

## THE MESSENGER

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C May 08, 2022

Serving the Catholic Parishes of Sacred Heart, Villa Grove, Illinois & St. Michael's, Hume, Illinois





Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers.
Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat."
May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial lovethe very heart of the vocation of motherhood.
May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.
On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...
In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

~Mother's Day Prayer~ Catholic Online

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

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#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Secretary: Amy Walch

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Maintenance: Scott & Matthew Albin & Jim Balmer

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSION**

Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m. Or by appointment

#### **HOLY DAY MASSES**

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's

8am & 6:30 pm: Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm (Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

Mass Intention	ris	Mass Intentions
Мау о7	4:00 pm	John D Hawkins by Brian & Teresa Smith
May o8	8:00 am 10:00 am	Beth Hawkins by Brian & Teresa Smith Mike Pangburn by Jim & Karen Beatty
May 09	8:00 am	NO MASS
May 10	8:00 am	Ruth Schweighart by Pete & Mary Ann Mayhall
May 11	8:00 am	Alan Bender by Jim & Sam Bender
May 12	8:00 am	Marge Koberlein by Denny & Theresa Reifsteck
May 13	8:00 am	Pat & Martha Carr by Lee & Laura Diltz
May 14	4:00 pm	Harry & Louise Schmidt by The Schmidt Family
May 15	8:00 am	Maureen Denbo by Glenda Waller
	10:00 am	Alan Bender by Karen Hettinger
Mas Inter	itions	Mass Intentions Requests

Submit Mass Intention requests to the Parish Office and prayer chain requests to Amy Walch: a.walch65@gmail.com



#### **Prayer Requests**

We pray for: Geneva Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna Bennett, Doris Birkner, Judy Cler, Pat Dillon, Tita Fleener, Malea Fonner, Bill Frank, Peter Frank, Kim Franzen, John Gilles, Faith Grave, Denise Griffith, Daphne Grise, Vicki Harmon, Julie Harrison, Bob Jones, Christina Kappes, Tyler King, Debbie Koberlein, Kiley Kramer, Meghan Kramer, Tony Kramer, Dorothea Lasley, Ann Maxwell, Sally McNamara, Doris Miller, Amy Mitsdarfer, Yair Flores Molina, Ezinne Theresa Ndeanaefo, Michael Ndeanaefo, Lara Nguyen, Christopher and Nicholas Nolte and their families, Robert Phillips, Rosemary Raeske, Phyllis Rund, John Rotheker, James Smith, Joseph Smith, Matt Smith, Rosemary Sprague, Mary Tipsend, Barbara Waymire, Susan Wilkey, Cathy Weatherford, and Mike Webb.

#### **Daily Scripture Readings**

May 07: R1: ACTS 9:31-42 Gospel: JN 6:60-69 May 08: R1: ACTS 13:14, 43-52 R2: REV 7:9, 14B-17 Gospel: JN 10:27-30 May og: R1: ACTS 11:1-18 Gospel: JN 10:1-10 May 10: R1: ACTS 11:19-26 Gospel: JN 10:22-30 May 11: R1: ACTS 12:24-13:5a

Gospel: JN 12:44-50 May 12: R1: ACTS 13:13-25 Gospel: JN 13:16-20 May 13: R1: ACTS 13:26-33 Gospel: JN 14:1-6 May 14: R1: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 Gospel: JN 15:9-17 May 15: R1: ACTS 14:21-27 R2: REV 21:1-5a

Gospel: JN 13:31-33a, 34-35 St Michael's Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for March collections was calculated at **\$436.00** or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$4,358.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. Making the PCT payments total \$3,890.00

