

# C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**  
**MAY 11, 2025**

## **Psalm 23** **A Psalm of David**

**The LORD is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I lack.  
In green pastures he makes me lie  
down;  
to still waters he leads me;  
He restores my soul.  
He guides me along right paths  
for the sake of His Name.  
Even though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff comfort me.  
You set a table before me  
in front of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
for endless days.**

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23>



**THE VISITATION**  
**MAY 31, 2025**



## May Adoration at Our Lady

**First Friday, May 2, 2025**  
**From 10:15am to Noon**  
**With Benediction**

**All Other Fridays**  
**From 10:15am to 11:00am**  
**With Benediction**



## St Joseph, The Worker



**May 1**

## MAY CROWNING



**Sunday, May 11,**  
**(in honor of**  
**Our Blessed Mother)**  
**Immediately after the**  
**10:00<sup>am</sup> Mass**

The Transitional Diaconate Ordination will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at St. Michael The Archangel Church, Worthington, OH at 10:00<sup>AM</sup>.

**For all Ministry Leaders, our next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am Mass.**

We are all saddened by the news of Pope Francis' death on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:35<sup>am</sup> local time in Rome.

The time of mourning for the death of a pope is defined as nine days. By the time this issue is available there will have been many Masses and events held to remember his life and to pray for the repose of his soul. Please include him in your prayers.

Please pray also for the conclave as the cardinals prepare to elect a new pope!



## FEAST DAYS IN MAY WE ARE STILL IN THE EASTER SEASON! MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**May 1 - St JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**May 2 - First Friday & St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**May 3 - First Saturday & St. Philip & St. James The Less, Apostles & The Finding of the True Cross**

**May 10 - St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church and St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai, Priest**

**May 11 - MOTHER'S DAY! - May Crowning after the 10:00<sup>am</sup> Mass St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, Martyrs, also, St. Pancras, Martyr**

**May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima - (108th Anniv.) First Apparition**

**May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle**

**May 15 - St. Isidore the Farmer & his wife, Maria de la Cabeza, also St. Dymphna - Patroness of the mentally ill**

**May 17 - St. Paschal Baylon - Patron of Eucharistic Congresses**  
**ARMED FORCES DAY**

**May 18 - St. John I, Pope, Martyr & St. Stanislaus Papczynski, Founder of the Marians**

**May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

**May 21 -- St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

**May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**May 25 - (Sunday) St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin; also, Our Lady of Consolation - Carey, Ohio.**

**May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest - MEMORIAL DAY**

**May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

**May 29 - St. Paul VI, Pope (Traditional Ascension of the Lord)**

**May 30 - St. Joan of Arc**

**May 31 - The VISITATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday, June 1 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**On Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> of this year we will celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta!**







At the Saturday evening Mass at 4pm on April 12, 2025, Delia Hoch received the blessings of the Rite of Welcoming in her journey into the Catholic Faith. She has been studying with us since February.

She was already baptized in her previous Christian denomination. In this rite she requests to be accepted into our community to continue on her journey to full communion in the Catholic Faith. We, in turn, promise to pray and support her.

Our goal is for her to be received into full communion on Pentecost.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm



**MAY 26, 2025**

**CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY**

**Men of the Medal**

**Saturday**

**MAY 10, 2025**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

**Continental Breakfast**

**Fellowship with**

**Like-minded men of faith!**

## PSR - MAY SCHEDULE

The PSR Sunday sessions are ending a bit earlier this year. The students will continue as usual through May 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Special Events for May:

First Holy Communion is on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Confirmation will take place on Monday evening, May 5, at Seton Parish at 7:00<sup>pm</sup>.

Thanks to our families for their faithful participation and to our teachers and assistants who share their time and knowledge with such enthusiasm.

Carolyn Mack

## JUBILEE OF HOPE - MAY 2025 CELEBRATIONS

### May 1 - 4 Jubilee of Workers

All categories of workers (employees, professionals in various sectors, etc.), and the various trade associations and trades unions.

