

DATE: MAY 1, 2005
THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: May 2, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM Sara Yarborough
 TUES, 8:00 AM Patty Mercille
 WED, 8:00 AM Virginia Garrett
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Leonard Bone
 SAT, 5:30 PM Dorothy Bust Price
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM James & Betty Mercille

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 MAY 7TH & 8TH**



SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
C. Phyllis Vance	Don Thompson	Cheryl Gibson
L. G. Lalumondiere	Mahlon McNabb	Charlie Schloemer
R. Nadine Morgan	Sharon Forrester	Phyllis Partney

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
Paul Villmer	Jamie Thompson	Charlie Schloemer



SAT 5:30-Chala Short
SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards
SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



SAT 5:30-Andrew Neier & Michael Neier
SUN 8:00-Josh Mathis & Jake Mathis
SUN 10:00-Todd Thebeau & Cole Politte



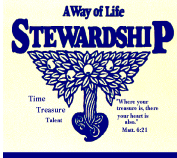
DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY: Aaron East
SUNDAY: Lindell Coleman



GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. David Johnson
 8:00 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Huck
 10:00 The Marilyn Jackson Family

HEAVENLY DUSTERS
Phyllis Vance

ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN
1st Sunday of Every Month
SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



ENVELOPES\$2,566.00
LOOSE.....\$145.00
CHILDREN(2) ... \$3.00
VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$31.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$83.50

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 April 24, 2005**

NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
RECEIVED: \$2,711.00

P The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.
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**ST. JAMES CHURCH
 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
 APRIL 30, 2005**

Maryanne Allen
Andrew Bequette
Hope Brawley
Jeffrey Hochstatter
Olivia Jarvis
Christopher Mathis
Shelby Snyder
Hagan Zinecker

Congratulations to all.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank everyone who helped with this year's Bingo, the workers, the players and especially the callers. Again Thank You. We had 102 players

CHICKEN & BEEF DINNERS
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST
 Serving From 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
 At the K. C. Hall in Old Mines.

READINGS:

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28
NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Pt 3:15).

Christ is our reason for hope, and we are witnesses to that hope by our words and our actions. The Annual Catholic Appeal is the way the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of St. Louis reaches out to share our hope with others.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (formerly the Archdiocesan Development Appeal) is an appeal to make a sacrifice, to offer a gift that will provide hope for others. When you make a pledge you give witness to our unity and our solidarity in Jesus Christ and his message. Through your gift you *serve others* – the homeless, those without work, the sick, the elderly the handicapped.

You have shown your willingness to share your spiritual gifts and material goods for the service of others. If you are still considering a pledge, please remember that each and every gift matters and your generosity produces results. Every school, program, apostolate and ministry that receives funds from the Appeal is evaluated to determine its need. This ensures that quality programs are in place before the funding is provided. Also, the use of all funds are designated in advance of the Appeal.

Please go over to the Parish Hall and make a pledge today!

NCNWR

Are you looking for a prayer for the **National Day of Prayer** on May 5, 2005? The National Communications Network for Women Religious (NCNWR) has Faith, Hope, Action, and Love Prayer cards available for \$1 per set of 4 or \$5 for 10 sets. If you are interested please send a check, the number you wish to purchase, and your return address to: National Day of Prayer Cards, Patsy Byrne, Loretto Staff Office, 590 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119-3279, 314-962-8112. Please make your checks payable to **NCNWR**. Thank you.

Catholic Charities800-652-8056

GOOD NEWS John Craghan, Th.,S.S.L.
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
 Christianity is more than Sunday Mass and an envelope for the collection basket. The follower of Jesus is present to the world in many ways other than just on Sunday morning. Today's readings broaden our vision about Christian presence.

In Acts, Luke speaks of Christianity's spread from the confines of Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria. The Samaritans accepted the first five books of the Old Testament and believed in a messiah, but they were nonetheless regarded as non-Jews. Luke has Philip proclaim the Messiah and perform miracles for these outsiders. Since missionary expansion must be rooted in the mother church of Jerusalem, Peter and John incorporate the Samaritans into that community by conferring the Spirit. For Luke, such missionary activity is a dramatic example of Christian presence.

The author of First Peter takes up the issue of persecution. Christians may at times have to suffer for the presence they seek to establish. If suffering is the price, then the persecutors will be ashamed because the good deeds of Jesus' followers are so clear. Gentleness and respect, not brute force, are the Christian response. Jesus is the ultimate example of the just suffering for the unjust; his death means for us a new relationship with God.

John brings up the logical question: What is our relationship with Jesus once he has returned to the Father? The answer is equally logical: Keeping Jesus' commands binds the believer to him. The Spirit also sustains Christ's presence; the Paraclete is not only with but also within the disciple. The believer must release the Spirit so that consolation, teaching, and witnessing will occur.

All of us are missionaries. Each day we meet those who need to hear good news about themselves and their basic human dignity. When we bring consolation, teaching, and direction then we are releasers of the Spirit. The exercise of our God-given gifts and talents creates an infinite variety of Christian presence around the world.

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