



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

May 3, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

PARISH COMMUNITY

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & HALL RENTAL

Shelly Fredriksen(218) 556-8023
If you would like to use the church or social hall
for an event, (wedding, reunion, etc) please contact
Shelly to schedule and for rental information.

FUNERALS

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Regular meetings are the third Sunday of Jan., Mar.,
May, Jul., Sep., and Nov. starting at 7:00 pm in the
church social hall.

PARISH OUTREACH

Deb Heineman.....(218) 444-3287

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact Fr. John for information.

TRUSTEES

Richard Anderson
Cheryl Pauly

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your phone number, address or email address, please let Shelly know so the church records can be updated. It is helpful when notification about weather related announcements need to go out. Thank you for your help.

BAPTISM

Please contact Father John. When a date is set, please contact Ruth Walters.

BUSY BAGS

There are Busy Bags available for children during Mass. They are on the bulletin rack.

CALLING TREE

If church is cancelled due to weather, an email notice will be sent. If you don't have email and would like to have a phone call for cancellations, please give your phone number to Zelda or Polly. Thank you.

HEARING HELP

If you need assistance in hearing, there are hearing devices available for Mass.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please keep the priests and other church members informed of the hospitalized, sick or shut-ins or a recent family death. Contact Zelda Cartier or Deb Heineman for a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or a card.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass to be said for someone, please contact Ruth at (218) 308-1265 or fill out a Mass Intentions envelope found in the bulletin rack and give to Ruth.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church.

No matter your current family or marital situation.

No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality.

No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ
and you belong to us!

You are invited, accepted and respected here at Sacred Heart.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please see Shelly Fredriksen to register.

RECONCILIATION

Please contact Father John to schedule.

SERVING CREWS

If it is your month to serve on the cleaning crew, and you are unable to help, please find a substitute to take over for you.

TRADITION

The first Sunday of the month, Potluck immediately following Mass.

Everyone Welcome!

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Diocese of Crookston
Cindy Hulst, LSW
24 hour confidential number:
(218) 281-7895

SCHOLARSHIP

Sacred Heart has established a Youth Scholarship Fund to help with tuition for our young people who choose to attend parochial school. If you would like to donate to the fund, please indicate (either on the memo line of your check, on an envelope, or by post-it note) that the donation is for youth scholarships.

Restrooms are located at the far end of the social hall, and in the nursery. The nursery is available for anyone with small children, so that all may participate in celebrating Mass.

If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the Sacristan know

Please pray for those who have been called to leave their families in service to our country.

LIGHTS & DOORS

If you are last person in church please make sure lights are off and the doors are locked.

5/3/26

Reading I Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Reading II I Peter 2:4-9

Gospel John 14:1-12

5/4/26

Reading I Acts 14:5-18

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16

Gospel John 14:21-26

5/5/26

Reading I Acts 14:19-28

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:10-13, 21

Gospel John 14:27-31

5/6/26

Reading I Acts 15:1-6

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 122:1-5

Gospel John 15:1-8

5/7/26

Reading I Acts 15:7-21

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96:1-3, 10

Gospel John 15:9-11

5/8/26

Reading I Acts 15:22-31

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 57:8-10, 12

Gospel John 15:12-17

5/9/26

Reading I Acts 16:1-10

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 100:1-36, 5

Gospel John 15:18-21



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 3 First Holy Communion

Brayden Doering
Rowyn Rucinski
Tobias Smith

Second Collection

Cemetery Fund

Potluck

Following Mass.

May Serving Crew

Shelly Fredriksen, Ruth Walters

May 8 Corsage Making

Mother's Day Corsage assembly, St. Joseph's Church, Bagley. 6:30 pm.

May 17 Second Collection

Catholic Communications/Catholic University



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

For the People

PLEASE NOTE

If your birthday or anniversary did not appear in the bulletin, this is not an oversight. Anyone who did not request this information to be included in the bulletin on their parish registration form is not included. Please check with Shelly Fredriksen to make sure your information is up to date.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

• May 4 •

RILEY DORIS



MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

On Friday May 8th at 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph's Church in Bagley, will be making Mother's Day Corsages. 60 have been ordered for Sacred Heart this year. If anyone would like to help, you are more than welcome. The more help, the sooner the work is done. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Shafer at (218) 968-2488.

KC'S WALLEYE CLASSIC

Stephen Aultman will be selling Knight of Columbus Walleye Classic tickets after mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance at a boat, motor and trailer package worth \$38,439.00, 1 drawing for \$1,000, 1 drawing for \$500.00, 2 drawings for \$250.00, 15 drawings for \$100.00 and 5 drawings for a 1/2 day guided fishing trip. Drawing on June 13th, need not be present to win.