#### **Ministry Schedule**



#### May 14th and May 15th, 2022

**LECTORS:** Tony Hooker 4:00 pm **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 

SERVERS: Sam Marlatt

LECTORS: Martha Williams 8:00 am

> **USHERS: John Barrett** SERVERS: Jacoba Harcar GIFTS: Jacoba Harcar

10: 00 am LECTORS: Tracy McAfee

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Mary Hildreth &

Tom Schuett

SERVERS: Alice Mitsdarfer & Dennis Mitsdarfer

#### Sacred Heart:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

#### **Weekly Collection**



#### Week Ending Sunday, May 1, 2022

#### Sacred Heart Church

Weekly Collection: \$1243.00 \$605.00 Loose Cash: \$150.00 Building Fund: \$50.00 \$125.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$48.00 \$25.00 Mother's Day: \$40.00 Catholic Communications: \$20.00 Rice Bowl: \$ 27.84 PCT: \$ 200.00 Maintenance:\$20.00

Online Giving: \$755.00 Total Deposit: \$2553.84

#### St. Michael's Church

Weekly Collection: \$870.00 \$200.00 Loose Cash: \$5.00

Stained Glass Window: \$

Hall Rental: \$100.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$ 25.00

PCT: \$75.00

Online Giving: \$300.00 Total Deposit: \$1275.00

All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in a different color.

#### **Sacred Heart Parish Tithing Goal**

The Parish Tithing amount for February collections was calculated at \$2,170.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$21,698.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. Making the PCT payments total \$10,332.00

## Pastoral Reflections

#### Scripture Reflection (4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter. Year C)

Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the gospel in Antioch of Pisidia, a key city in the Roman province of Asia. Their initial experience was very positive; the congregation even invited them to return the next Sabbath. But during this second visit, the presence of so many gentiles creates a problem.

Paul and Barnabas will not be silenced by the resistance they encounter from some of the Jews, jealous that the apostles address their message to gentiles also.

The apostles challenge their detractors to reflect on what they are doing. They appeal to a passage from the prophet Isaiah, anticipating that one day the ideal Israel, Servant of God, would become a light to the gentiles and thus extend the message of salvation to people from the ends of the earth (Is 49:6). Paul and Barnabas want their opponents to understand that this anticipated day has arrived. If they reject the message, they make themselves unworthy of eternal life.

By contrast, the gentiles accept the message and thereby prove worthy of the gift of eternal life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the word of God reaches even the territory surrounding Antioch. Still, some of God's chosen people reject what they see happening and succeed in winning several prominent men and women

to their side. As a result, Paul and Barnabas are expelled. But rejection of the apostles does not halt the spread of the gospel. Paul and Barnabas simply proceed to the next town, filled with joy. As they leave, they shake the dust from their feet, reminding those who resist that they are mortal and are putting in jeopardy the invitation to life extended to them.

Today's Gospel requires a context for it to be adequately understood. That context is an ongoing dispute between Jesus and some of the Jewish religious officials.

They accuse Jesus of keeping them in suspense regarding whether or not he is the Messiah. They demand that he speak plainly on this issue. Jesus claims that he has told them what they want to know, but they have refused to believe. He then uses the imagery of sheep and shepherd to confront further his Jewish opponents.

Jesus uses shepherd imagery to express how those who believe in him also belong to him. It is all about hearing his voice, knowing him, and following him. There is a certain paradox in all this. In order to believe in Jesus, one must first be called by God. The Gospel expresses it this way. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day" (Jn 6:44).

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#### Our Lady of Fatima ~May 13th~



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets.

Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

#### Coming Soon ~15, May, 2022~

Acts 14:21-27. Psa 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13. Rev 21:1-5a. Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35. **Loving One Another.** The gospel today is short and sweet. Glorify God – Jesus does it first and implies we should, too. Love one another – a direct comma to each one of us. These are disciple activities. These are essentials for our way of life.

- How will my words and actions glorify God today?
- Whom will I love even someone who makes it hard for me to do so?
- How will this glorifying God and loving others change me for the better?

#### Saint Matthias, The Apostle



It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give you.

