



# St. Mary Catholic Church & St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**May 3, 2026 – FAQs about JIF (from [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org))**

## **What is the difference between forming a pastorate and merging parishes?**

A pastorate is a grouping of parishes served by one pastor. In the archdiocese each pastorate will have leadership teams with representatives from the various parishes (Pastorate Pastoral Council and Pastorate Finance Council). Each pastorate will also be served by a collaborative staff team.

In a pastorate each parish has separate finances and a separate parish finance council, while also sharing in joint pastorate expenses such as priest salaries. The purpose of creating pastorates is to help strengthen ministry, outreach, and community life. A pastorate is *not* a merger and does *not* mean that any parishes or churches within it are closing. Instead, it's an opportunity for neighboring parishes to support one another and share resources more effectively. Although every church will not have weekend Mass, other elements of parish life such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, and Eucharistic adoration may continue.

A merger, on the other hand, means that two or more parishes become a *single* parish with one name, one staff, and one set of finances. It is the expectation that pastorates will merge into a single parish over time. At this time, no mergers are being proposed.

In short:

- Parishes are not closing.
- Church buildings are not closing. Church names remain the same.
- Pastorates are not mergers.

## **Why can't we use Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP) or Word and Communion Services in our churches if we no longer have Sunday Mass?**

The current situation of priests trying to cover Mass at every location is not working for mission and evangelization. The pastorates are not created to take something away, but to bring priests and parishioners together for vibrant, life-giving liturgies that reflect the heart of our faith. This is difficult to achieve when on a typical weekend, our churches are only 37% full.

Weekend Mass is not only about receiving Communion, but also about our full, active, conscious participation in the sacrifice of the Mass, which requires a priest to preside. A deacon plays an important role in proclaiming the Gospel and assisting at the altar, but he cannot preside at Mass.

SCAP liturgies and Word and Communion services are not what Jesus had in mind when he said to "keep the Sabbath Holy." Christ intended the celebration of Mass as the memorial of his death and resurrection, not simply as consuming Holy Communion. Even when Communion is offered, SCAP liturgies and Word and Communion services fail to capture the full meaning of the Eucharist as a banquet (food and drink are consumed) and sacrifice (the Lamb of God is offered).

SCAP liturgies are permitted only in true emergencies when Mass was anticipated but could not be celebrated because, for example, the presiding priest suddenly became gravely ill. They also can be celebrated with the prior permission of the Archbishop when a substitute priest could not be found for the local priest who, for example, is away on retreat. Suffice it to say, SCAP liturgies cannot be used as a regular substitute for Weekend Mass.

Peace,

-Fr. Kevin

## **3 de Mayo - PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES de este proceso "Camino en Fe" (de [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org))**

### **¿Cuál es la diferencia entre formar un pastorado y fusionar parroquias?**

Un pastorado es una agrupación de parroquias atendidas por un solo párroco. En la archidiócesis, cada pastorado contará con equipos de liderazgo con representantes de las distintas parroquias (Consejo Pastoral del Pastorado y Consejo Financiero del Pastorado). Cada pastorado también contará con un equipo de personal colaborador.

En un pastorado, cada parroquia tiene finanzas separadas y un consejo financiero parroquial independiente, al tiempo que comparten los gastos comunes del pastorado, como los salarios de los sacerdotes. El objetivo de crear pastorados es ayudar a fortalecer el ministerio, la divulgación y la vida comunitaria. Un pastorado *no* es una fusión y *no* significa que las parroquias o iglesias que lo integran vayan a cerrar. Por el contrario, es una oportunidad para que las parroquias vecinas se apoyen mutuamente y compartan recursos de forma más eficaz. Aunque no todas las iglesias celebrarán misa los fines de semana, otros elementos de la vida parroquial, como bautizos, bodas, funerales y adoración eucarística, podrán continuar.

Por otro lado, una fusión significa que dos o más parroquias se convierten en una *sol*a parroquia con un solo nombre, un solo personal y un solo conjunto de finanzas. Se espera que los pastorados se fusionen en una sola parroquia con el tiempo. En este momento, no se propone ninguna fusión. A medida que los fieles de un pastorado adoren juntos y construyan una comunidad, las ventajas y los puntos fuertes de la fusión se harán evidentes. Es en ese momento cuando comenzarán las fusiones.

