

Pentecost Sunday

May 24th, 2026



“Recognition is the sweetest grace of the New Testament.” — Bishop Daniel Flores

Let us spend this Easter Season recognizing Christ in one another!

From the Gusset

Our Lord's definition of **Heaven** is "to know God." This is why **St. Augustine** thought that the greatest **superpower** of your **soul** was your **intellect**, because we know things through our **intellect**. To know God is to know what **love** is, because as **St. John** says, **God is love**. **St. Augustine** was right: the **intellect** is the greatest part of our **soul**. **St. Thomas Aquinas** thought that **the will** was the greatest **superpower** of your **soul**, because our **will** moves us into action. Our **will** makes us say 'yes' or 'no,' our **will** makes us 'stand up' or 'sit down.' To actually show our **love** for God by living the commandments and helping our neighbor is to choose to **love** God. **St. Thomas** was right: **the will** is the greatest part of our **soul**. The **Philosopher Pascal** said, "*the heart has its reasons, which the reason does not know.*" The reason is the deepest aspect of your **soul** – **St. Jerome** called it your **conscience**. **St. Jerome** thought that your **conscience** is the greatest **superpower** of your **soul**. Your **conscience** is your understanding that God gave you your vocation and this is how you show Him your **love** by giving up your life **to glorify** God by living your vocation. To know God and so live your vocation for God's **glory** that is made possible by your **conscience**. **St. Jerome** is right: **the conscience** is the greatest part of our **soul**. **God is love** means that God is not just a single **lover**, but a family of three Divine Persons eternally in **love** with each other. Even amongst **the marriage bond**, **love** has three dimensions: a lover, a beloved, and the **love** shared between a **husband** and his **wife**, which is Jesus Christ. That is the image of the Trinity – that is the life of **Heaven**. What is **eternal life**? **To know God!** All three of these great theologians were correct. We don't know how many of us will go to **Heaven**. We don't know which of us will be in **Heaven**. What we do know is that if we don't **love** God in this **life**, if we don't **love** the people God asks us to **love** (our neighbor), we won't be able to **endure Heaven**. See, if we refuse to **love**, if we refuse to know who God is, if we refuse to give the **love** God gives to us to others, if we are **selfish**, if we are ruled by our **sins**, if we don't know God – then **Heaven** will be **unbearable** and we won't want to be there. If you want to go to **Heaven** then you must know God, because that is what **Heaven** is: the place where God is known. All three theologians have a beautiful take on the **Our Father Prayer**. **St. Augustine**, **St. Thomas Aquinas**, and **St. Jerome** all said, if you want to go to **Heaven** pray the **Our Father Prayer** and mean it! **Pray** that God's will is done; not your own. **Pray** that God's Kingdom come; not your own kingdom. **Pray** that God's name would be hallowed; not your own name. And **pray** that this **daily Bread** that God gives you – called **the Eucharist** – **pray** that you would receive it for others by making **a Spiritual Communion** for many, and you will know God and **Heaven** will be yours! **Happy Easter!** **Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**

Memorial Day will find us at the **Cemetery Altar** in **Sublette** celebrating **the Eucharist** at 9:30am. **Sacramental blessed flags** will be passed out that you might decorate **the grave** of a **loved one** or a **Veteran**. Over at the two cemeteries in **West Brooklyn** there will be a **Memorial Day Prayer Service** conducted at 11:00am.





Baptism of Sydney Montavon

What a **joy** for our **Church Community of St. Patrick's Church Maytown** to celebrate **Ascension Sunday** with the **Baptism of Trevor and Rachel Montavon's 3rd baby girl, Sydney**. As **Godfather Trevor** and **Godmother Shelby** looked on, Sydney's older sisters were excited to witness **the God of the Universe** entering sacramentally into their **baby sister!**



Veteran-to-Veteran Coffee & Camaraderie

The last Tuesday of every month, **The Meadows of Franklin Grove** is inviting all **Veterans** for a special gathering. This event is designed to bring **Veterans** together in a relaxed and **welcoming environment** where they can enjoy **coffee**, conversation, and connection with fellow service members. The hope is to create a space where stories can be shared, **friendships** can be formed, and **the bonds of service** can continue to **grow**. There is no cost to attend—just a **warm cup of coffee**, **a sweet treat**, and **meaningful fellowship** among those who have **served our country**.

