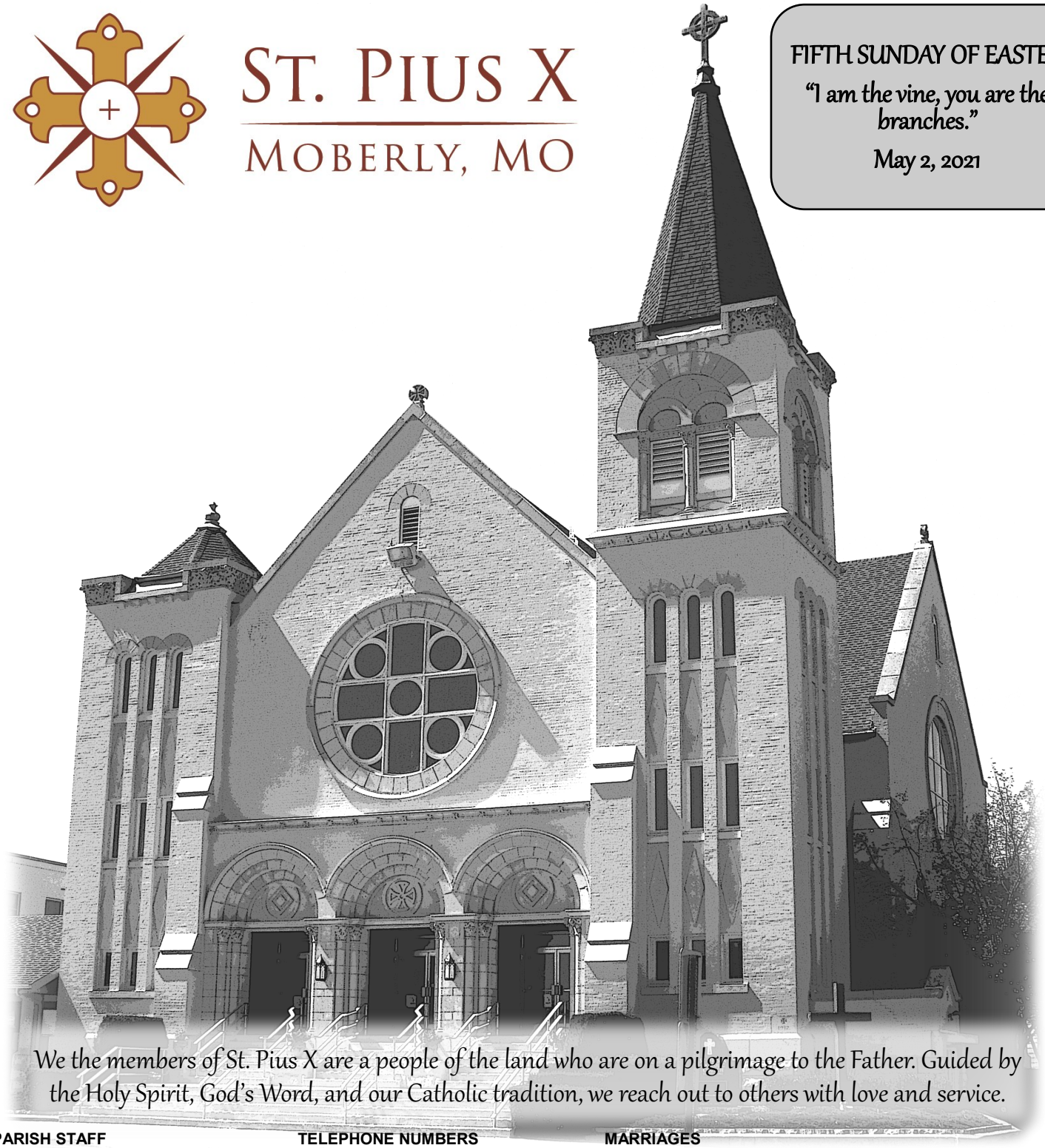
ST. PIUS X
MOBERLY, MO

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May 2, 2021



We the members of St. Pius X are a people of the land who are on a pilgrimage to the Father. Guided by the Holy Spirit, God's Word, and our Catholic tradition, we reach out to others with love and service.

PARISH STAFF

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OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-Noon, 1pm-4pm
Shop the Gift Shop by appointment anytime by calling the office.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office..... 263-5243
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15pm
Sunday ..... 8am & 11am

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday ..... 7:30am & 10:30am
Anytime by appointment.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS TUESDAY AT NOON

MARRIAGES

Contact the pastor six months in advance.

BAPTISMS

Parents should contact the Parish Office for instructions.

BECOMING CATHOLIC / RCIA

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, contact Samantha Rowland.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

September-May 9:30am-10:45am
At the school. Call Samantha Rowland for information.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing care facility.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please call or visit the Parish Office during regular office hours.

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF 5/3/21

Tues	5:30pm	†Bertha Taylor
Wed	8:00am	†Eugene & Isabelle Koenig
Thurs	8:00am	†John Farmer, Jr.
Fri	8:00am	†Barbara Sellmeyer
Sat	5:15pm	†Jim Wideman
Sun	8:00am	†Peggy Orscheln
Sun	11:00am	People of the Parish

We are now streaming live on Facebook for All Daily and Weekend Masses!

