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## 5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM  
5:15 PM (Spanish)

### Confessions:

Tues & Wed 4:45-5:10 PM  
Saturday 3:45-4:30 PM

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Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:4a, 5b

He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations.

I will praise you, Lord, in assembly of your people.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them.

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord,

### From Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick:

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop

"Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest"

*I appeal to you by the mercy of God.* This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity.

Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no less to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. *I appeal to you, he says, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.* By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not

need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives:

the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.* Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

Paul says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy.* The prophet said the same thing: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me.* Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unflinching protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

**RE and Discipleship Programs:**

**Steubenville July 2024:** STM is looking to partner with surrounding parishes to take a bus of High School students to Steubenville Rochester. The dates are July 12-14. Contact coordinator@stmbrookings for more info.

**RE Closing Mass:** The school year is quickly coming to an end! We want to celebrate and give thanks to God for all of the wonderful gifts and blessings this year. Come and help us celebrate at the RE closing mass on May 1st at 5:30pm. Ice cream social to following.

**Lumen Christi:** Save the date! Lumen Christi is coming to STM July 21st-26th This summer formation program is great for our young people ages 1st-12th grade. More info will follow in the coming weeks. We are looking for families to host the Lumen Christi missionaries for that week. If you are interested please call the front office or email [discipleship@stmbrookings.org](mailto:discipleship@stmbrookings.org)

**1st Communion Mass:** The weekend of May 4th and 5th STM will be celebrating the reception of 1st Holy Communion for our 1st Communion class. Please keep them in your prayers as they spend the final weeks preparing for the sacrament.

**Graduation Mass:** May 19th, STM is celebrating its high school seniors at the 10:30am Mass. Seniors check your email for more info. After Mass there is a celebration in the Social Hall to honor our Seniors.

**Men's Rosary:** Monday April 29th there is a rosary held in the chapel at 7:00pm praying for vocations and for the men in our parish. All men are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

**Women's Rosary Group:** Next Rosary is Monday May 6th held in the chapel at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

**KC'S Scriptural Rosary Group:** Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to pray this rosary with the knights which includes beautiful scripture telling the story within each mystery. Next Rosary will be Tuesday, May 13th.



**Through the Sacrament of Baptism We Welcome: Waylon Lee Stambach,** Son of Daren & Meryl. May Waylon grow with us in the love of God.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

28	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Lucy
29	Mon	7PM	Men's Rosary- Chapel
30	Tues	9-11AM	Mom's Group- Couch Room
30	Tues	4PM	Study Group- Room C
30	Tues	6:15PM	Adult RE (RCIA)- Social Hall
1	Wed	5:30PM	RE Closing Mass with Social following
2	Thurs	10:30AM	Study Group- Office Conf. Room
2/3	Thurs/Fri	7:30-7:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration-Sign up for an hour at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/STMAdoration">tinyurl.com/STM Adoration</a>
4	Sat	9AM-12PM	First Communion Retreat- Social Hall
4	Sat	9:00AM	Fr. Rod's Bible Study- Room C
4/5	Sat/Sun		Imad's Holy Land gifts-Gathering Space
5	Sun	9:30AM	No Coffee & Rolls

Don't forget to bring your **Hy-Vee grocery, gas and pharmacy receipts** to STM to help the school earn cash. Drop them in the donation container on the table under the bulletin board. Also detailed Aisles online printed receipts work to.

**Brookings Hy-Vee Receipts Only**

**St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking to hire a Principal, grades PK-5 for 2024/25 school year. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply. More information and a job description may be found on the parish website, as well as the diocesan Job Board, found at [www.sfcatholic.org](http://www.sfcatholic.org). Click on the header tab "employment opportunities".**

**CFSA Pledges throughout the pastorate:**

	Goals:	Amount Pledged:
St. John the Evangelist, Arlington	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,370
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton	\$ 22,000	\$ 26,370
St. Francis DeSales, Estelline	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600
St. Paul, White:	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,434
St. Thomas More, Brookings	\$ 162,200	\$ 127,197
Pius XII Newman Center	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,756



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Duffy, Husband of Marlene & Father of David Duffy. May Bernard and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

