



## ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 30, 2023

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**BAPTISM:** Contact Monsignor Cox regarding preparation sessions and scheduling

**PENANCE:** Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Monsignor at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling

#### MASS INTENTIONS: May 1 thru May 7

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† James F Cassmeyer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Mary Kay Gratz and Larry Fitzpatrick
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Bill, Chad, Greg & Caysee Temmen
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	Living and Deceased Members of the Herbert & Eleanore Rodeman Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Deceased Members of the Marvin Rademan Family
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Tom Schnieders Cathy Schnieders Grawe
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Art Hoelscher
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Lowell Ginter & Rita Zeigler
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Mass Intention:</b>	† Shirley Fitzpatrick Harrison

The Mass for The People of the Parish is being offered on  
Sunday, May 7 at St. Margaret Parish at 9:00 am.

#### The First Saturday Devotion

Will be prayed on Saturday, May 6. Confessions begin at 7:00 am, Rosary begins at 7:40 am and Mass is at 8:00 am. Meditation will follow Mass. Everyone is welcome to join our parish family as we honor Our Lady of Fatima.

**Prayer Hotline:** Contact Kay Stockman at 636-7955 or Karen Schenewerk at 635-3943 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

#### Bishop McKnight's May Prayer Intention for our Local Church

For the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City; may the reopening of our cathedral strengthen our communion with God and one another in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

#### Dear Parishioners:

The Diocese of Jefferson City has announced the conclusion of a church trial involving mismanagement of funds by a former pastor of our parish, Father Ignazio Medina. A panel of three judges has found Father Medina guilty of "abuse of ecclesiastical power," a decision relating to financial misconduct at St. Stanislaus Parish.

I invite you to read the full announcement which is attached to this bulletin. As we continue to look ahead at St. Stanislaus Parish, I too hope that this resolution will help provide greater confidence in how we safeguard our resources and I pray that we can now put this behind us as we move forward together in Christ. Monsignor Cox

#### Upcoming Meetings

The Pro-Life Committee will meet on Monday, May 1 in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm

The School Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, May 3 in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm

#### Candle Price Increase

To cover the increased cost of candles, The Ladies Sodality has voted to increase the price of candles in the church. The large candle will now be \$5 each and the small votive will be \$1.00 each. Thank you for understanding.

#### Thank You

Ella Heckman would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, birthday wishes and for all that stopped by at the open house to celebrate her 90th birthday. It was a memorable day. Also thank you for all the prayers for her daughter, Donna. Surgery went well and she is grateful for your continued prayers as she goes through her chemo treatments.

Thank you to Martellaro Marble and Granite for repairing the Ten Commandments Monument in our School Yard. We are grateful, the Roling Families.

#### Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hour

1:00-2:00 am Sunday morning

Please call Donna at 680-1470 to join our Chapel program.

**Church Cleaners:** Angie Bisges, Diane Bisges, Suzanne Boes, Cheryl Boessen

Please clean church before the week-end of May 6 and 7

**Cemetery Grass Cutters for May:** Don Eggen Chairman, Tom Buschjost, John Doerhoff, Steve Fischer, Bob Hummel, Marvin Holzer, Mark Bruns, Wayne Kempker, Mike Kempker, Kent Bax

### **The St. Stanislaus Summer Picnic is July 16**

The picnic is just a few short months away. If your name or your children have not been on the worklist, or if you want to change your current job, please contact the picnic worklist committee via e-mail at [ststanislausworklist@yahoo.com](mailto:ststanislausworklist@yahoo.com) or call Sharon Gulick at (573)893-5322. The picnic worklist committee members are: Aaron Schrimpf, Judy Roling, Sue Rackers and Sharon Gulick

Thanks to Donna Bernskoetter, Linda Kleffner Vicky Niekamp and Ruth Fisher for the many hours dedicated to this process in past years.

### **The Chosen**

The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 2, will be shown on Sunday, June 25, after the 7:30 am Mass in Room 210 of the school. All are welcome. Coffee and snacks provided. Call 635-8393 for more information.

### **New Parish Directory**

Sign-up sheets are in the back of church for photo appointments for the new parish directory.

