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### Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	4/27/2024	4:00pm	Gary Broemeling †
Sunday	4/28/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	4/29/2024	8:00am	David & Maria Gourley
Tuesday	4/30/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	5/01/2024	8:30am	Fr. Richard Root †
Thursday	5/02/2024	8:00am	Gary Dobbs †
Friday	5/03/2024	8:00am	Ruby Mayer †
Saturday	5/04/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	5/05/2024	9:00am	Elaine Kinzer †

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**Office Hours** · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm



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- \* Want to provide a meal for a family after a baby is born?
- \* Having a baby?
- \* Contact Whitney Wagner at 509-751-6327 to get your name on the list, provide any allergies and touch base with Whitney and her group about a good date to bring your Special Delivery.

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**Talent:**  
Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting last weekends Pancake Breakfast.

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The collection for the week of 04/22/2024  
Actual: \$5,180

**Prayer Class** offered to students 1st through 4th grade starting next Sunday, May 3rd in the church south annex from 11am-12:30pm. Please join us.

**The Ladies Prayer Group** meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!

*"Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
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St. Teresa of Avila*

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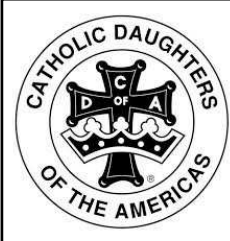
Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to [dparis@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:dparis@dioceseofspokane.org) if you would like someone to be added.

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Don Brooks  
Mike & Ann Elsensohn  
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Vivian France  
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Gene Breeding  
Richard Fanning  
Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family  
Melissa Lowe  
Sebastian  
Dee Johnson  
Marion Tunnciff  
Lea

**Week 2**  
Bob Sheppard  
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The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will meet in May on their regular scheduled meeting times.  
The Catholic Daughters will meet on May 13th in the church annex at 6:30pm.  
The Knights will meet on May 14th in the church hall at 7:00pm.



**Commentary on the Mass Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The First Reading taken from the the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 is about St. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of John 3:18-24. In today's verses the Beloved Disciple is urging his readers to believe firmly in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and to love their neighbor with a practical love, a love which will help him in his corporal and spiritual needs.

The Gospel is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today. The communications media are now very technically improved and perfected and can be, and sometimes are, a means for good. Unfortunately, more frequently, they are the channels of bad example. The evil deeds of men have more "news value" than their good deeds. And it is so much easier to follow the bad example! Permissiveness, rejection of authority, glorification of unlawful sexual indulgence, drug addiction, and other such crimes are placed before the minds and the eyes of the youth of today, and are unfortunately copied by far too many.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.

— Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.  
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-04-28>

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## A reflection for the fifth Sunday of Easter

John W. Farrell reflects on the readings for April 28, 2024.

This chapter is considered part of what scholars call the “farewell discourses” in the Gospel of John: Jesus’ last words to his disciples before the last supper, and his arrest and passion.

*Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”*

What’s interesting about this is that “vine” was a common image for God’s people, going back, for example, to the book of Isaiah in the Hebrew Bible. But here it suggests immediately thoughts of spring. Of planting. Cutting and pruning. Applied to ourselves, as Jesus’s disciples, it sounds painful, destructive, as nature is. But in this case, I think it is the care and attention of God the father that is foremost in Jesus’ message to his disciples:

*“You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.”*

This is fundamentally relational. It’s no longer possible for the individual disciples to be considered in isolation: one must realize they are always directly connected to Jesus, and through him, to his father.

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.”*

We can’t help focusing on the almost apocalyptic nature of the statement. And in another passage of the gospel, we recall when Jesus cursed the fig tree because it offered no fruit. But at its root, this passage in the Gospel of John is about being part of something greater than just yourself.

*“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”*

Here Jesus is describing his relationship both to his father and to his disciples. But the relational view holds when we step further back and remember Jesus and his relation to the Father and the Holy Spirit in the concept of the trinity. It too is fundamentally relational. This is a striking way for Jesus to prompt his disciples to keep the commandments, which he does in the passage immediately after today’s readings. And in the end, it’s in keeping his commandments that our fruit is ultimately born on this vine of Christ.

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202404/a-reflection-for-the-fifth-sunday-of-easter-4/>

## Holy Week Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday May 4th 4:00pm</b>	Linda Kazda	Evelyn Williams	Ella Miller <b>Not Filled</b>	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
<b>Sunday May 5th 9:00am</b>	Cindy Nightingale Tina Cunningham	Linda Wolf	Bailey Blaydes Charlotte France	Steve Nuxoll Thomas Stapleton Bob Uptagrafft Pat Wolf

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## This week at Holy Family...

### Sunday, April 28th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee and Donuts
- No Children's prayer group due to Asotin County Fair.

