would opt to check out of this world. End it before the person loses his dignity, right? Wrong. Joe lived a full eight years after his diagnosis—and full they were, not just for him but for those around him.

Our Matthew, a 6-foot-1, 188-pound senior football star, often ran home to feed his dad and take him to the bathroom. If Rebecca or Matthew needed a lecture on behavior, it may have taken their Dad half an hour to deliver it due to his difficulty speaking, but they patiently listened and showed respect. In a newspaper article written about the beauty of Matthew's relationship with his father, Matthew was quoted as saying: "It's just respect... it's not that difficult." He said the time spent caring for his dad was minimal compared to the time they spent talking.

Joe's physical abilities proceeded to fade, but his presence grew larger. We took him everywhere with us: Mass on Sunday, basketball and football games, and community gatherings. Hundreds of people interacted with him and our family through his declining years. People showed their love and compassion in so many ways.

Sometimes people who wished to remain anonymous sent money and cards. It was through this ordeal that I came to truly understand that a person's suffering and disability are things from which we can all grow.

Reaching out in love and charity, when multiplied by hundreds of people, results in a better society where people love and care for one another. If Joe had skipped those years, hundreds of people would have missed the opportunity to give and to admire Joe's fortitude and the fact that he could still smile.

Matthew, now married and the father of one, is doing his residency in neurology. To help with expenses during medical school, he worked with a quadriplegic. This speaks volumes about the person he has become. Rebecca is close to becoming a dentist. She too played an essential part in keeping our family whole and working, right up until the end. It was a lot for two teenagers to process, but they ultimately grew through the experience.

Two days before he died, Joe told me how to fix the TV remote control. The day before he died I was busy with my usual Saturday routine when I happened to catch Joe's beautiful blue eyes looking at me with total love and peace. That look was burned into my memory and sustained me through my grief. On Palm Sunday, Joe began

struggling for air. I called an ambulance. Although I had spent eight years knowing that moment would come, I was not ready for it.

I still miss Joe, but I am thankful I did not miss a minute of those last eight years. A few months after his death, I was troubled by occasional shortness of breath. "Is there something wrong with my lungs?" I wondered one night in bed, unable to sleep. My leg inadvertently hit the TV remote control—the one Joe helped me fix just before he died. An infomercial came on explaining the most common symptom of anxiety—shortness of breath. "Of course," I thought. "That's what I'm experiencing." I thanked Joe for the explanation. I had not just taken care of Joe, he had also cared for me right up until the end. I believe he still does.

A Time to Laugh (409)

Air-conditioned

"Our church should be air conditioned," snapped Mrs. Smith. "It is unhealthy for people to sleep in a stuffy room."

Agnostic

An agnostic is a learned man who doesn't pretend to know what ignorant men are sure of.

Agnostic: Christians should stop building such large and fancy buildings and give the money to the poor.

Christian: I've heard that remark before.

Agnostic: By whom, may I ask?

Christian: Judas Iscariot.

Amen

We've been letting our six-year-old go to sleep listening to the radio, and I'm beginning to wonder if it's a good idea. Last night he said his prayers and wound up with: "And God bless Mommy and Daddy and Sister. Amen—and FM!"

The sermon went on and on and on, and the church got warmer and warmer. At last the minister paused and asked, "What more, my friends, can I say?"

In the back of the church a voice offered earnestly: "Amen!"

Mack: Why do you say "Amen" in a church instead of "Awomen"?

Tack: Because you sing hymns, not hers.

The new Army recruit was given guard duty at 2 A.M. He did his best for a while, but at about 4 A.M. he went to sleep. He awakened to find the officer of the day standing before him.

Remembering the heavy penalty for being asleep on guard duty, this smart young man kept his head bowed for another moment and looked upward and reverently said, "A-a-a-men!"

All in one day work

Maybe it's the tight quarters, or maybe it's the cabin air, but flight crews never seem to tire of jousting with one another. Recently, as the plane I was on was about to land, the pilot came over the intercom with one last barb aimed at his crew. "We are on our final descent," he announced. "Would flight attendants please prepare their hair for arrival."