

Holy Cross Catholic Church



*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

John 15:4a, 5b

*Remain in me as I remain in you,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear
much fruit.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Apr 29

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6:30pm- Liturgical Coord. Mtg

Tue Apr 30

9am- Mass

Wed May 1

9am- Mass
7pm- Confirmation Mass

Thu May 2

9am- Mass

Fri May 3

9am- Mass
6pm- Youth Night

Sat May 4

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass

Sun May 5

8am- Mass
9am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call/email office to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Sun 8am Mass is offered for People of the Parish.

4/27-5pm ROS: Felipa Oma

*4/28-11am ROS: Bronistan, Maria, Josef, and Sofia
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Vocations Cross

Sign up to pray with the vocations cross outside the sanctuary.

San Miguel Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48: *The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.*

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

John 4:7-10: *God is love.*

John 15:9-17: *No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Reflections

Jesus says in the Gospel that we can ask for whatever we want and have it done for us, but that is not usually our experience with prayer. God's answer to prayer can seem cryptic and often unfolds over time. God refuses all our attempts to make God into a vending machine that dispenses all our desires. God rather wills our good always, using our vocations and commitments to draw us ever close to holiness.

Remain in . . . which Christ?

"Remain in me" is a gospel imperative calling us to an intimacy in Christ that must be the foundation of our identity and our lives. The first letter of John tells us that we remain in him when we fulfill the commandment to love by living in his Spirit. What does it mean to "remain in Christ"?

First we have to ask, which Christ? The gospels portray various facets of Jesus as the Christ. The meaning of remaining "in Christ" takes shape based on the Scripture that is revealing Christ to us.

Take John's gospel, for example. The first sign of Jesus witnessing to the presence of God's love at work in him is at a party—the wedding feast at Cana. Collaborating with his mother, Jesus brings people together for a good time, foreshadowing the reign of God's love. A life that resonates with this Christ today is a hospitable presence in a world desperate for communion.

Fast forward to the account of the woman caught in adultery. In this story of misery meeting mercy, a woman is about to be stoned. Rather than expressing scorn or condemnation, Jesus offers only words of love and mercy. In our human judgmental world, sin sticks. We keep our stones close at hand. But to remain "in Christ" is to be a nonjudgmental presence with no stones at hand to cast.

If we are not pruned to bear the fruit of love as commanded, for example, being a hospitable, nonjudgmental presence, then we may well be dying on the vine.

Fr. Richard M. Gula

Richard M. Gula, PSS, taught in seminaries and ministry formation programs for many years and then served as director of personnel for the U.S. Province of the Sulpicians.

Parish Ministries Service Groups

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
 Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
 Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
 Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
 Faith Formation- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363
 Church Maint/Snow Removal- Mike Likar: 529-9015
 Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580
 Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197
 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
 Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
 Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
 Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892
 Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
 Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
 Liturgical Ministries Coord.- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
 Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
 Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
 OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
 Youth- Jerica Manaois and Luke Broek: 306-9363
 Young Adult and Adult- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363

April is... Child Abuse Prevention Month



One of the many ways you can show your participation:

- Wear blue with your friends/family
- Take picture
- Post on social media



Ministry Schedule for next week (Apr 27/28)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Fleur Bases	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Alison Walsh Diedre Williams	Brenda & Brent Lannen	Salao Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe & Rose Webb	Eilisa Maes Maureen Retzel	Diane Hlasny Mike Likar	Kentch Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Amabel Richtarcsik	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Michelangelo Canale Joslyn Childs	Julia Morrison-Lugo Alvira Taylor	Cindy Tutaan Tristan & Eleanor Suralta

GIVEN FOR YOU

A FAMILY EUCHARISTIC MISSION



SHRINE OF ST. THÉRÈSE
JUNEAU, ALASKA
JUNE 10 -13, 2024

ALL are invited to gather for a diocesan celebration of the Eucharist in our midst. This event will include activities and talks for all ages, community meals, and opportunities for mass, confession, and adoration.

Please join us!

Featured Guest Speakers



Fr. Luke Doyle currently serves the Archdiocese of Kansas City, and has been named a National Eucharistic Preacher charged with "enkindling the flame of eucharistic faith and devotion."



Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes is the Vocation Director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. It is her joy to share the fullness of life and the merciful love of Christ with others and to help them to find the same in God's incredible plan for their lives.

Registration is free and open to all!

To register:

Scan code below

- or -

Look for registration link from Flocknote

- or -

Turn in paper registration to the Church office



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This event is a collaboration between St. Paul the Apostle, the Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Shrine of St. Therese



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**



SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION
MASS
WED, 5/1/24
7:00PM



FIRST
COMMUNION
MASS
SUN, 5/12/24
11AM

Graduate Mass



Sat May 11, 5pm Mass

We would like to celebrate Mass in honor of our graduates.

Graduates

- Contact Jerica no later than **Thur, May 2nd** so that your name can be placed in the church bulletin and on a cake.
- Sat. May 11, 2024 4:30pm Gather in library.
- Wear cap and gown.

* Reception following: Serving Cake and Punch *

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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LOVE EACH OTHER
 HOLY SPIRIT
 TRUE VINE
 HOLY BAPTISM
 DAMASCUS
 BRANCHES
 BARNABAS
 TARSUS
 BEAR MUCH FRUIT
 CONFIDENCE
 SAUL
 DEED AND TRUTH
 THE WORD

On the Way Home from Mass

We have already listened to his voice and come to Him. Now he asks us to remain, to stay with Him.

How do we do so?



Faith Formation Classes

May 5: LAST CLASS!

Grades 7-12 in Family Session

Preschool-6th in Classroom



Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more by contacting Deacon Sandon.



We're Growing!

New Teacher Positions Available.

Instill knowledge, strengthen character, and nurture the Spirit through key teaching positions at **Lumen Christi Catholic High School**.

Seeking highly qualified applicants to fill full-time ELA/Social Studies and Math/ Science teaching positions in junior high and high school. for the 2024-2025 school year.

Grades 7-12. School year August 8th - May 22.

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Please send resume and cover letter to Brian Ross at bross@lumenchristiak.com.



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TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ 7,894

Weekly Tithing Period: 04/15-21/2024

Income Sources

Weekly Collections: \$ 2,984

Holy Day/Holiday Collections:

Online Giving: \$ 3,822

Total: \$ 6,806

Over /(Under) Goal: \$ (1,088)

Actual vs. Goal (%): 86.2%

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