En resumen:

- Las parroquias no están cerrando.
- Los edificios de las iglesias no están cerrando. Los nombres de las iglesias siguen siendo los mismos.
- Los pastorados no son fusiones.

### **¿Por qué no podemos usar la Celebración Dominical en Ausencia de Sacerdote (SCAP) o los Servicios de Palabra y Comunión en nuestras iglesias si ya no tenemos Misa dominical?**

La situación actual, en la que los sacerdotes intentan cubrir la misa en todos los lugares, no funciona para la misión y la evangelización. Los modelos no se han creado para quitar algo, sino para reunir a sacerdotes y feligreses en liturgias vibrantes y vivificantes que reflejen el corazón de nuestra fe. Esto es difícil de lograr cuando en un fin de semana típico, nuestras iglesias sólo están llenas en un 37%.

La Misa de fin de semana no consiste sólo en recibir la Comunión, sino también en nuestra participación plena, activa y consciente en el sacrificio de la Misa, que requiere un sacerdote que la presida. El diácono desempeña un papel importante proclamando el Evangelio y ayudando en el altar, pero no puede presidir la Misa. Las liturgias SCAP y los servicios de Palabra y Comunión no son lo que Jesús tenía en mente cuando dijo "guardar el Sábado Santo". Cristo pretendía que la celebración de la Misa fuera el memorial de su muerte y resurrección, no simplemente consumir la Sagrada Comunión. Incluso cuando se ofrece la Comunión, las liturgias SCAP y los servicios de Palabra y Comunión no logran captar el pleno significado de la Eucaristía como banquete (se consume comida y bebida) y sacrificio (se ofrece el Cordero de Dios).

Las liturgias SCAP se permiten sólo en verdaderas emergencias cuando la Misa estaba prevista pero no pudo celebrarse porque, por ejemplo, el sacerdote que la presidía enfermó gravemente de repente. También pueden celebrarse con el permiso previo del Arzobispo cuando no se ha podido encontrar un sacerdote sustituto para el sacerdote local que, por ejemplo, está de retiro. Baste decir que las liturgias del SCAP no pueden utilizarse como sustituto habitual de la Misa de fin de semana.

Paz,

-Padre Kevin

# St. Mary

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## Book Club



Read and discuss  
May 12 @ 5:30pm will discuss  
"the Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife"  
by Anna Johnston  
June 9th @ 5:30pm will discuss  
"The Shadows We Hide" by Allen Eskens  
Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do."  
(John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

Mark your calendar  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 1-4  
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



## Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$1155
Offertory	\$256
Second Collection	\$319

Give Online [www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving](http://www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving)

## Liturgical Ministers

May 10 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Lector: Katelyn Porter, Barb Keninger  
Ushers: Caleb Harms, Richard Bloom,  
Clayton Harms, Mike Bonewitz  
Eucharistic Ministers: Abbey Porterfield,  
Denise Sprain  
Money Counters: Julie Brandt, Lisa Kielty  
Altar Servers: Sergio Rogel, Jace Harms  
Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

Please remember to find your own replacements

Rosary in Spanish on  
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.  
*Everyone is welcome!*



In Remembrance  
**Marlyn Nymeyer**  
*May He Rest In Peace*  
Funeral was at St. Mary – May 2

## Thank you

Thank you to Rosie, Marcie, Beth, Jodi,  
Patti and Mary who brought salads for  
the Nymeyer funeral.

"Too often we are bold when we  
should be timid, and timid when  
we should be bold. It is time to  
move beyond our timidity and  
boldly participate  
each moment of life."



Matthew Kelly

# St. Patrick

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## Liturgical Ministries

May 10th, 2026 - Mayo 10th, 2026

### Mass—May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Emma Svob  
Ushers: Sue Basye, Trace Brocka  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jose & Maria Alonzo  
Money Counters: Liz Carr, Linda Cassmann  
Altar Servers: Drew & Cameron Horton, Rhiannon Prestige  
Sacristan: Joe & Lili Alonzo  
Linens: Donna Devereux

### Spanish Mass— Mayo 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lectors: Esther Espinosa, Maria Ramirez  
Ministros de Eucaristicos: Ambar Flores, Angel Flores  
Contador es de Dinero: Sheyla Soto, Anabel Ramirez  
Monaguillo Maylin Contreras, Adan Rodriguez, Juan Hernandez  
Sacristan: TBD