~John 15:16~

Feast Day of Saint Matthias: May 14th



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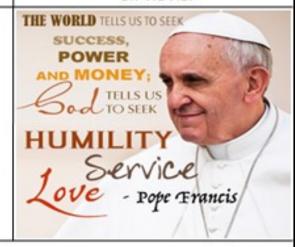


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#### Announcements, Events and Activities

#### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### **Birthdays:**

- 05 02 Zane Hosler
- o5 o7 Mike Fonner
- 05 09 Tommie Anne Hooker
- 05 11 Jerad Zimmerman
- 05 12 Ruth Ann Smith
- o5 13 Pete Eisenmenger
- 05 15 Marci Howard
- 05 17 Kenneth Wilkey
- 05 19 John Barrett
- 05 10 Tom Schuett
- 05 20 Gary Lytle
- o5 22 Kim Keske
- 05 24 Doris Birkner
- o5 25 Kurt Zimmerman
- o5 31 Darrel Griffith
- o5 31 Karen Hettinger



#### **Anniversaries**

o5 o1 Brian & Susan Wilkey o5 16 Tom & Gayla Schuett o5 19 Jeff & Deanna Blackford o5 21 John & Connie Gilles o5 22 James & Janie Vaghy o5 27 John & Donita Smith o5 30 Darrel & Mildred Griffith



#### **Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Elections**

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council elections are coming up soon, so the council is seeking interested parishioners to once again self-nominate. The forms are available in the back of church. As always, only one member of a household may serve at a time. The Pastoral Council meets about 5 times a year, but are active in planning and executing various parish events, activities, and projects. Please consider a three year term as a way to share your time and talent for the good of your parish family.

The current members of the Sacred Heart Pastoral Council are: Chair: John Carmack Secretary: Kim Lytle, Mary Burgett, Ed Cler, Chris Conner, Phillip Holthaus, Amy Mitsdarfer, Bobbie Morgan, Ruth Stauder plus ex officio members Mike Stauder and Amy Walch.

The current members of the St Michael Pastoral Council are Kim Keske, David Smith, Kevin Smith, Phyllis Stone, Glenda Waller, Justin Wood and Neal Wood,

#### **Catholic Communication Campaign**

The weekend of May 15, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fifty percent of collected funds stay in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the other 50 percent support communications projects in the United States and around the world. Over the past year, our diocese has been able to build upon several popular media endeavors and create new video series that are helping people better connect with our faith.

#### Reminders

\*\* This Month (May ) the Altar Society prayer intention is for all mothers. \*\*



SH: Finance Council: Thursday July 7 2022, 6:30 pm SH Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 9,2022 6:30 pm SH Altar Society next meeting May 18,2022 6:30 pm SM: Finance Council: Sunday May 22, 7:00 am SM: Pastoral Council: Sunday June 5, 2022, 7:00 am

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the church vestibule for flyers about events at local area church etc. that bulletin space limitations prevent it's posting.

#### **Protecting God's Children Training**

It is **extremely important** that everyone in both of our parishes who volunteer in any way complete the Protecting Gods Children program and then complete a 5 year background check. The program lasts about 3 hours and only needs to be completed one time, then the background checks need renewed every 5 years. Each parish must complete a Compliance Audit with the diocese every year to assure everyone is compliant. We have quite a few new lectors and collection counters at Sacred Heart who still need to complete this training. Please call the office if you are one of these new ministers. We are looking at May 22 immediately following Sunday Mass for a training session, please call the office ASAP so that we can get a count for materials. If we have any new ministers from St Michael they are welcome to attend this session as well. It is very important that we get everyone trained and "Safe Environment" compliant as soon as possible!

#### Congratulations

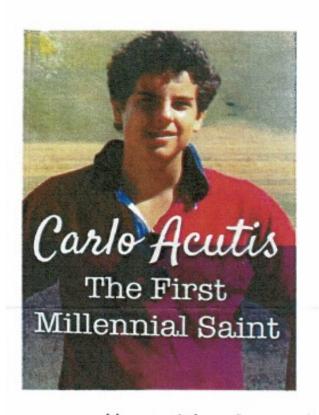
St Michael would like to congratulate it's two High School graduates **Caroline Olivia Smith** and **Timothy Jon Keske**. Both are graduating form Shiloh High School We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

#### **Blessed Carols Acutis**

We have recently been informed that the young man who began the research which led to the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit we had at our parish a couple of months ago is being recommended for veneration to sainthood. He has already been designated as Blessed as one miracle has been confirmed. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for his very inspiring story.