### May 4-5 Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

### May 10-11 Jubilee of Bands & Popular Entertainment

### May 12-14 Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

All the faithful and representatives of the Eastern Catholic Churches, with their patriarchs and metropolitans, are especially invited to this Jubilee event.

### May 16-18 Jubilee of Confraternities

### May 30 – June 1 Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents & the Elderly

Experiencing joy in the family, following the example of the Martin family, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux her sisters and her parents.



These are specific events taking place in Rome on the days noted. However, we can certainly pray along with those who are attending for the graces of this Jubilee on all who participate in these activities and especially for all those who cannot travel to Rome who need our prayers.

**City Wide  
MASS & PRAISE  
ADORATION  
May 3rd**

**9:30 am -1 pm**

With Rosary and 1st Sat. Prayers

**OUR LADY OF THE  
MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
COLUMBUS, OH**

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## Saint Isidore the Farmer

### And (St.) Maria Torribia (his wife)

Patron Saint of: Farmers and Rural Laborers & Communities

In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

The Spanish profession name *labrador* comes from the verb *labrar* ("to till", "to plow" or, in a broader sense, "to work the land"). Hence, to refer to him as simply a "laborer" is a poor translation of the Spanish *labrador* as it makes no reference to the essential farming aspect of his work and his identity. His real name was Isidro de Merlo y Quintana.

Isidore was born in Madrid around 1070 or 1082 to poor, devout parents and was christened Isidore after the name of their patron, St. Isidore of Seville. In 1083 or 1085, the troops of Alfonso VI of León and Castile conquered Madrid from the Muslim *taifa* [an Islamic polity located in the center of the Iberian Peninsula [Spain] in the High Middle Ages [from 1000-1300AD].] of Toledo. Isidore spent his life as a hired hand in the service of the wealthy Madrilenian landowner, Juan de Vargas, on a farm in the city's vicinity. He shared what he had, even his meals, with the poor. Juan de Vargas would later make him bailiff of his entire estate of Lower Caramanca.

Isidore married Maria Torribia, known as Santa María de la Cabeza in Spain; she has never been canonized, pending confirmation by Pope Francis. Isidore and Maria had one son. On one occasion, their son fell into a deep well, and at the prayers of his parents, the water of the well is said to have risen miraculously to the level of the ground, bringing the child with it. In thanksgiving, Isidore and Maria then vowed sexual abstinence and lived in separate houses. Their son later died in his youth.

He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints." (<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-isidore-the-farmer/>)

**Miracles:** In the morning before going to work, Isidore would usually attend Mass at one of the churches in Madrid. One day, his fellow farm workers complained to their master that Isidore was always late for work in the morning. Upon investigation the master found Isidore at prayer while an angel was doing the



ploughing for him.

On another occasion, his master saw an angel ploughing on either side of him, so that Isidore's work was equal to that of three of his fellow field workers. Isidore is also said to have brought back to life his master's deceased daughter, and to have caused a fountain of fresh water to burst from the dry earth to quench his master's thirst.

One snowy day, when going to the mill with wheat to be ground, he passed a flock of wood-pigeons scratching vainly for food on the hard surface of the frosty ground. Taking pity on the poor animals, he poured half of his sack of precious wheat upon the ground for the birds, despite the mocking of witnesses. When he reached the mill, however, the bag was full, and the wheat, when it was ground, produced double the expected amount of flour.

Isidore's wife, Maria, always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble home as Isidore would often bring home anyone who was hungry. One day he brought home more hungry people than usual. After she served many of them, Maria told him that there simply was no more stew in the pot. He insisted that she check the pot again, and she was able to spoon out enough stew to feed them all.

On 2 April 1212, after torrential rains had exhumed cadavers from cemeteries in Madrid, his body was discovered in an apparent state of incorruptibility.

He is said to have appeared to Alfonso VIII of Castile, and to have shown him the hidden path by which he surprised the Moors and gained the victory of Las Navas de Tolosa, in 1212. When King Philip III of Spain was cured of a deadly disease after touching the relics of the saint, the king replaced the old reliquary with a costly silver one and instigated the process of his beatification. Throughout history, other members of the royal family would seek curative powers from the saint.