You are esponsible to find your own replacement.  
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

## Happenings Week of May 3rd, 2026

### Tuesday/ Martes May 5th/ Mayo 5th

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM AA/AI-Anon (RE Center)

### Wednesday/ Miercoles – May 6th / Mayo 6th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos  
(Social Hall)

### Thursday/ Jueves – May 7th/ Mayo 7th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts – Social Hall  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Adoration

### Sunday/ Domingo May 11th/ Mayo 11th

10:30 AM Mass  
5:30 PM Mass Spanish



## SCRIP INFORMATION WHAT IS SCRIP and WHY SHOULD I BUY ?

Scrip is a fundraising function of St. Patrick's Finance Council. Our parish buys the plastic cards from RaiseRight at a discount and sells these cards after Sunday morning Mass. For example: If you buy a Kwik Star card for \$25.00 you are credited a \$3.75 as a donation to the church, the 15% rebate allowed is your donation. This donation will be reflected on your year-end statement.

This fundraiser has raised more money than any other parish fundraiser When you purchase Scrip you are helping out St. Patrick and these cards can be used for things you use every day: food, fuel and personal items. GREAT FOR GIFTS TOO! (Graduation is coming up! )

Stop after church and find out what it's all about!

**EPIPHANY PARISH**  
LIGHTS BRIGHTEN

Come and be part of an unforgettable Spiritual experience

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**Saturday**  
May 16  
**6:00AM**  
HOLY FAMILY  
PARKING LOT  
**\$20.00**

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Don't miss your chance to connect with our faith!

Reserve Now

For more information: ☎ 641-251-4875

## STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY APRIL26th, 2026

REGULAR	\$ 885.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 1,099.00

Give On-Line at [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) online-giving.  
Dona en línea para [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) donaciones en línea.

## FIRST COMMUNION April 26, 2026

Congratulations to all those that received the Sacrament of First Communion, Baptism, & Confirmation.

Blessings to you & your families.



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# Journey In Faith

## Interim Mass Schedules

Fr. Kevin Earleywine is currently working with Fr. Donald Czapl (Ackley) and Fr. David O'Connor (Hampton)- to create the interim Mass schedule that will be used from July 15, 2026- January 15, 2027. A draft of the interim Mass schedule will be shared with the parish/cluster pastoral council, deacons, and parish staff in order to gather feedback on the draft. Fr. Czpl and Fr. David O'Connor as incoming pastor, will consider all feedback received in the creation of the interim schedule. Interim Mass schedules will be announced at all Masses across the archdiocese the weekend May 30/31. Mass schedules will be published in all bulletins the weekend of June 6/7.

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**Married Couples.** Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth, Iowa and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque, Iowa.

### Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at [stmarystpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystpatrick@gmail.com)

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at [thepattons4@gmail.com](mailto:thepattons4@gmail.com)



## Baptism

May God Bless them  
washed  
in the waters of  
baptism.

Eli Salgado, Samantha Zavala,  
Ryan Gibson, Aylin Santos, Denis Santos,  
Jose Gomez, Isabella Gonzalez, Esteban  
Gonzalez, Teo Montes, Gustavo Carcamo

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## Thank you

Thank you to Sherry and Dwight, Rachel, Ruth Ann, Vicki, and Genevie for donating Bingo prizes. Thank you to Jim Davies for the donation of popcorn.

Thank you to Ruth Ann, Sue, Donna and Anabelle and Maria for serving the reception after First Communion.

Thank you to Marcie Brandt and Julie Brandt for serving the reception after First Communion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4 8:30 a.m.	Marlyn Nymeyer	St. Mary
Tuesday, May 5 8:30 a.m.	Tony Kelch	St. Patrick
Wednesday, May 6 8:30 a.m.	Doc Fetter	St. Mary
Thursday, May 7 5:30 p.m.	Jerry Miller	St. Patrick
Sunday, May 10 8:00 a.m.	Beverly Keninger	St. Mary
10:30 a.m.	Ebel & Gladys Ibeling	St. Patrick
5:30 p.m.	For the people	St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass

[www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream)

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic