

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions
for May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Mary Stapleton
By: Stapleton family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Wednesday, noon —
† Jack Leetch
By: Mary Jane Leetch & Jane Kale

Ascension of Our Lord

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Bill Koelbel
By: Joan Koelbel

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Dorothy Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

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In-person Offertory

May 7, 2023



Regular, \$3,591.26
Backpack Buddies, \$233.90
Area needy, \$35
Development fund, \$6



I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Jesus did not want the apostles to remain dependent upon his physical presence. They would have to make their own way in the world. They had a destiny to fulfill as missionaries, spreading the faith to the world. As he had said to Mary Magdalene on Easter, “do not cling to me, but go and tell my brothers...” Now it was the apostles’ turn to let go. But Jesus did not abandon them. He promised to send another “Paraclete” — a legal word implying a defender. This would be the Holy Spirit who would come a little over a week later on Pentecost. Jesus gave ample warning of his departure, but the reality of this farewell did not sink in until he finally ascended into heaven.

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Weekly readings

**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday
Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday
Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday
Acts 17:15,22—18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday
Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

Friday
Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28

**Ascension
of Our Lord**
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Lay ministers for May 20/21

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers

Sat. — Dave Olson
Sun. — Cathy Champon, Cheryl White

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, Mike Hupko
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

Gift Bearers

Sat. — Burke family
Sun. — Boyer family

Saintly Wisdom

“Act as if everyday were the last of your life,
and each action the last you perform.”
— St. Alphonsus Liguori —

Parish News

Fr. Dennis Is Reassigned — Fr. Dennis has been reassigned, effective July 1. He will be the pastor of two parishes in Anderson County — St. Therese Church in Clinton and St. Joseph Church in Norris. On July 1, Fr. Jesús Guerrero, currently associate pastor at St. Mary Church in Johnson City, will become the parochial administrator at St. Elizabeth Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church in Mountain City. Fr. Dennis’ last Mass at St. Elizabeth will be on Sunday, June 24.

Farewell Party for Fr. Dennis — The Ladies’ Guild is hosting a farewell party for Fr. Dennis from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10. It will be a come-and-go party with finger food and cake. Mark your calendar!

Congratulations! — Second graders Hayley Schneider and Maggie Taylor are receiving their First Communion this Sunday. Congratulations to both girls!



Happy Mother’s Day! — Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and other women who model their lives after Mary, mother of Jesus and of the Church, in caring for and serving others.



Prayers Requested — Please pray for the sick of our parish including Laura Barnett Thea Bratton, Juanita Olson and Jimmy Townsend.

Congratulations — Congratulations to Azucena Mendez, who celebrated her quinceañera this weekend. She is the daughter of Candido and Maria Mendez. (A quinceañera is a traditional celebration of life and gratitude to God on the occasion of the 15th birthday of a young Hispanic woman.)



Friday Prayer Time — The church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays for prayer time, with the rosary to be prayed at 11:30 a.m.

TLC Collections This Weekend and Next Weekend — The Evangelization Team (E-Team) is collecting money after the Masses this weekend and next weekend for TLC Community Center in Elizabethton. (These collections replace the Baby Bottle campaign St. Elizabeth conducted before the pandemic.) Checks should be made out to “TLC.”

Lector Schedule — A lay minister schedule through July is available in the vestibule. The schedule includes lectors, commentators, ushers, gift bearers and altar servers.

Education and Formation

Confirmation Class Continues — The Confirmation class will meet this Sunday and next Sunday (May 14 and May 21) to continue preparing for their Confirmation, which is scheduled at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 27.