MARTHAS

May 8

Suzanne O'Donnell	660-676-9507
Catherine Palmatory	660-263-9819

May 15

Ann Phelps	636-734-7802
Vicki Ritter	660-263-7118

The first person on the list calls other to set up a time to clean, and pick up the key at the Parish Office. If you are unable to be there, please find your own sub.

Easter Flower Memorials

Please remember the Edward Schumann Family and the Roth Family in your prayers who were accidently left off the list.

Thank you again to all those who donated to this fund in memory of their loved ones!

WEEK OF 5/3/21

Wed	6:00 pm	RCIA, Undercroft
Sat	10:00am	Stitch, Pray, Love

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction, and hearts filled with hate.

Ben Watkins
Luke Armentrout
Parke Stevens
Rick Coffman
Samuel Peterson
Rico Hernandez
Alaina Armentrout
Michael Willard
Natalie Covington
Joshua Mosbach
Joshua Howard

Please join our parish in praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the weekend Masses in May.

On this Mother's Day, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, may she gather her children from every land into her Immaculate Heart and grant fullness of life to young and old, teaching us to cherish and nurture the gift of life from conception to natural death.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father of Love, hear our prayer for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid their suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as You cure illness and make broken bodies whole. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believe. Amen.

Addi Sullivan
Anita Depper
Aunt Noma
Betty Myers
Bill Riffel
Bob Boots
Brooks Burton
Carolyn Vogler
Charles Schumann
Connor Buxton
Curtis Weinhaus
David Long
Dorothy Cater
Evie Keene
Elaine Wiesner
Elizabeth Harbal
Evelyn Whitaker
H. Gayle Wolf
Harley Mattox
Jason Tindle
John Bohon
Joyce Hunter
Kenny Creed
Ken Kellogg
Kristy Ellison
Lawrence Schneider
Leanne Richards
Libby Schumann
Loraine Kirkendoll
Marvin Vogler
Mary Cadmus
Pat Bush
Pete Freeman
Pete Schumann
Ralph Hunter
Rebecca Goff
Sam Tawney
Sr. Katherine Westhues
Stephanie Henline
Stephen Rowland
Steven Rowe
Tina Johnson
Tom Frost
Trudy Trulove
Valerie Foos
Vernon Sanner
Wenceslaus Jira
Wilma Weimer
Willy Wryick
Zara Lear
Zeke Price

Keep these and all of St. Pius X family members and friends in your prayers. **Call the Parish Office with updates.**

KNIGHT'S KORNER

May 11 - 7:00PM Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall

May 25 - 7:00PM Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall

Stop Abortions • Pray the Rosary
Support & Join the Knights

Stewardship News

Weekly Goal
$20,781.02
Monthly Goal
$83,124.08
Quarterly Goal
$249,372.24
Collection this week
$15,960.00
Under Goal
$4,821.02

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FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK
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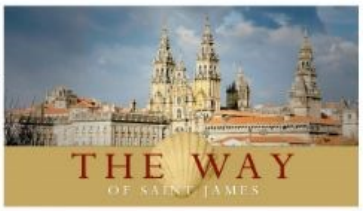
WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES
This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



LEARN

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART
The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

LISTEN

REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON
Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.

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May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches ... without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible in many parts of the United States, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy! Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship.

PRAY Consider spending an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.

A minute with C. S. Lewis…

IT IS SIMPLY NO GOOD TRYING TO KEEP ANY THRILL: THAT IS THE VERY WORST THING YOU CAN DO. LET THE THRILL GO—-LET IT DIE AWAY—-GO ON THROUGH THAT PERIOD OF DEATH INTO THE QUIETER INTEREST AND HAPPINESS THAT FOLLOW—-AND YOU WIL FIND YOU ARE LIVING IN A WORLD OF NEW THRILLS ALL THE TIME. BUT IF YOU DECIDE TO MAKE THRILLS YOUR REGULAR DIET AND TRY TO PROLONG THEM ARTIFICIALLY, THEY WILL ALL GET WEAKER AND WEAKER, AND FEWER AND FEWER, AND YOU WILL BE A BORED, DISILLUSIONED OLD MAN FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. IT IS BECAUSE SO FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS THAT YOU FIND MANY MIDDLE-AGED MEN AND WOMEN MAUNDERING ABOUT THEIR LOST YOUTH, AT THE VERY AGE WHEN NEW HORIZONS OUGHT TO BE APPEARING AND NEW DOORS OPENING ALL ROUND THEM. IT IS MUCH BETTER FUN TO LEARN TO SWIM THAN TO GO ON ENDLESSLY (AND HOPELESSLY) TRYING TO GET BACK THE FEELING YOU HAD WHEN YOU FIRST WENT PADDLING AS A SMALL BOY.

~Mere Christianity

We want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who reached out with calls, texts, food, flowers, memorial contributions, Mass intentions and so many other unmentioned acts of kindness upon the brief illness and passing of Clara Heath. We love our St. Pius X faith community, and felt the love and support from each of you.

