Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Times  
Mothers Day

In today’s Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples, whom he calls “friends,” to love one another as he loves them. Jesus uses the word “love” as a verb or a noun nine times. He also employs the word “command” or “commandment” five times. His command to love one another is explicit. Those who understand the depth of Christ’s love for us have reason to be joyful. We are called to be stewards of this loving friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord? Are we willing to pay this price to keep Christ’s friendship?

We would like to welcome all visitors and new members to our Parish today. Registration papers are on the bulletin board.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

Of all the gifts that God has given both here on earth and up above. The gift more precious and dear is the gift of a mother’s love.

Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Lloyd George who passed away on Wednesday. He was husband of Mary Frances George.

Sympathy and Prayers also to Denise Freidel and family on the death of her Mother recently.

Remember those that have asked for our prayers: Amanda Ewigman Lewis, Annette and Ed Fashing, Bob Diemeke, Sandy Niekamp, Judy Stringer, Ron Flatt, Zeta Ryan, Bill Wright, Barbara Chamberlain, Barry Thoene, Paul Dobbs, Mark Prenger, Jim Hodges, Joe & Glenda Castrop, Bill Miller, Father Judge, and those out of work. Also remember those in the military: Ray Finlay, Jacob Pendergrast, and Jacob Schlemmer.

Bishop McKnight’s Prayer for May: May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners … Helen Breedlove transferring from Our Lady of Lourdes. She is currently living in Centralia. We are very glad that she has chosen Holy Spirit for her church home.

Graduates: Congratulations to the following students who will be graduating soon from high school. We pray that their future will be bright and that they do well in their future endeavors.

Erica Benson Ian Buckman Emma Crocker Marie Diemeke Taylor Jones Lily Stidam, Sarah Tratchel Paul Wilson

The Centralia High School graduating class of 2021 invites you to their BACCALUREATE SERVICE Sunday, May 9th at 6PM at Friendship Church.

Congratulations to the First Communion Class who received their First Communion. Cruz Arelanno, Phillip Benoit; Luci Bryson, Evan Cash, Graham Dawson, Quaid Deckerd, Beckett Hane, Eva Kehrer, Mackenzie Malone, Henry Robinson. Thank you to Nance Robinson for preparing these young people for their big day.

Congratulations to those that were confirmed May 8 At Our Lady of Lourdes at 11:30. Gracie Benson, Henry Bohlmeyer, Dryst Bostick, Morgan Dimmitt, Lexi England, Clair Korb, Drew Korb, Carter Moss, Adam Smith, Isaac Stinson, Rex Bryson, Zane Deckerd, Chase Kemper, Kenedee Moss, Andaryana Ricklefs, Kasenna Ridgel, and Raegan Romine.

Parish Council Election: We will be having Parish Council elections in June. Anyone who feels a calling to serve on the Council please submit your name and a few biographical sentences about yourself to Mary at the parish office by May 15th. There will be 3 people elected. A mighty thanks to Ben Jennings, Jim Kemper and Shawn Carrico for their years of wonderful service.

Congratulations to Paul Wilson on being selected as Prom King at Tolton High School. Good job, Paul!

The Salvation Army in Columbia is hosting an Open Forum event to answer questions about “Being an Emergency Disaster Services Volunteer”. We were hoping you might share this with your parish for anyone who might want to learn more about what it means, what’s involved, how to sign up, local/national/international disasters. The Salvation Army, 1108 W Ash St. Columbia, Mo, Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Novena for Farmers: Every year hundreds of people join together for a very special novena to St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and Catholic Rural Life. Given the essential nature of farmers, farmworkers, and all who are involved in food production and distribution, we are again hosting the novena virtually this year! The novena will begin on Friday, May 7, and conclude on Saturday, May 15, the Feast of St. Isidore. Each day a bishop will lead us through the novena throughout our country. Bishop McKnight will be leading the novena on May 10! For more information and to see the schedule go to: https://catholicrurallife.org/virtualnovena/

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**Multipurpose Building Schedule**

Bible study group Tuesday morning
CCD Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Parish Council 2nd Tuesday each month
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 2:00 pm
Parishioner May 22 2:00-5:00

**Calendar**

May 11 Parish Council 7:00
May 18 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 2:00-6:00 in the MBP.
Need to register with the Red Cross
Parishioner May 22 2:00-5:00

**Rentals**

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, May 18, 2:00-6:00 in the MBP.
Need to register with the Red Cross
Office Hours: The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00.

Multipurpose Building: Mary will be handling rentals for the MPB. Call the church office, 682-2815, or her cell phone 682-0120 for reservations.

Natural Family Planning: You’re already shopping for organic chicken and pesticide-free vegetables... now how about removing the chemicals from your birth control method? Check out 100% organic Natural Family Planning. A Postpartum support class will be held April 6th at 10:00 am. in Hallsville. Contact Jeremy & Maria Henson 573-696-0778 / midmonfp@gmail.com . Classes can be scheduled as needed. Online learning options also available.

Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It's an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples & it can work for your marriage. For further information, 800-470-2230 or info@retrouvaille.org.

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. It is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples. Dates and information is on our diocesan website, www.diojeffcity.org; Our Church, Life & Marriage. Engaged Encounter. A $25 deposit made payable to Engaged Encounter is required and to be included with the registration form.

Alzheimer Support: There is an Alzheimer’s support group in Mexico at the Veterans Home on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM. No registration is required; just show up. It is open to everyone. There is also a Help Line that operates 24 hours a day 365 days a year. You can ask for caregiving tips or just say you are having a bad day. The number is 800-272-3900.

St. Anne Helping Hands collects best choice label. They use the money the collect to fund their projects.

Communion for Shut-ins: If you know of someone that is not able to attend Mass and would like to have communion brought to their home please call Clara Vance 682-5632

Esther’s Pantry
Cash donations go for vouchers for milk and perishable goods.
Suggested items for donation are: Coffee, juice, cereals, jelly, pancake mix, snacks (popcorn, raisins, peanuts), flour, canned fruit & vegetables, cake mixes/frostings, crackers, sugar, chili/chili beans, syrup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, oil, tuna in water, peanut butter, tuna helper. We will start bringing food again very soon.

If you are not receiving emails from the church or getting the Catholic Missourian and would like to, please send Mary requests and your email address at office@holyspiritcentralmo.org

Multi-purpose Building Rental Schedule
To schedule an event please call Mary Peeper office 682-2815 or cell 682-0120

Check out Holy Spirit on: Web Page updated by Laura Bormann and Facebook. St. Anne facebook page: updated by Laura Bormann.

Bulletin: Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday morning. If you or your group has something for the bulletin, type it out as you want it to read and send it to office@holyspiritcentralmo.org or bring it to the office. If someone is on the prayer list that does not need the special prayers any longer, please let Mary know.

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Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:20-4:45 pm
Baptism: Classes are required. Please call the Rectory
Marriage: Four to six month notice is required.
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