

# St. Bavo Parish

502 W. 7th Street • Mishawaka, IN 46544

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[www.stbavochurch.com](http://www.stbavochurch.com)

## Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday**

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Parish Staff

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## Mass Times

### Sunday

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

### Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM (in the chapel)

### Friday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

### Saturday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

5:00 PM (Vigil)

## Confession

### Saturday

9:00 to 10:00 AM

## Mishawaka Catholic School

### St. Bavo Campus

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Mishawaka, IN 46544  
574-259-4214 — [info@mcmish.org](mailto:info@mcmish.org)

Prayer Line Requests

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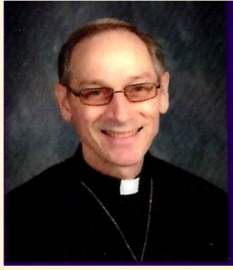
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## May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

### Mission Statement

*We, the people of St. Bavo Parish are committed to be the living presence of Christ in the world today. Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live our shared commitment through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, spiritual growth, bearing witness to faith and service to all.*



This week, as we approach the end of the Easter Season, the daily Mass readings finally reach the end of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John, which they have been following throughout the season. Early in the week, Paul completes his final missionary journey by bringing to the Jerusalem

community the donations that he has collected for them throughout Greece and Asia. As he nears Jerusalem, he is warned repeatedly that grave danger awaits him there. Everyone knows that he's likely to be arrested, maybe even killed. After all, the most powerful religious leaders of Judaism live in Jerusalem. That's where the Lord himself was crucified and where the persecution of his followers began. Paul was among the most fervent persecutors, until his conversion to the Lord. So now, Paul tempts fate by going to the Holy City, collection in hand, expecting the worst.

All the warnings prove true. Paul is accosted so violently by an angry mob that the local Roman commander has to take him into custody for his own protection. When Paul is dragged before the Sanhedrin for questioning, he cleverly turns his accusers against each other by claiming that he is on trial not for his faith in *Jesus*, but for his belief in *resurrection*, a belief which he knows his fellow Pharisees share. The ploy works, splitting the Sanhedrin, as the Pharisees rally to Paul's defense, while the Sadducees condemn him. Once again, the Roman commander has to rescue Paul before he gets torn to pieces in the melee.

For his own safety, Paul is moved out of Jerusalem and held in Caesarea, a few miles away. There a trial is held before the Roman authorities, but no conclusion is reached, because the religious leaders who come from Jerusalem to accuse Paul don't even mention any crimes that the Romans would recognize as a violation of their laws. They just complain that Paul is spreading lies about a man named Jesus who died, but who Paul claims is alive. The argument seems trivial to the Roman commander. To get Paul off his hands, he suggests that he go back and face his accusers in Jerusalem, but Paul knows that would be a death sentence. So, exercising his right as a Roman citizen, Paul appeals to Caesar, forcing the commander to send him to Rome. Little does Paul know that this decision will extend his missionary work for at least two more years, as he remains under house arrest, but otherwise free to evangelize without hindrance.

This is how the Acts of the Apostles comes to an end, with Paul still in custody in Rome, but continuing to proclaim the Kingdom of God and teach about the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that Paul was eventually martyred in Rome, but that crowning achievement of his life doesn't make it into the text. The story of the Apostolic period fittingly concludes not with Paul's death, but with the end of his missionary activity.

**Fr. Pete**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 17th • The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11;	Eph 1:17-23	Mt 28:16-20;
7:00 AM	Baert, Brown & Bokhart Families	
9:00 AM	Gerri Papp	
11:00 AM	Frank Severa	

### Monday, May 18th

Acts 19:1-8;	Jn 16:29-33;
5:00 PM	James Wozniak

### Tuesday, May 19th

Acts 20:17-27;	Jn. 17:1-11a;
8:15 AM	George Fobe
5:00 PM	Clifford & Josephine Witkowski

### Wednesday, May 20th

Acts 20:28-38;	Jn 17:11b-19;
No Mass	

### Thursday, May 21st

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;	Jn 17:20-26;
5:00 PM	Julius Vergauwen

### Friday, May 22nd

Acts 25:13b-21;	Jn 21:15-19;
8:15 AM	Emma Blondia

### Saturday, May 23rd

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31,	Jn 21:20-25;
8:15 AM	Vilma Zieke
5:00 PM	Van Poppel & Gast Families

### Sunday, May 24th • Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11;	Cor 12:3b-7;	Jn 20:19-23;
7:00 AM	For the People of St. Bavo	
9:00 AM	Joseph & Mary Vaerewick	
11:00 AM	Barbara Varda	

## This Week In Our Parish

### Sunday May 17th

4:00 PM—7:00 PM	Religious Education—Parish Center AB
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### Monday, May 18th

6:00 PM	Benedictine Oblates—Meeting Room C
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### Thursday, May 21st

7:00 PM	1st District West End Meeting Meeting Room AB
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### Saturday, May 23rd

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM	Confessions — Church
6:30 PM	Way of Light Stations—Church

## Collection for the week of May 17th

Adult Envelopes	\$	4,762.00
Loose	\$	533.00
Electronic Transfers	\$	1,782.00
Total	\$	7,077.00

Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00

## Save the Date

**Sunday, June 14th**

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

St. Bavo Gym

*Come celebrate with Food and Fellowship as we say goodbye to Fr. Pete*



## New Clergy Assignment

For those unable to attend mass last weekend, here are the assignments that Fr. Pete announced.

*On July 1, Fr. Pete will become the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, and Fr. Francis Mwanje will become the Pastor of St. Bavo Parish. Fr. Francis has been the Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw for the past year.*

*If you Google Fr. Francis Mwanje, you can find videos of him preaching in his native Uganda.*

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd & May 24th**

### Ushers

5:00 PM Gary O'Dell, Allen Schlemmer  
7:00 AM Dennis Dobrucki, Paul Fenimore  
9:00 AM Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig, Tom Hunsberger  
11:00 AM Dave Voor, Todd Lehmann

### Servers

5:00 PM Sarah Fairleigh, Sam Fairleigh  
7:00 AM David Schwier  
9:00 AM Brielle Brooke  
11:00 AM Braxton Kendall

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Mark VandePutte, Diane DeBlock\*  
7:00 AM Ted Alwine\*  
9:00 AM Cathy Feehly, Jenny Hunsberger\*  
11:00 AM Gina Lehmann, Julie Voor \*

### Lectors

5:00 PM Mary Ann Cavanah, Jerry Cavanah  
7:00 AM Gus Zuehlke  
9:00 AM Karen Zuehlke, Beth Kuminecz  
11:00 AM Diane Gorman, Mike Langenbrunner

### Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Sample Family  
7:00 AM Kevin & Lorraine Carner  
9:00 AM The Wright Family  
11:00 AM John & Bev Roggeman




**Way of Light**  
Stations of the Resurrection  
Saturdays thru Pentecost  
6:30 PM in the Church



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May 28, 6:30-7:30 PM  
St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church  
Church Meeting Room

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**Pray the Rosary**

Every Tuesday  
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
in the Church



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4:00 PM—7:00 PM  
Parish Center AB

**Benedictine Oblates**

**Monday, May 18th**  
6:00 PM  
Meeting Room C

**1st District West End Meeting**

**Thursday, May 21st**  
7:00 PM  
Meeting Room AB  
Guest Speaker:  
Mayor Dave Woods

**Confessions**

**Every Saturday**  
9:00 AM—10:00 AM  
Church