Ministries

MAY 3

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
Altar Server.....Brenalen Fredriksen-Holm
Announcers & Readers.....Ann Illies
.....Vange Anderson, James Sparke
Ushers.....Karl Oestreich
.....Zach Thoma
Eucharistic Ministers.....Kathy Carrlson
.....Lorraine Galland, John Trammell,

MAY 10

Greeters.....Jim Sparke
Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski
Announcers & Readers.....Gloria Collyard
.....Vange Anderson, Lois Jenkins
Ushers.....Theresa Wilander
.....Carol Bjelland
Eucharistic Ministers.....Richard Anderson
.....Karen Shafer, Mary Sorensen

MAY 17

Greeters.....Ann Illies
Altar Server.....Parker Fuller
Announcers & Readers.....Megan Fuller
.....Ann Illies, Joe Rucinski
Ushers.....John Trammell
.....John Sorensen
Eucharistic Ministers.....Evie Johnson
.....Carol Bjelland, Theresa Wilander

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The person who is listed first in the bulletin should bring the ciborium from the tabernacle to the altar and offer the body of Christ to those coming for communion. The other two listed should offer the cup with the Blood of Christ.

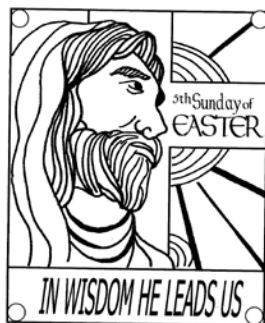
- *Eucharistic Ministers, please remember to gather the vessels after Mass and clean them for the next week in the Sacristy.*
- *The Eucharistic Minister who brings the eucharist from the tabernacle to the altar is responsible for returning the key for the tabernacle to the sacristy.*



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Reminder: please notify Ruth when loved ones no longer need to be on our prayer list.

Jim Aakre
Barb Arbuckle
Sandra Brown
Clark Chambers
Kristy Christianson
Curt Connelly
Bill Downs
Alys Ann Edwards
Blake Edwards
Harriet Elsberd
Dennis Enright
Sophia Forchass
Briggs Geisen
Brandi Green
Brandon Hart
Ed Haskell
Johanna Heineman
Harlan Johnson
Van Johnson
Whitey Kloepfner
Rosie Larson
Mike Lien
Margie Lisak
Kay Lisak-Buck
Julianne Little
Lydia
Seth & Lochlan McClusky
Brody Moen
Delores Orth
Elizabeth Parthun
Joe Raiter
Janice Renner
Lubchek Ryzhyy
Bernice Sauve
Larry Schmidt
Cathy Simenson
Kevin Smethers
Calvin Smith
John Sorensen
John Swanson
Debbie Theis Miller
Katie Van Der Meer
Gary Vold
Ross Walters
Madonna Welter
Gary Wendleing



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Bring your souvenirs, invitations, thank yous, clippings, photos of Sacred Heart Memories to display and/or scrapbook. Place in the bright light teal basket on the liturgy table.

WORDS OF LOVE

The summer after college graduation, I stood in Milwaukee's Amtrak station, waiting for a train to New York City. I was traveling with a friend to start my first semester of study at a Catholic seminary. My parents drove in from our small rural town to see me off. As we said our final goodbyes, my mom and dad were overcome with emotion. They sobbed. In fact, I didn't ever remember seeing my father cry until then. As I told my friend: "Gee, you'd think that I was their only child rather than the eldest of seven!"

This memory is a good illustration of my favorite Saint Augustine quote: "God loves each of us as though there were only one of us." It also points me back to the theme of love expressed so eloquently by John the Evangelist.

The word love appears 57 times in the Gospel of John, more than the other three gospels combined. And the First Letter of John, consisting of only 105 verses, runs a close second, with a whopping 46 mentions.

John's gospel and first letter start with Jesus as being one with the Father—from the beginning of time—as the Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," says John 1:1. In the letter, Jesus is the "Word of Life" who was "with the Father" (1 John 1:1-2).

Yes, it's true that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son" (John 3:16). But through that son, John tells us in 1 John 4:16, the true nature of God is revealed: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him."

Mary Lynn Hendrickson

Mary Lynn Hendrickson, a freelance writer, spent nearly 20 years directing parish catechetical ministry within the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin. Previously she was the executive director of the Associated Church Press and worked for 20 years in Catholic publishing as an editor.



ALL ARE INVITED: DIVINE RENOVATION MINISTRY AT ST. PHILIP'S, BEMIDJI ON MAY 5

Matt Regitz and Fr. Nick Desimone from Divine Renovation will be speaking to our priests during their annual Spring Priests Convocation May 4-7. They will also present an evening address for the lay faithful on Tuesday, May 5, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji.

Matt and Fr. Nick will offer a focused synopsis of the themes guiding the priests' convocation. Drawing from their sessions on missionary conversion and pastoral planning, Matt and Fr. Nick will share how renewal is not merely about structural change, but about spiritual conversion and new life. Through Fr. Nick's practical witness of leading renewal in parish life and Matt's articulation of the vision and the "3 Keys" of parish renewal, the evening event will encourage parishioners to see this moment as an invitation to deeper prayer, courageous leadership, and hopeful participation in the evangelizing mission of the Church. No RSVP necessary!

