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MASS SCHEDULE
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday at 12:00 Noon
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass 7 p.m. (night before)
 Holy Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 First Friday - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Wednesdays - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

May 11, 2025

Dear Friends,

A young boy came up to his mother in the kitchen one evening while she was fixing supper, and handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on. His Mom dried her hands on an apron and read the note. This is what it said:

- For cutting the grass: \$5.00
 - For cleaning up my room this week: \$1.00
 - For going to the store for you: \$.50
 - Baby-sitting my kid brother while you went shopping: \$.25
 - Taking out the garbage: \$1.00
 - For getting a good report card: \$5.00
 - For cleaning up and raking the yard: \$2.00
- Total owed: \$14.75

Well, his mother looked at him standing there, and the boy could see the memories flashing through her mind. She picked up the pen, turned over the paper he'd written on, and this is what she wrote:

- For the nine months I carried you while you were growing inside me: **NO CHARGE!**
- For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you: **NO CHARGE!**
- For all the trying times and all the tears that you've caused through the years: **NO CHARGE!**
- For all the nights that were filled with dread, and for the worries I knew were ahead: **NO CHARGE!**
- For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose: **NO CHARGE!** Son, when you add it up, the cost of my love is: **NO CHARGE!**

When the boy finished reading what his mother had written, there were big tears in his eyes, and he looked straight at his mother and said, "Mom, I sure do love you." And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote, "**PAID IF FULL!**"

This mother's list is not a grocery list, or just a list of well intentioned activities, the list describes much more. The list gives a brief

CONFESSIONS
 Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
 First Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

OMPH Devotions
 Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

**WELCOME
to St. Mary**



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Parish is a Christ-centered home for growing in holiness, living a sacramental life, and following Jesus by serving one another and the community.

INFANT BAPTISM
 Preparation class 3rd Sunday every other month - 9:00 a.m. - Call office
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 6 month notice for marriage prep. Please call office for appointment.
SACRAMENT of the SICK
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP
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glimpse into many years of selfless love.

The mother made it clear to her son that all things she did, she did for one reason alone, *for love* - she did it all *for free*.

Mothers' Day helps us put things into perspective. We know how much a person truly loves another by how much it *costs them*.

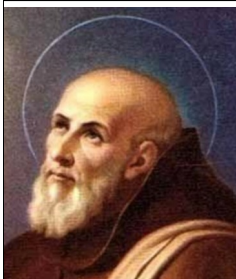
For the mother in this story and for so many mothers, being responsible for the life of another human being requires a life of sacrifice and selflessness.

As we honor our Mother this Sunday, we need to remember Mary, our spiritual Mother. Mary is an example to all of us of her willingness to do God's will despite the suffering and sacrifices she endured. We thank Mary our Mother for giving us an example of selfless love by her saying, "Yes," and for the witness of her silent suffering as her innocent Son was beaten and crucified for our salvation.

Thank you, Jesus, for your act of perfect selfless love on the cross - **PAID IN FULL!**

Happy Mother's Day!
Fr. John

Saint of the Week St. Ignatius of Laconi May 11th



Vincenzo Peis was born on December 10, 1701 in Laconi, Kingdom of Sardinia, the second of seven children of poor peasants Mattia Peis Cadello and Anna Maria Sanna Casu. He was baptized as Francesco Ignazio Vincenzo since he was born of a difficult pregnancy during which his mother invoked the intercession of Francis of Assisi. He worked in the fields to help support his parents. At the age of 17, he suffered a serious illness that made him vow that he would consecrate himself to God and join the Capuchins. Following his recovery from the illness, he did not fulfill his vow. Two years later his life was in danger a second time when the horse he was riding panicked. He called upon the assistance of St. Francis of Assisi and renewed the vow he had made during his illness. After some resistance by the Cagliari Convent due to his health, he finally entered the novitiate on November 10, 1721 and made his profession on November 10, 1722. From then until 1737 he worked at the house's weaving shed and from 1737 onwards he was an alms beggar. Peis spent his time in a number of different occupations and was later appointed as the quester of alms due to his humble and modest conduct. He had good relations with the people in Cagliari who realized that although he was begging alms, he was also giving back to them in a spiritual manner. He would also instruct the children and the uneducated that he came across, and went out to comfort the sick and urge sinners to be converted and to perform penance. He was known for his strict and total obedience to his superiors, even when it required the denial of his own will. Despite poor health and infirmities he continued his work, however arduous. Even after becoming blind in 1779, he continued to work for the benefit of those around him. He died on May 11, 1781 in Cagliari, where his remains were interred. The Positio dossier compiled during the canonization process noted there were 121 miracles attributed to him during his life with an additional 86 reported after his death. He was canonized on October 21, 1951.