27	Sat	5:00PM	Mary Donohue †
28	Sun	8:30AM	Leon Cantin †
28	Sun	10:30AM	Tom Klosterman †
28	Sun	5:15PM	For the people (Spanish)
29	Mon	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
30	Tues	5:15PM	Bill Meilke †
1	Wed	12:10PM	Dec of Mansheim/Soderberg Families †
1	Wed	5:30PM	Mary Jo Christopherson † <b>Closing RE Mass</b>
2	Thurs	7:00AM	Steve Swath †
3	Fri	8:15AM	Steve Swath † <b>(First Friday)</b>
4	Sat	8:00AM	John Burke † <b>(First Saturday)</b>
4	Sat	5:00PM	Holly Almhjeld † <b>First Communion</b>
5	Sun	8:30AM	Int of the First Communicants <b>First Communion</b>
5	Sun	10:30AM	Francis Kritzbergers † <b>First Communion</b>
5	Sun	5:15 PM	For the people (Spanish)

	Memorial, Feast, or Solemnity	Readings
Mon.	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Act 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tues.	Easter Weekday	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.	Easter Weekday	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thur.	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Fri.	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Sat.	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

### Activity Center (Gym) Schedule

**Free Adult Aerobics classes**  
**Low-impact aerobics:** Contact Joan: 695-6994  
 Mon, Tues, Thurs 5:30 to 6:30pm & Sat 10:00am  
**Dance Aerobics:** Contact Leanne: 690-4420  
 Tues, Thurs 6:30 to 7:30pm & Sat 9:00am.  
**All are welcome, free of charge!**  
**Non-Parish members** are asked to sign a waiver.

### Last Week's Donations

From April 11-17, 2024

Weekly Budget \$ 14,942.31	Year to Date \$ 642,519.33
Weekly Giving \$ 13,465.00	Year to Date \$ 733,131.78
Last Year's Giving July-April	\$ 714,666.57

CFSA: Goal: \$ 162,200      Amount Pledged: \$ 127,197

**Pastorate Service opportunity.** STM Knights of Columbus in partnership with Catholic Daughters and Sleep In Heavenly Peace are going to build beds on Saturday May 18, 2024 in the STM Parking lot with a goal of 100! Morning shift 9-12 am, Afternoon shift 1-4pm. There will be brats and hotdogs for lunch 12pm to 1pm by Knights of Columbus and potluck by Pastorate. In June, these beds along with mattresses, bedtime story books and stuffed animals will be delivered to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in partnership with Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters from Rapid City. **Sign ups for potluck, work shifts and donations will be available in the gathering space.** Please contact Philip Carlson 605-692-4361 if you have questions about the build, delivery or the culmination of Pilgrimage at Black Elk Peak 29 June 2024.

### Counter Schedule May 5

Connie & Harry Mansheim and Vicki Whitehead

Our Parish will have a **Food Pantry drive in May** and every other month after that. There will be a grocery cart in the Gathering area with suggestions for most needed items to bring. Thank you for all the donations!

**Home Mission Sunday, April 28:** This is an annual appeal, and you can make a contribution to the Home Missions by using the contribution envelopes found on the tables where the parish bulletins are placed, or by going to the parish website and clicking on the **ONLINE GIVING** icon. [stmbrookings.weebly.com](http://stmbrookings.weebly.com)

A beautiful **collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land** will be for sale in the Gathering area the weekend of May 4 & 5 by Imad Qumsieh. They make excellent gifts for First Communion, Weddings & other occasions. Profits go to support the 27 Catholic Families who make these articles in **Bethlehem & Jerusalem**. Stop by to help support our suffering Catholic Families in the Holy Land.

**May Crowning:** On May 1st will be doing the May Crowning at the School Mass at 12:10pm and also at the 5:30pm RE closing Mass. This is a great way for families to honor Mary as Mother.

**Please be sure to notify St. Thomas More staff if you or a family member wish to receive sacraments or visits when hospitalized or homebound.** Please allow us to serve your spiritual needs by keeping us informed. Thank you.

Weekend of May 4— May 5				
	Lector	Server	EM	U/G
5:00 PM	Mark Meyer (1) Kathy Gilpin (2)	Jordyn Johnson Paige Johnson Helaina Wakeman	Kathy Gilpin Linda Johnson Scott Mark Rachel Mark	Melissa Hafenbreidel Dave Hafenbreidel Anita Thomas Paul Thomas
8:30 AM	Jessica Andral (1) Anne Gathje (2)	Isaac Andral Audrey Andral Dane Olson	Laura Davis Deb Leiferman Jerry Vissar Liz Whaley	Dave Kuhlman Judy Kuhlman Wade Wantoch <b>NOT FILLED</b>
10:30 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (1) Ronda Kantach (2)	Abram Bucholz Ailish Crinion Katie Vandersnick	Patricia Crinion Ronda Kantack <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

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