
The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist

1061 S. Ellington Parkway, Lewisburg, TN 37091

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 • Week 43

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —
John 14:6*

Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of "vocation" and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today's apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God's] own, so that you may announce the praises" of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life's vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace— wherever life takes us— in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 3 — 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Monday, May 4 — 8:30 AM

Wednesday, May 6 — 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 7 — 8:30 AM (National Day of Prayer)

Friday, May 8 — 8:30 AM

Saturday, May 9 — 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sunday, May 10 — 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Announcements

Parish Events & Notices

Confirmation Today — Please pray for our teens who will be Confirmed at the Pastoral Center in Nashville today.

Confirmation Candidates

CCD Classes — CCD classes will meet at 10:15 today. The last class for the year will be May 17.

High School Graduates — If you are graduating from high school this year, please contact the office.

Online Giving — Use the parish QR code to make your donation online.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Becoming a Knights of Columbus member offers Catholic men an opportunity to grow in faith, serve others, build a strong community with like-minded men, and access exclusive financial protection for their families.

Council: Milan Kukula Council #11074

Ask one of our members how you can become a Knight or come to our next meeting, the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Today's Readings

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Reflecting on the Word

One of my favorite songs is Bernadette Farrell's Christ, Be Our Light. Each of the five verses has a certain poignancy to it, an intensity of calling us into true discipleship. Today's second reading from the letter of St. Peter reminds me of the fourth verse:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Peter refers to Jesus as the living stone first, then exhorts us to be like living stones and be built into a “spiritual house.” Farrell takes that verse and makes it much more concrete, connecting it to the shelter that is the basic need of every human person and the responsibility of those with resources to provide for those who are lacking in those resources. The passage from Acts also speaks to the responsibility of the larger community to provide for those in need without discrimination.

In the Gospel, Jesus refers to “dwelling places” in the Father's house and tells us that we know the way to these dwelling places where we can be with Jesus. The way, which begins at the cross, leads life of Jesus, the risen life that he shares with us in a most special way through this Easter season. The way that leads us toward the one who is longing for shelter and warmth, and the truth that reveals each person's dignity, finally brings us to the life that animates even stones, so that we can all come together as a community to sing and offer praise to God in song.

— Excerpted from *Living the Word*

Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, recognize and respect our diverse and multicultural character. By the grace of God, we will nurture our spiritual community through prayer, service, and example to become one family in Christ.

Parish Information

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Sacramental Preparation

Baptism — contact pastor

RCIA — contact pastor

Reconciliation & Eucharist

Confirmation — 2-year program in Faith Formation

Marriage — begins 6 months prior to anticipated date

Faith Formation Programs

10:15 AM Sundays, August — May

Adoration

8:00 AM, 1st Saturday of the month

7:00 PM, 1st & 3rd Friday (Spanish)

Sacramental Reconciliation

30 minutes before Masses