The number of miracles attributed to him has been counted as 438. The only original source of hagiography on him is a fourteenth century codex called *Códice de Juan Dácono* which relates five of his miracles:

- The pigeons and the grain.
- The angels ploughing.
- The saving of his donkey, through prayer, from a wolf attack.
- The account of his wife's pot of food.
- A similar account of his feeding the brotherhood.

The codex also attests to the incorruptible state of his body, stating it was exhumed 40 years after his death.

source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isidore\\_the\\_Laborer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isidore_the_Laborer)

**Mea Culpa!** I owe everyone who attended the Masses on March 29 & 30 an apology for the mis-information on the slide program. I inadvertently noted the City-Wide Praise and Worship for the first Saturday in April, when in fact, it is being held on the First Saturday in May, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am so sorry for any confusion I may have caused.

Elaine Sturm



**Cinco de Mayo: This holiday is to remember the heroism of the 4,000 Mexican troops in the Battle of Puebla over 8,000 French troops in 1862.**







### The Appeal 2025 Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
You have called us to go out  
and proclaim the Good News of your Son's death  
and resurrection.  
Empower us with your Holy Spirit for this work of  
ministry.

Give us hearts and minds that are open to the  
Gospel,  
And hands and feet that are willing to live it.  
Bless the work of this Appeal,  
And the sacrifices we make in your service,  
That in all we do and say, all we give and receive,  
We may build up your Church here on earth  
And be instruments that bring Christ to others.  
We ask all this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Oración de La Campaña 2025

Padre Celestial,  
Nos has llamado a ir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de  
tu Hijo crucificado y resucitado.  
Fortalécenos con el Espíritu Santo para el trabajo  
ministerial.  
Danos corazones y mentes abiertas al Evangelio,  
así como manos y pies dispuestos a vivirlo.  
Bendice el trabajo de esta Campaña  
y los sacrificios que ofrecemos a tu servicio,  
que en todo los que hagamos y digamos, en todo lo  
que demos y recibamos,  
construyamos tu Iglesia aquí en la tierra  
y seamos instrumentos que lleven a Cristo hacia  
otros.  
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.  
Amén.

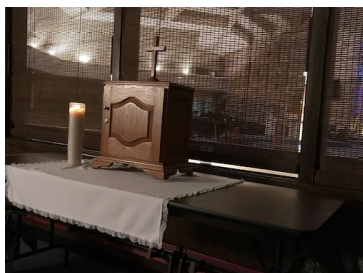
## Diaper Drive

Moms and babies need your support!  
Many single moms and parents in our  
community cannot afford diapers for  
their babies. This month from May 10  
through May 25, COOL Respect Life  
Group is asking parishioners to bring  
diaper donations to the church to help in this  
effort. The drive will be conducted as part of the Bottoms Up  
Diaper Bank effort to collect diapers in the Columbus area  
during the month of May for "The World's Largest Diaper  
Drive". Sizes 4,5,6 are in most demand. Boxes of diapers can  
be dropped off in the container in either lobby. The diapers  
will be distributed by Bottoms Up to local organizations who  
assist pregnant moms and parents of newborns and toddlers.

Submitted by COOL Respect Life Committee



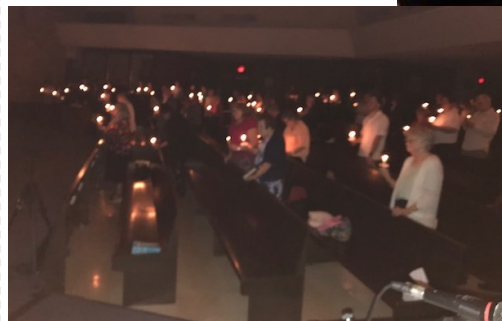
## Scenes from Holy Week



Reposition Chapel on Good Friday



Photo by  
Anne Grossman-Peters



Deacon Steve chanting the  
Exsultet while we hold the  
first light of Easter.

## Our 2025 Easter Altar!

Thanks to  
everyone for  
helping out with  
the work of  
arranging the  
flowers this  
year!