Thank you and God Bless,

Arthur Heath and Family

May 8 - St. Louis - Mercy and Healing for Hurting Women: Project Rachel Day of Reflection from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Encourage those wounded by abortion to accept this opportunity for healing by contacting 314.277.5057 or stlprojectrachel@archstl.org.

Remember we need your help in keeping things going and the bills paid in our parish. Even though we have started having Masses again, we are still doing the on-line masses each weekend so that we can all attend Mass. We are all in this together and we need your help. You can submit your donations on-line, mail it to the Parish office, or just drop it by the office. As always—thank you for your generosity in keeping our Parish strong! Use this link to donate: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4749

SCHOOL

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Live Your Faith

May 4: Track Meet @ Paris 3:00 PM
May 5: Vocation Day - 6th & 7th grade (virtual event)
May 7: All School BBQ - Out of apparel
May 14: 8th Grade Last Day
May 19: 8th Grade Graduation
May 21: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! EARLY OUT 11:30 NO LUNCH - NO AFTERCARE

ALL SCHOOL BBQ: We will be celebrating a RECORD BREAKING year for the St. Jude Math-A-Thon with an all school BBQ and out of apparel on MAY 7TH!!! AWESOME JOB!!!

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE: To order visit: www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter this code: 54052K. Full-Color Yearbook - $18. Yearbook sales will end May 22!!!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: Wednesday, May 5th, 4:30 - 6:30.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION: Graduation will be held Wednesday, May 19th, at 5:30 PM in the church. Chuck DeWeese will be taking pictures before Mass. More details will follow.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Help Us Remain

Father,
you are the vine grower, who cultivates
the true vine,
nourishing it and pruning it
and keeping it in good health.
You graft us onto the vine
on the day of our baptism,
and you sustain us.

Help us to keep the commandment to remain
in your love.
Bring about much fruit in us.
And united by the divine love we receive,
bring us more deeply into relationship with
you and one another.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 2, 2021

Bearing Fruit

Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. "Remain in me as I remain in you." These words from the Gospel relay that the same life that flows through the vine is also in the branches.

Through the sacraments we receive the gift of God's own life. The image of the branches, sustained by the life of the vine, enables us to meditate more deeply on what that life means. Nourished by grace, we bear fruit. The healthier the vine, the more fruit it will bear. Yet none of us is in isolation. Each of us is intimately close to Jesus and to one another. What happens to one affects all.

When we build up the vine, the Body of Christ, we are doing what Jesus has asked: we are remaining in his love. The key question is how to do so.

When one part of the vine is suffering, all parts suffer. When one person among us is without food or medical care or companionship, all are affected. When one person rejects participation in the life of the vine, the vine itself is lacking. When we love, we create space for the other person to grow. When we love self-sacrificially, as Jesus does, we are like the grain of wheat that dies to itself so as to bear fruit.

Meditate on the image of the vine and the branches. Consider what it means to be so closely connected to one another as a vine is to its branches. Does that change your image of your relationship with Christ and other members of the Body of Christ? Perhaps you might choose to copy the Scripture or to draw the vine. This may help you consider what it might mean for your life to bear fruit.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 3
Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Sts. Philip and James were apostles, and in their example we see what it means to follow Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus' response to Philip's statements help us come to a greater understanding of our discipleship. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and commissioned them to go out to spread the Good News. How can your life, like theirs, be a witness to the Gospel? *Today's readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*

Tuesday, May 4
A Path of Love

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." These words of Jesus seem particularly relevant to our world, where there appear to be dangers everywhere. When decisions are based on fear rather than love, we often find ourselves led to places we do not want to go. Jesus' life was guided by love. He instructs us that this is the map for us as well. *Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 5
There with Us

Consider the words of Jesus: "ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." Does this mean that we will always get our heart's desire? In Psalm 23, we hear that, because the Lord is our shepherd, there is nothing that we lack. Do you have everything you need? Be assured, God will be there whenever a person turns to him in their trouble. How can you accompany others in their time of trouble, as Jesus accompanies us? *Today's readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

Thursday, May 6
Remain in My Love

Jesus invites us into relationship. He invites us to remain in his love, and he tells us how: keep his commandments. By doing this, he says, "your joy will be complete." Joy is different than happiness. Joy endures while happiness is fleeting. Our joy will be complete when we choose the way of love. *Today's readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

Friday, May 7
Love One Another

How can we love as Jesus loves? Jesus tells us what we must do: lay down our lives. Do you think he means this literally? Some might be called to martyrdom, but many will not be. Jesus tells us that self-sacrifice is at the heart of what it means to love. When we turn away from selfishness and self-centeredness, even in small ways, when we act with mercy and forgiveness, we are loving as Jesus loves. *Today's readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 8
Challenging the World's Values

Jesus predicts that his way of love will challenge those who place first the things the world values. Christianity is countercultural. How can you help others to make decisions based on love, not fear? Supporting women in crises pregnancies is a way for love to cast out fear. Standing up for the rights of immigrants also rejects fear because it says that the goods of creation are intended for all. We do not have to worry that there will not be enough. We do not need to be afraid of people different from us. *Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

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