COLLECTION May 4, 2025

Envelopes	\$3,254.71
Loose	\$ 522.00
Children	\$ 28.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
On-Line 4/28 - 5/4	\$ 900.00
TOTALS:	\$4,804.71
Other Offertory	\$5,040.00
TOTAL:	\$9,844.71



Sunday & On-line 71 = 41%

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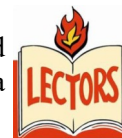
May Crowning

Sunday
May 11, 2025

following
10:30 a.m. Mass

ATTENTION: WEEKDAY MASS ATTENDEES

If any weekday Mass attendees are interested in reading at the Masses, please notify Edna Conkling at 419-234-4120.



ASCENSION

**THE
ROSARY
IN A YEAR**

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR



Attention: Choir Members Past and Present

There will be choir practice on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. We will be rehearsing songs for Rev. Travis Kahle's first Holy Mass on Sunday, May 25, at 12:00 p.m.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 17 & 18, 2025

Money Counters: Jim Yarger & Sue Knerr

Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

M/H: Jon Davis & Colton Davis
 Reader: Ashley Davis
 E/M: Kevin Vance, Ashley Davis,
 Diana Bucher
 Servers: Davis Family

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

M/H: Mike Schulte & Gavin Schulte
 Reader: June Miller
 E/M: Jerry Wehri, Cathy Hermiller,
 John Schulte
 Servers: Ethan Hoffman & Kaufman Family

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

M/H: Greg Denecker & Gabe Denecker
 Reader: Amy Tabler
 E/M: Wes Lovett, Joe Braidic,
 Michelle Risner
 Servers: Hohenbrink Family

Readings May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27
 Responsorial: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
 Gospel: John 13:34



Habemus Papam!! **Pope Leo XIV**

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Homily

In a particular way, God has called me by your election to succeed the Prince of the Apostles, and has entrusted this treasure to me so that, with his help, I may be its faithful administrator (cf. 1 Cor 4:2) for the sake of the entire mystical Body of the Church. He has done so in order that she may be ever more fully a city set on a hill (cf. Rev 21:10), an ark of salvation sailing through the waters of history and a beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world. And this, not so much through the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings - like the monuments among which we find ourselves - but rather through the holiness of her members. For we are the people whom God has chosen as his own, so that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light (cf. 1 Pet 2:9).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 10 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

3:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. Mass for intention of Jim Kinn †

Sunday, May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for intention of St. Mary Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Mass
 11:30 a.m. Mass Crowning

Monday, May 12 - Feast of Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St.

Pancras
 NO MASS

Tuesday, May 13 - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 a.m. Mass for intention of Terry Batey †

Wednesday, May 14 - Feast of St. Matthias

9:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. OLPH & Holy Hour, Confessions

Thursday, May 15 - Feast of St. Isadore, the Farmer

12:00 noon Mass

Friday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 17 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

3:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. Mass for intention of Carol & Jerry Musser †

Sunday, May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for intention of St. Mary Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Baptism Class
 10:30 a.m. Mass for intention of Gene Badertscher †

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION
 CELEBRATING THE ORDINATION OF

