

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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May 15, 2016 – Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	60 th wedding anniv. of Marvin & Margaret Wilson (by Fred Hoffmann)
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Conley
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Margaret Anne Lauck (deceased), requested by her widower Paul Lauck
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	George Kachelmeyer (deceased), requested by Patricia Kachelmeyer
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohay
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	For the donor's intentions
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Sparks (deceased), requested by her brother Richard Lucas
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

Sunday Collection, May 8th:	9:00 a.m.	\$375.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$216.00

April Finance: Income: \$4,653.92; Expenses: \$7,551.07; **Net loss: \$2,897.15.** In bank: \$185,669.41

Readings for Pentecost Sunday: Today's great Feast of the Holy Spirit is the third most important in the Church's calendar, after Easter and Christmas. As we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas, so the Day of Pentecost, when the Spirit's heavenly power impelled the Apostles to begin preaching the Gospel publicly, can be seen as the 'birth' of the Church, the Lord's Mystical Body. (Seven weeks earlier, unknown to the world, she had already been secretly 'conceived' on Mount Calvary.) The Holy Spirit, the very life-principle of the Church, is active in her in so many ways. Today's readings emphasize the fruits of the sanctifying grace He brings us: peace, patience, kindness, etc. (second reading, Galatians), and His guidance of the Church into the fullness of truth (St. John's Gospel).

May, Month of Our Lady! The beautiful spring month of May is dedicated to Mary. Let's pray the Rosary every day for the needs of the Church and the world!

Special Collection, Catholic Communications Campaign: Next Sunday, May 22, we'll take up the annual collection for the tremendously important work of spreading the Gospel via all the modern communications media. This collection assists organizations that will share the Catholic vision of Faith through social media sites, Internet, TV, radio, and print media. Your generosity is a direct act of goodness in itself, as you further the communication of the gospel message!

Annual Catholic Appeal: April and May are the months in which we make this appeal for the needs of the whole Catholic Church in St. Louis in a very special way. The Archdiocese suggests an ACA donation of 1% of each household's total annual income. Colleen La Croix and Zsafia Tremmel are coordinating the appeal. Please give your pledge card to them, or mail it directly to the Rigali Center.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for the sick of our community, especially Jimmy Essex and Dante Prospero, and for those in recovery, particularly RaQueal Lymore, Rose Marie Koerner, and James Daubert, who recently suffered a serious work-related injury to his right hand.

Beyond Sunday Campaign: Archbishop Carlson's wants to secure the long-term future of Catholic schools (in which about 90% of US priests received their education). A campaign is under way to raise a \$100,000,000 endowment for this purpose. All StL parishes are being asked to contribute generously to this campaign (which is over and above the annual ACA project). Very soon all regular SMV attendees will receive a personal letter – signed by Fr. Harrison but prepared by the Archdiocese – inviting you to make a pledge totaling some thousands of dollars over the next 3 to 5 years. (40% of the contributions will eventually be returned to the parish.) Please consider this request prayerfully.

Holy Family Summer Camp: The Church-approved Apostolate for Family Consecration is hosting a 4-day family summer camp, (Thursday-Sunday, August 11-14) at Eagle Hurst Ranch, Steelville, MO, around two hours' drive from St. Louis. Great for all the family! Take a flyer at the door.

Covenant Network Radio: Please take one of the schedules for May, available at both entrances.

PRAYER FOR ST. MARY OF VICTORIES

Our heavenly Father, / long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith / to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice / in honor of your Son's most holy Mother, / Our Lady of Victories. Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here / under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen. / We humbly place before you today / the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church / and its present-day community. / Grant us the grace to discern your holy will, / and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, / here in the old heart of our city, / for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

Saint Mary of Victories, *pray for us.*
Saint Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us.*

In the name of the Father, . . .