### Monday, April 29th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

### Tuesday, April 30th:

- No Mass

### Wednesday, May 1st:

- Mass 8:30am
- Sacrament Class 3:30pm

### Thursday, May 2nd:

- Mass 8:00am
- Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm

### Friday, May 3rd:

- Mass 8:00am

### Saturday, May 4th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

### Sunday, May 5th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Prayer Group for grades 1st-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex

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## Special Monthly Collections

### April:

- Building Maintenance Fund
- Holy Family School
- St. Vincent de Paul

*If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the “special collections” you may not know of. **Thank you.***

# Letter from Father

28 April 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mary, Mother of Us All

Greetings,

It's hard to believe that it is almost May. Easter was four weeks ago but it seems like it was just last week. May is one of the months in which Holy Mother Church celebrates our Blessed Mother. In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love.

One of my favorite Marian prayers is the Memorare. It is one of those overlooked prayers for Mary's intercession that is so beautiful. It goes like this:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines Mary's unique role as being honored above all other saints, including the Apostles. At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27) So, not only is she the mother of Jesus, and thus, the Mother of God, she is also the Mother of the Church. She is mentioned in both the Apostles' creed and Nicene creed. In the Mass she is included in the Eucharistic Prayer. Of the Church's holy days of obligation, three are about her: The Solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God; the Assumption; and the Immaculate Conception.

Our Lady has appeared to the faithful to bring hope and give warnings to turn away from sin. She gave us the Miraculous Medal, the rosary and the scapular. She has been depicted in statues, icons, sculptures and paintings. To honor her, prayers, songs and poems have been written, devotions practiced, shrines dedicated and flowers named.

Some Christians are uncomfortable with such devotion to Mary. There is probably no part of Catholic life so often misunderstood. Many claim that devotion to Mary amounts to nothing more than worship that should be given to God alone. Of course, that is not the case but many Catholics are at a loss when it comes to explaining that there is a difference between worship and honor in the Catholic Church.

In his 1965 encyclical, Mense Maio, Pope Paul VI wrote that honoring Mary in the month of May held "rich benefits to the Christian people." He wrote, "the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise. For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her?"

In the end we should realize the great gift we have as Catholics. Honoring Mary seems natural to us. We honor our mother in heaven as easily as we honor our mothers on earth. From all mothers we learn a great deal. From Mary we learn the greatest thing, how to love God himself. During the month of May we pray with our mother, that we may love Jesus as she does.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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*For God alone my soul waits." -Psalm 62:1*

"GREAT JOB TO OUR TOP RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS OF THE WEEK:

**Nora (4th) ~16 books; Hattie (2nd) ~ 16 books; Price (K) ~ 14 books**

Great job everyone!



Our auction is coming up soon - May 11th the gym doors will open at 4 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us! If you would like to donate an item/monetary donation to our **HFS Auction**, please contact the school. Items are due to the office by Friday, May 3. If you are a business and would like to **sponsor our auction**, please contact Mrs. Gehring to see what levels of sponsorship we have. We appreciate your continued support of HFS! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Do you have a middle or high school student who would be willing to **babysit the night of our HFS Auction**? We are looking to put a list together for school families. Babysitting would be at private residences. If your child is qualified and would like to be on our list, please contact Principal Sheri Gehring, [sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com](mailto:sgehring@holyfamilyclarkston.com) or call the school, 509-758-6621.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/1 - Mass 8:30 a.m. by 2nd & 5th grade; May crowning prior to Mass
- 5/1 - Enrichment 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 5/1 - Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HFS
- 5/9 - Upcoming HFS Kindergarteners: Plan to attend the Kindergarten Round Up for screening. Teacher Carol and other screeners will be at Grantham Elementary. HFS has a screening time of 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 5/10 - NO School - Auction Setup/Teacher Professional Development
- Is the Auction on your calendar!?! May 11th - we need ALL families to participate (bid, attend, work, bring your friends & family) Do you have anything you'd like to donate? Please have all solicitation items in by May 3rd.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Spring Program is Wed, May 15, 6 p.m.

## Our Current Mission:

Holy Family School is a faith-filled community dedicated to the moral development of students who live to serve Christ. Our staff and parents strive to educate the whole child in academic excellence, a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith, spiritual growth and nurture socially responsible members of society in a safe learning environment.

Through our Accreditation process, which is a continuous process of growth and development, one of our goals is to rewrite our mission so that students, staff and families can understand, memorize and live out the mission. Please see our revised draft below and if you have any feedback, we'd appreciate it. We adhere to the criteria and are working to meet the highest level of a 4. The criteria is available at the school if you'd like to review it. We have also asked for feedback from our School Advisory Council and will take it to the Parent Association next week.

## Our Revised Mission:

Holy Family Catholic School Mission:  
*We serve as disciples, nourished by Christ, who grow in faith, values, and academic excellence.*