The remaining dates are as follows:

**Thursday and Friday, May 4 & 5, 4 pm to 8 pm.**

**Sunday, May 7, 7 am to 4 pm.**

There is also a link to send your photos and information direct electronically. Go to the website: [ststanislaus.net](http://ststanislaus.net), click on church, click on home, then directory. Fill out the information attach photo and click submit. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Markway at the Parish Center : 636-4925 or email [ststandre@socket.net](mailto:ststandre@socket.net)

### **Red Cross Blood Drive in Meta**

There will be a blood drive at the Citizens Civic League on Tues, May 2 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "CivicLeagueMeta" to schedule an appointment.

### **"Devoted" Summer Camps**

Registration for the Diocesan Summer Camps is now open. Please see the flyer in the back of church or register on the diocesan website at [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org). Camp Lolek is for junior high students, Camp Siena is for young women and Camp Maccabee is for young men.

### **A Father's Heart**

A Father's Heart (the movie) is showing one day only! On the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Monday, May 1. A Father's Heart: The Miracles of St. Joseph Today will be released in select theaters across the country. It will be preceded by a short film produced by the Knights of Columbus. Our Liberator: St. Joseph and the Priests of Dachau. This movie may be seen at the Marcus Eagles Landing at 1300 Barred Owl Lane in Lake Ozark, an easy drive down Highway 54. For more information about the movie go to [saintjosephthemovie.com](http://saintjosephthemovie.com)

### **Message From Our New School Principal**

Hello St. Stanislaus staff and families, I am excited for the opportunity to be the principal of St. Stanislaus beginning next year. I am married to my husband Jay and have three children; my daughters attend Helias Catholic High School where Alison is a junior, Lauren is a freshman, and then Nathan is a fifth grader at St. Francis Xavier. We recently adopted a dog, Addy, who is more spoiled than my children. I enjoy cooking, randomly singing and making up song lyrics, talking in different accents, and watching comedy and detective shows. Currently, I am the eighth grade homeroom teacher at St. Francis Xavier where I teach math and science to the junior high students. This is my seventeenth year of teaching in the Diocese of Jefferson City, fourteen of them have been at St. Francis Xavier, and I have taught third through eighth grade. My other responsibilities include the Director of Afterschool Care and head teacher at St. Francis Xavier. I received my administration degree at William Woods in 2010. My family is very active in our parish of St. Francis Xavier, from singing in choir to serving to lecturing. I am also one of the committee members on the Stewardship Council. I am thrilled for the upcoming school year and look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone! Sincerely, Tina Forbis

### **Thank You**

Arise Ministry/team The Way extends a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to the women who attended our recent women's retreat. It was so wonderful to have so many women in one space united in Spirit and community. Thank you to all those who assisted in our efforts to provide set up, parking and clean up from the retreat especially our husbands, Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus, and St. Stanislaus men of the parish. Thank you Msgr. Cox and Fr. Matthew Flatley for praying for us and over us. Special thank you to Tracie Lloyd, Suzanne Boes, Gina Verslues and Suzanne Knaebel for your pleasant and professional assistance. We literally could not have done it without you. We look forward to planning and providing additional ministry opportunities in the near future.

### **3 Year Old Preschool**

There are 7 openings for next years 3 year old preschool class. Please call the school office to inquire about registering your child 636-7802

### **Collection Numbers for April 23, 2023**

#### **Parish Collection:**

Sunday Offering	\$	5,258.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$	1,081.00
Samaritan Center	\$	155.00
Easter	\$	150.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$	385.00
Infirm Priest & Priest Retirement	\$	210.00
3 in 1 Collection	\$	5.00
Capital Improvements	\$	520.00



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## Father Ignazio Medina found guilty in church trial

The Diocese of Jefferson City has concluded a church trial involving mismanagement of funds by a former pastor.

A panel of three judges constituted within the Tribunal of Jefferson City has found Father Ignazio Medina guilty of “abuse of ecclesiastical power” due to financial misconduct while he was pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville.

The verdict concludes a church trial initiated by the Diocese of Jefferson City after an investigation into allegations that Father Medina had transferred approximately \$300,000 of church money into personal accounts.

Following the investigation, and as dictated by canon law, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight initiated the church trial in 2022. Judges for the trial were three priests from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, all experts in canon law.

In addition to Father Medina’s unauthorized transfer of roughly \$300,000 in parish funds into personal accounts, the judges found approximately \$20,000 in unexplained cash withdrawals were made from parish funds under Father Medina’s leadership.