I'LL BE BACK

It's a familiar picture: A tiny face pressed anxiously against the windowpane, as a beloved parent heads off into the big, outside world. A mixture of fear, loneliness and jealousy bubbles up at being left behind. Why can't we go with them? Will they be gone a long time? What will we do till they return? And the painful emotions cut both ways. Our parents know they must go away to work, to plan for our future, to protect us. How hard it can be for both sides, this early lesson in trust.

The disciples had a similar tough lesson as Jesus prepared for His Ascension. "If I go," He tells them, "I will come back again and take you to myself." Fearful, the disciples asked for directions, wanting to follow Jesus when He left. But Jesus knew their faith would never flourish if the disciples couldn't endure this separation. He must complete the work of salvation and they must stay behind to build His kingdom. Painful and sometimes scary, this waiting our faith must endure. But oh what joy we will feel when our Father's face appears outside the window to finally call us home.

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Sunday, May 03, 2026

Embrace life

People say the darnedest things when someone dies. They say, “God took him from us” or “God must’ve had a reason.” But according to our faith, Jesus promised to rescue us from death. When, because of age or illness or injury, our mortal bodies can no longer sustain God’s precious gift of life, Jesus promised to “come again” and snatch us from the jaws of death. The Bible says, “In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died” (Wisdom 3:2). God had a reason for giving us life. And Jesus has a reason for saving us from death. Death is not part of God’s plan for us. Only life—life everlasting.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52). *“I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”*

Monday, May 04, 2026

The power of words

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz died at age 100, soon after publishing *The Wild Braid: A Poet Reflects on a Century in the Garden*. In it Kunitz describes falling in love with language as a child. Finding new words in a family dictionary, he learned meanings but loved even their sounds. “I would go out into the woods behind our house and shout my latest discovery and listen to the words reverberate. I considered it my duty to give my new words to the elements, to scatter them.” Do we forget the sheer power of our own words that carry not only meaning but are formed by our very breath, our very selves? The words we “shout” into the world, which we have a duty to shout, are incarnations of our own kindness, joy, compassion, and forgiveness.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *“Whoever loves me will keep my word.”*

Tuesday, May 05, 2026

Look for the open door

Saint Paul had reason to suspect his attempt to bring Christ’s Good News to the Greeks was ill-fated. Even after making a cripple walk again and astounding the crowds, the Jews stoned Paul and left him for dead. All we are told at that point is that he simply stood on his feet and proceeded into the city of Derbe to continue preaching. Perplexingly, when Paul and Barnabas then return to the church in Antioch, they celebrate the door of faith now open to the Gentiles. That is a peculiar “open door” indeed that leaves one stoned and left for dead! But when failure appeared nearest at hand, Paul found opportunity. Today, find in each of your failures and misfortunes an opportunity for God’s grace to fill in.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *“They called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”*

Wednesday, May 06, 2026

Put your anger on ice

Marlene Dietrich, actress/singer of the past century, once said during a television interview that when a woman forgives her man, “she must not reheat his sins for breakfast.” Though it is not always possible to forget an offense, we can forgive and let go of the anger. This power comes from our communion with Christ,

who forgives all our sins. When we abide with Christ, we produce the fruit of patience and peace that comes from God alone. The temptation is to reheat an old hurt. But we can resist that temptation and live in the love of God.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *“Remain in me, as I remain in you.”*

Thursday, May 07, 2026

We’re all on the same team

The phrase “us and them” separates humanity into teams of rivals. But what happens when those teams change sides? When Saint Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, talks about “us,” he means his Jewish brothers and sisters. For Paul, “them” refers to non-Jewish followers of Jesus—which curiously now means, mostly, “us.” Heaven’s view of history and who’s who is quite fuller than ours. Isn’t it time to build more bridges and to see as God sees?

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *“He made no distinction between us and them, for by faith he purified their hearts.”*

Friday, May 08, 2026

How do you picture Jesus?

The New Testament is filled with images of Jesus—from a good shepherd to a mother hen, from a royal king to a dear friend. Writers, theologians, mystics, and artists also have given us many images that can help us deepen our own experience of God and stretch us in new ways. While some images may surprise us, they can also spark a new way of thinking about how God is present in our everyday life. At different times one image might speak to us more than another. Which image of Jesus do you most relate to today? Which do you find challenges you and opens you to new ways of experiencing God?

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *“I have called you friends.”*

Saturday, May 09, 2026

It’s not a popularity contest

When beloved and famous citizens die these days, an immediate outpouring of public grief attends their passing. Something like a secular shrine is formed as multitudes contribute flowers, candles, stuffed animals, and final messages to the one they so admired. Nothing like this happened at the death of Jesus, of course—few who loved him even dared to be seen with him at the end. At his death, Jesus was despised by the powerful and disowned by the powerless. Those who followed him most nearly met a similar end: folks like Stephen, Peter, and Paul. Remember, winning the esteem of others is not the goal of Christian living, rather it is giving witness to the truth.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *“If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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