Where: **The Meadows of Franklin Grove** 510 N. State Street, Franklin Grove, Ill. 61031

When: **Last Tuesday of the Month:** May 26th, June 30th, July 28th

Time: **2:30pm—3:30pm**

Phone number for Questions: **815-456-3000**



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci



The closest grouping of three Apostles at the **Last Supper** table occurs to our Lord's immediate righthand side. In the ordering of their body positions at the table, the order is **St. Peter**, **Judas**, and **St. John**; yet, by the positioning of their heads (from left to right) we have **Judas**, **St. Peter**, and **St. John**. Jesus has just said, **Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you is about to betray Me. (John 13:21)** **Peter**, who had been seated next to his brother **Andrew**, has gotten up from the table and is leaning past **Judas** to touch **John's** shoulder with his lefthand, and is asking **John** to find out who the Lord meant. You can see the resemblance in the brothers – coming from the same gene pool, they both have gray hair and beards, and a sharp chiseled nose. I will always remember the last day of school when I was in the fourth grade, and I announced to my folks that I would be playing **Park District Baseball** that Summer. Some of my classmates at school had asked me, if I was going to play organized baseball; and I had decided that I would. Of course, the first thing my **Mom** said was, "Oh, no you won't." I had a reputation of getting into trouble every time I was left by myself – there was no telling what would happen, if I started playing ball by myself. **Dad** came to the rescue with the suggestion that my older brother, Roger, also, go out for baseball – that way I wouldn't be left on my own. This was a reoccurring solution to avert many **future disasters** – that if I and my younger brother went somewhere – Roger should accompany us and keep us out of trouble. I often overheard my Dad telling Roger, "sit with your brother(s)." Could it be that **Dad**, **Jonah**, told older brother, **Peter**, to sit with his younger brother, **Andrew**, at events?! See, **Leonardo** paints the two brothers sitting next to each other. **Peter** is also pictured holding a knife in his right hand. Remember in **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus warns the Twelve that in the future "**they should sell their cloak and buy a sword**" – a verse, which means they ought to be prepared for the world's hostility to them. Well, it was **Simon Peter**, who took a sword into **the Garden** to defend our Lord – he winds up cutting off the right ear of the high priest, a slave known as: Malchus. Remember, we said (last time), that **St. Bartholomew** at the far end of the table, wearing a blue tunic, was **martyred** by being skinned alive. The knife in **Peter's** hand is pointed at **St. Bartholomew** – a foreshadowing by **da Vinci** of things to come. **Judas** is characterized by his gripping **the money sack** in his right hand and reaching with his left hand for the same piece of **bread** as the Lord. Remember, Jesus' answer to **John's** question: **who is it, Lord?** – is: "**it is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.**" **Judas'** head is distinctively lower than the heads of the other Eleven, and he appears to be in **the shadows** and very little of his face is visible to the viewer. He also has his elbow on the table. Is there a **Mom** out there that hasn't warned her child not to put their elbows on the table? We will talk about **St. John** next week.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23rd

(+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronek & (+) Joseph Schauer/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Fassler/ Sue Fassler

6:00 pm **Woodhaven** (+) Grysko Lotar, (+) Strama Ludwika, &
(+) Amelia Cymermann/ Maria Franklin

Sunday, May 24th Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) John Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Howard McInnis/ Judy Truckenbrod

Noon **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, May 25th Mary Mother of the Church/ Memorial Day

9:30am **OLPH** Cemetery Altar (+) Souls in Purgatory/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, May 26th

(+) Justin & (+) Anne Corcoran/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, May 27th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Howard McInnis & (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mark Lauer

Thursday, May 28th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Mary Lou Gorman/ Fr. Randy

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Lori Murphy/ Janet Widolff

Friday, May 29th Feast of Pope St. Paul VI

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Edward McLaughlin/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, May 30th

(+) Geraldine Fronek & (+) Sister Lois Ann Cline/ Sister Laticia Lapid

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Joseph & (+) Bernadine McNally/ Family

Sunday, May 31st Trinity Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Raymond Becker & (+) Joseph Stewart/ Fr. Randy

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Otto Wolf/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

Noon **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



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First Holy Communion Retreat

To prepare for our great celebration of **Corpus Christi (June 7th)**, we will be having a **Retreat** for our **first Holy Communicants** and their **Families** and all, who would like to **celebrate** the **Anniversary day** of their first reception of the **Blessed Sacrament**. The **Retreat** will take place at **10:00am** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** on **Saturday, May 30th** with a fervorino on **Confession**. Then after celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, we will adjourn to the Hall for **Breakfast**. A Talk on **the Eucharist** and practice reception of the **Blessed Sacrament** will conclude our day. We should be free to run our errands in **Sublette** by noon. All are welcome.