Reverend Travis J. Kahle

May 24, 2025

Cocktail hour begins at 5 pm, Dinner will be served at 6 pm

Located at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish
 (In the school gymnasium located behind the church)
 750 Bright Rd, Findlay, Ohio 45840

Although not required, please RSVP to help us estimate the number of guests.
 Use the QR code or text Lois 419-615-3408



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CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you are unable to accommodate the photography schedule but would still like to have your photo in the Church Directory, you are welcome to call the office for an alternate date scheduled for June 18th. If you would prefer to schedule on-line, you may scan the QR Code shown in the upper right corner of the advertisement or by going to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login," enter **oh2768** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

Catechesis Corner

Let's see the answer to the question from last week, "Where did the Rosary come from?" According to Joanne Turpin's book *The Healing Mysteries: A Rosary for the Sick*:

Pious tradition has it that the mother of Jesus, Mary herself, gave the Rosary to Saint Dominic Guzman and told him to preach this prayer. More likely, the Rosary developed out of the 12th century chaplets of Pater's or Ave's recited by the Catholics of that time.

These chaplets were a kind of poor person's Breviary made up of 150 Our Fathers (Pater Noster's) or Hail Marys (Ave's) corresponding to the 150 psalms of the Psalter. They were sometimes divided into sets of three 50's and counted on strings of beads called "paternosters." Each of the prayers was associated with a mystery in the lives of Jesus and Mary pronounced and meditated on at each bead or prayer of the chaplet. In time the "psalters" of Our Fathers and Hail Marys came to be joined and merged. The Our Fathers and Hail Marys were prayed alternately, each Our Father followed by a Hail Mary. The 50 mysteries came to be reduced to five - one for each decade. Finally the Rosary took its present form, a formula of prayer made up of 15 decades of "Hail Marys" with an "Our Father" before each decade, and in which the recitation of each decade is accompanied by pious meditation on a particular mystery of our redemption. The original 15 decades consist of five of each: The Joyful Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added a fourth set of mysterious, The Luminous Mysteries.

Catholic Questions, Wise Answers, by Michael J. Daley

Question: This week's question, "Who is Blessed Imelda?" See next week's bulletin for the answer.



PLEASE JOIN

Reverend Travis J. Kahle

as he offers Holy Mass on

Sunday the twenty-fifth of May in the year of Our Lord,
two thousand twenty-five
at twelve o'clock in the afternoon.

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160 North Spring Street
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We hope you can join us for a light lunch reception
in the Parish Hall immediately following mass.

REDEMPTORIST CORNER

Missionaries of Hope in the Footsteps of the Redeemer

DAILY & WEEKLY REFLECTIONS FROM THE REDEMPTORISTS

- Daily Audio Podcasts in either Spanish or English on the readings of the day may be found at redemptorists.net or on Facebook at: facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore
- Weekly Video reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings (Cycle A) may be found on Facebook: facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore or You Tube: youtube.com/BaltRedemptorists.

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If you think you may have a Vocation to be Redemptorist Priest or Brother, please contact Fr. John or Fr. Denis Sweeney, C.Ss.R. or Fr. Peter Linh, C.Ss.R., our Redemptorist Vocation Directors.

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**Dedicated Prayer for Increase
in Vocations to the Priesthood &
Religious Life**

*Eucharistic Adoration
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PRAY & FAST

for an increase in vocations to the priesthood

One Hail
Mary
every day

Fasting or
Abstinence
every friday



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Send forth Your Spirit, Lord, into the hearts of your faithful people, that we may be conscious of our vocation to holiness and service to others. Grant that many of us may dedicate ourselves to You through the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

We pray for the needs of our parish and diocese. Grant that we may always have sufficient good and holy priests and deacons, dedicated sisters and brothers, and committed lay ministers to serve our communities.

We pray too for the Redemptorists, that generous men may join them to become zealous missionaries, preaching the Gospel in word and action to the most abandoned, especially the poor.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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