



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Paul and Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Randy Skaggs, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips.

For healing and continued recovery • Paula Dustman (broken leg), Jasmine (sister of Ben, Rachel Schremp's friend, undergoing tests following a seizure), Pansy Meyer (back pain), Tammy Keir (Mike Keir's sister, recovering from stomach surgery), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, recovering from kidney surgery), Glenn Fluegge (recovering from surgery), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Olivia (Betty Schremp's great-niece, recovering from a concussion), John Hart (friend of Sherry Glaeser, whose cancer has returned and also has leukemia), Emmalyn Ganey (Cathy Dew's granddaughter, ill), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Sue Steiger (cancer), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in May • Annette Rolfe (May 3), Pansy Meyer (May 15), Linda Ruzicka (May 18), Laverne Fitzsimmons (May 21), Vicky Surman (May 21), Maryann Roth (May 23), Lance Meyer (May 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in May • Ben & LuJune Rottler (May 26).

For those who mourn • Peace and comfort for family and friends of Tom Boland (Jeff Boland's brother), who passed away earlier this week.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries • Angela Steinbacher.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card and folding your card in half. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.

Holy
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WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023



BAPTISM NOW SAVES YOU

NOT THE REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM THE FLESH,
BUT AN APPEAL TO GOD FOR A GOOD CONSCIENCE
THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

1 PETER 3:21



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Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 14, 2023**

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

A cordial welcome to our guests and visitors!
 Please come back and worship with us again soon.

As We Gather • We live in a world where we increasingly hear strange ideas. The people we work, play, and live near increasingly consider the truths that our God created this world and redeemed us to be strange. Jesus, Peter, and Paul lived in a world that had some striking similarities to our own. As we live out our Baptism, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to love Jesus and keep His commands. We are urged to always be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). As we do so, it is easy to fall into the angry, divisive, argumentative patterns that we hear in the political realm. Yet, we are called to share our hope with gentleness and respect, so that we keep a clear conscience and suffer for doing good rather than evil.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God for all mothers and for Lauren Bell's graduation from SEMO.

The minutes and financial report from the April Voters' Meeting are available today in the members' mailboxes.

The Property/Daycare Committee will meet this week on Tuesday, May 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We are collecting toilet paper tubes, old CDs, and fabric. These are needed items for projects at the upcoming festivals. Please place these items in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY May 14	TUESDAY May 16	NEXT SUNDAY May 21
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE The Ascension of Our Lord Holy Communion
BIBLE CLASS after the service	7:00 PM PROPERTY/DAYCARE COMMITTEE MEETING	BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	5/7/23	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,953	\$56,107
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$3,421	\$52,792
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$468	-\$3,315
% Ahead/Behind	15.8%	-5.9%



Baby Bottle Campaign

Your change can save lives at the Center for Life - Ste. Genevieve and Perryville! Take your baby bottle home on Mother's Day, fill it with change (bills and checks work too!), and return it on Father's Day (June 18). You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the stand or by visiting www.centerforlifemo.org.

Would you like to give flowers on the altar? Upcoming Sundays available: **June 4, July 23, July 30**. Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. On an envelope, write “Flower Fund”; put \$20 inside; and place it in the offering plate.