Submitted by Mary Bishel



## FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

bless this family as we journey closer to you each day. May you always remind us of the strength we have when we stand together, united in love and faith.

Help us to open our hearts to one another, to listen when one of us is crying out, to extend a hand when one of us is hurting, to rejoice when one of us has cause for celebration.

Dear Lord, We are joined forever by our family ties, We pray that we will never take that for granted and that we will always find comfort, acceptance and love at the heart of this family.

Amen

Hi all fellow parishioners,

I'm not completely sure who sent me this prayer, but it has touched my heart. I pray it daily, not only for my family, but for my parish family and all that I call family. It truly covers all. I unite it with all who may be praying it.

It covers my prayers that Church of Our Lady remain our parish, and that we remain a family united together in this parish. I know Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal hears our prayers, as evidenced by all of the prayers answered. We give all honor and glory to God our Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and we thank you, Blessed Virgin Mary, for all of the answered prayers.

Blessings upon all of our prayer warriors and prayer champions.

Mary Bishel

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## THE ASCENSION

The Ascension is a Liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday.

Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday.

With His Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

When the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. When celebrated on Sunday it is doubly a Holy Day.

**Ascensiontide** refers to the ten-day period between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. The Sunday within that period may be referred to as the Seventh Sunday of Easter or the Sunday in Ascensiontide.



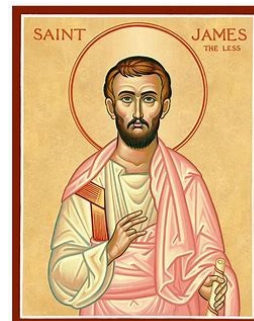
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast\\_of\\_the\\_Ascension](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast_of_the_Ascension)

## St. James the Less, Apostle

**Patron Saint of:** pharmacists, hatmakers, millers & clothmakers.

He is also called "the Minor", "the Little", "the Lesser", or "the Younger", according to translation. James is styled "the Less" to distinguish him from the Apostle James the Great (also called "James the Elder") with "Less" meaning younger or shorter, rather than less important. James the Great was the brother of John the Apostle.

He is identified by [Jerome](#) as the same person also called "[James the Just](#)" and "[James, brother of Jesus](#)" in the Bible, thought of by Jerome and others as really a cousin of Jesus, and by [Papias of Hierapolis](#) he is also identified with "[James, son of Alphaeus](#)", one of the Twelve Apostles.



Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Less](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Less)



## Knight's News

**Pick up your Knights' flower orders Friday, May 9, from 3:00 to 6:00pm**

This is a reminder to everyone who ordered hanging baskets or other plants from the Knights back in April. Please pick up your purchases on Friday, May 9th, between the hours of 3:00pm and 6:00pm, in Don Ross Hall.



Flowers provided by  
Thorsens's Greenhouse



Members of the Council will be present to help load your cars. Any baskets/plants that are not picked up on Friday will be available for pickup after Masses on the following weekend.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Knights this year by purchasing flowers.

**Happy Mother's Day from your Knights Council at Church of Our Lady!**



Photo courtesy of Anne Grossman-Peters

On Saturday evening, April 19th, following the Easter Vigil, Mary Bishel called us together so she could send Fr. Coleman a video of our singing Happy Birthday to him! Of course, her phone quit working mid song!! So several persons got out their phones as we sang a second time our joy for his having been a part of our lives here at Church of Our Lady! The video has been sent on to him with all of our best wishes!



**Armed Forces Day**

**June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** This year, as was done last June, a small local Catholic organization, Laity for Mercy, is conducting a Sacred Heart billboard project. Their goal is to have billboards in honor of the Sacred Heart displayed locally and to surpass the 20 billboard displays throughout Columbus last June. This is a great way to promote Jesus's love and mercy to the area community, especially considering that each billboard displayed is estimated to have exposure to thousands of passing motorists each day. The average cost of each billboard is \$700. Donations of any amount are welcome and are requested by May 20 in order that all the display locations can be scheduled with the billboard advertising company. For more information or to donate, the website is <https://feastofmercy.net>.



Submitted by Tom Crosby

## COOL Calendar