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	Friday	6 SH - Mass 8a Mi: Kylie & Paul Kramer	SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat & Martha Carr	20 SH - Mass 8a M: Mike Blackford	27 SH - Mass 8a MI:Mike Pangburn	N
	Thursday	5 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mary Margaret Rund SH Finance Coulcil 6:30 pm	SH - Mass 8a MI: Marge Koberlein	19 SH - Mass 8a MI: Woody Kramer	26 SH - Mass 8a Mf: Marge Koberlein	PR
	Wednesday	SH - Mass 8a MI: Charlie & Betty Blackford	SH - Mass 8a MI: Alan Bender	SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart Altor Society 6:30 om	25 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mark Mooney	S
	Tuesday	3 SH - Mass 8a Mi: Pat & Martha Carr	SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	SH - Mass 8a MI: Paul Johndro	24 SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat & Emmett Kramer	SH Mass 8a MI: Mass of Thanksgiving for Geneva Allen
	Monday	Happy May Day	6 <sup>2</sup> 3	16	3	30 Memorial Day
	Sunday	3rd Sunday Easter SM Mass 8A MI: John Sullivan SH Mass 10A MI: Marge Koberlein PSR 5M 8:45-9:30 on SH 9:00-9;45 om	SM Mass 8:4 M.:  SM Mass 8:4 M.:  Beth Hawkins SH  MAss 10A MI:  Mike Pangburn  PSR SM 8:45 - 9:30 am  SH 9:00 - 9:45 am	5th Sunday Easter SM Mass 8A MI: Mauren Denbo SH 10 a MI: Alan Bender PSR SM 8:45 - 9:30 am SH 9:00 - 9:45 am	22 6th Sunday Easter SM Finance Council 7 cm SM Mass 8 AM: Jerry Beatty SH 10 AMI: Jerry Derby PSR SM 8:45 - 9:30 am SH 9:00 - 9:45 am	SM Mass & AMI: SM Mass & AMI: Colleen Thompson SH Mass 10A MI: Rosie & Ethel Cler PSR SM 8:45-9:30 om SH 9:00-9:45 om



# Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit & Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Exhibition of 12 Eucharistic Miracles is part of the research and reporting done by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man from Italy, who died at the age of 15 in 2006. In 2018 he was declared Venerable by Pope Francis and became Blessed in October 2020, after a miracle was approved for his beatification.

Carlo was born in 1991. He was an ordinary teenager enjoying the typical teenage activities of soccer, riding his bicycle, skiing and taking care of

his pets, 4 dogs, 2 cats and several goldfish. He also had an extraordinary talent for technology and a deep love for God. After making his 1st. Communion, Carlo went to daily Mass, prayed the rosary, read Scripture and went weekly to Confession. He had an outgoing personality and a friendly approach which worked well with his strong desire to evangelize. He understood people and compassionately knew how to attract people with acts of charity. Often he would collect food, blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless in Milan, Italy. He would also defend students in his school who were being bullied and befriend children whose parents were going through a divorce. He was a sincere young man who happily lived as an authentic Christian.

Besides his outgoing personality, Carlo had an amazing skill with computers. He had fun with computers, but also dedicated most of his computer time to something more serious. In 2002, he decided to develop a virtual exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles. He wanted to offer people tangible evidence for their faith. He visited many of these special sites, photographing and cataloging them. Four years later, he had developed a website to display his results. This website was the beginning of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, which has toured five continents and has been shown in thousands of churches. In October 2006, Carlo was hospitalized with acute leukemia. He died on October 12, 2006.

St. Agnes is privileged to honor Blessed Carlo Acutis' work to make known the existence of Eucharistic Miracles by borrowing the 12 site exhibit from St. Thomas Moore Church in Indianapolis.

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