

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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**CALENDAR ~ April 17-25, 2021**

Sat 17	5:00pm	Mass for Christopher Brock by Brian & Rachel Harrill
Sun 18	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Stanley E. Sipko by Jim & Joan King Mass for Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lednovich by the O'Reilly Family Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 19	9:00am 7:00am	Mass for Michelle Hill, Happy Birthday by Chuck & Janet Hill Men's Prayer Group
Wed 21	7:00pm 10:30am	Mass for ROS Fr. Gabriel Meehan Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 22	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Dr. Robin Pendleton by Dianne Pendleton Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 23	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Beverly Axline by Don Axline Men's Prayer Group
Sat 24	5:00pm 2:00 pm	Mass for ROS Jack & Dorothy Kennedy by Theresa Hambleton Third Order Carmelites Meeting, Parish Hall
Sun 25	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Estelle & Max Debow by Jim & Joan King Mass for ROS Theresa Keyes by Peggy Keyes Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

**TODAY**



**APRIL 18** Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, 10:30am-3:00pm in the Parish Hall.  
**Take-out orders are available.**  
**COST:** Large Plate = \$5.00; Small Plate = \$3.00.  
Spaghetti Dinner also includes salad, drink and dessert.



**April 24, 2021: CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

**Time:** Starts at 9:00am in the Parish Hall

**May 12, 2021: CONFIRMATION**

**Time:** 6:30pm; Msgr. Patrick Winslow, Chancellor, will be the celebrant for Mass.



**First Holy Communion**

May 12, 2021  
At the  
9:00am Mass

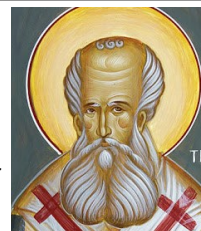
*"The Liturgy is based on the fact of God's presence in the church. It demands as a response that we appear before that presence. But one must be really present-with body, mind, and soul, with attention, reverence and love. That is composure. Only he who is composed can have God's presence within him and appear before Him to respond to His outpouring grace with adoration and love."*

~ Father Romano Guardini ~  
from *Meditations Before Mass*

**From the Holy Fathers**

*"The Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, came in search of straying sheep, to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When he found it he took it on his shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven."*

~ St. Gregory Nazianzen ~  
d. 390 AD



**Wisdom of the Saints**

*"Let us unite ourselves to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There, he continually annihilates Himself, presenting Himself to the Eternal Father as a sacrifice in reparation for the insults offered to His Divine Majesty."*



~ Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier ~  
Foundress, Good Shepherd Sisters, Feast April 24

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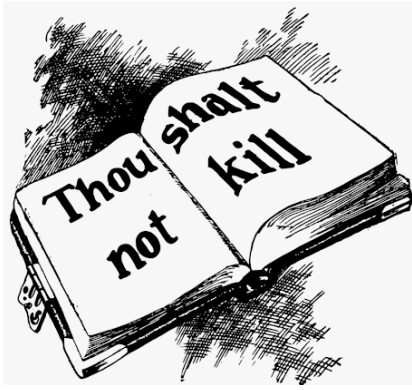
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1024 W. Main Street  
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**Collection Information, April 11, 2021**

Regular Offering \$9,554.00  
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# THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

The Fifth Commandment starts the “negative commandments,” those that start with ‘You shall not...’. Each of these commandments forbids some kind of injury to our neighbor.

In his book *Commandments of Compassion*, Father James Keenan writes: “We only understand the seriousness of the Fifth Commandment when we appreciate the sacred importance of human life. Without respect for human life, we are prone to violate it.”

Every human person has an immortal soul, and each person has a certain dignity. The most serious violation against man is to attack his life. Deliberate murder of an innocent is against the natural law of the Creator.

We all know the most serious sins against the Fifth Commandment...abortion, euthanasia, murder, suicide and assisted suicide. Most people don’t commit these sins but that does not mean we have not sinned against the Fifth Commandment.

Other sins include: reckless disregard for other people’s lives such as when driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol; unjust, disordered anger expressed by infringing on the rights of others-this often leads to words spoken that we wish we could take back. All of us have experienced anger. Our choices are to “blow up” and possibly hurt someone, or forgive the person who hurt us in some way, and then let it go. This is, of course, the way to let anger go, just as Jesus taught us in the Lord’s Prayer...”Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

## Additional sins against the Fifth Commandment include:

**Cult of the Body**, which is an obsessive disfigurement or disrespectful mutilation of the body. Examples include: excessive food deprivation, inordinate body piercing and tattooing, extreme body building using steroids, physical sterilization for the purpose of contraception and radical unnecessary plastic surgery;

**Gluttony**, which consists of eating to excess beyond the amount necessary for proper nutrition;

**Substance Abuse**, which is always seriously sinful. Abuses of alcohol and drugs frequently lead to serious infractions such as abusive behavior, auto accidents, and other acts of violence;

**Omission of service to others** is a failure to assist others when we are able to do so. This, then, is a failure to serve Christ;

**Racism**, a hatred or lack of respect for other persons because of skin color, ethnicity or natural origin, is a sin because it goes against the unconditional love that Jesus has for every person.

## **Before going to Confession, ask yourself:**

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

Did I neglect my health?

Have I mutilated myself or another?

Did I get drunk, use prohibited drugs, or illicitly use prescription medication?

Did I eat or drink more than the sufficient amount, allowing myself to get carried away through gluttony?

Did I participate in any form of malicious violence?

Did I desire revenge or harbor empty hatred?

Have I expressed any ‘bullying’ behavior towards another?