On April 6, the judges submitted the guilty verdict via definitive sentence to Bishop McKnight and Father Medina. The judges acknowledged that Father Medina, who no longer holds any office in the diocese, has made full restitution of the missing funds. As a further punishment, they issued a penalty of approximately \$26,000, reimbursing the diocese for audit and legal expenses incurred during the investigation and trial. Father Medina has not chosen to appeal this ruling and it is now final.

“As a community of faith, we are stewards of the gifts God has given us,” Bishop McKnight said at the conclusion of the trial. “Living out this commitment means we must be willing to hold one another accountable for actions that hurt our community. The financial misconduct discovered in our investigation of Father Medina and presented during the trial will not be tolerated in our Church — just as it would never be tolerated by a private business or any organization in our society.

“The actions of Father Medina have caused pain in our community. He will never again have access to parish funds. As we move forward together, let us pray for healing. Let us especially keep the parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish in our prayers, as we seek to move forward together with the grace of God.”

Father Medina was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in 2012. The issue of financial mismanagement first surfaced in December 2018. The diocesan chief financial officer assisted the parish’s finance council with resolving financial reporting discrepancies. A bank account established by Father Medina in the parish name, unbeknownst to the parish finance council, was discovered during this investigation.

In July 2021, Father Medina was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark and Msgr. David Cox was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus.

After Father Medina’s transfer, the St. Stanislaus Parish finance council reported to Msgr. Cox that the previously undisclosed bank account had been emptied and closed in June 2021, resulting in an approximately \$300,000 discrepancy.

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The parish brought this information to the Chancery, and Chancery staff worked with the parish finance council to resolve this matter.

Father Medina stated in an interview with Chancery officials he closed the bank account prior to moving from St. Stanislaus to Our Lady of the Lake. He granted the Chancery access to the bank records.

A review of the records disclosed Father Medina had written a check to himself for \$200,000 and a check to an out-of-state sibling for \$100,000. Because of the details of the situation, the diocese notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

During this time, Bishop McKnight put in place temporary financial safeguards at Our Lady of the Lake. An independent auditing firm was also engaged to do an in-depth analysis of accounts for both parishes.

No indications of any discrepancies were uncovered in the accounts of Our Lady of the Lake. However, approximately \$20,000 in additional cash withdrawals could not be accounted for at St. Stanislaus.

Determining there was sufficient evidence of a possible violation of canon law, Bishop McKnight initiated a penal process in the Tribunal of Jefferson City. The trial was temporarily postponed to prevent interference with civil investigation. Church proceedings began after law enforcement gave no objection to the commencement of a church trial.

The diocese has no information on whether any civil investigations are ongoing.

For the church trial, which is a process similar to criminal trials in continental Europe, the panel of judges gathered evidence from the diocesan investigation and Father Medina. He, with the assistance of his counsel, was given full opportunity to provide for his defense and explain his position. Following the judges' verdict, the trial concluded when Father Medina chose not to appeal.

In a statement provided to the diocese, Father Medina asked parishioners to support Bishop McKnight and Msgr. Cox.

"They are good men, they are true servants of our Lord. I have no anger or animosity toward either of them," Father Medina wrote. "I ask that you support them and keep them in your prayers. Please give them the love that you so generously gave to me."

Father Medina also addressed his trial in his statement: "I wish to assure you that the law of the Church is being followed. The diocese is ensuring that the matter is resolved in accordance with the law and teaching of the Church. This includes my having canonical representation in this matter. This process is designed to ensure that justice for all is protected. This is at the direction of Bishop McKnight, who has the responsibility of ensuring justice is protected in our diocese."

His statement concludes, "I ask you to remember me in your prayers, as you are remembered in mine."

Bishop McKnight offered his gratitude for all who assisted in resolving the situation, including Msgr. Cox, St. Stanislaus Parish's finance council and other lay leaders, the FBI and Chancery staff.

"As a community that strives to shine the light of God in our world, we must hold ourselves to high standards — and continue to practice transparency and accountability at all levels of our Church," said Bishop McKnight. "I hope that the resolution of this unfortunate matter will give our community greater confidence in how closely we safeguard resources in our diocese. Let us now move forward together. May our diocesan patroness, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, intercede for us, and may God strengthen our communion as a Church at this time."