

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

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May 8, 2016 – The Ascension of the Lord

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY, ALL SMV MOMS!

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, especially all SMV mothers
	11:00 a.m.	For James & Rita Hooper, requested by their son James Hooper, Jr.
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For the health of Martha Rasmussen, requested by Karen Pautler
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Sally Guese (deceased), requested by Karen Pautler
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Thomas Gargan (deceased), requested by Karen Pautler
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Louis, Constance & Corinne DeMarco (deceased), by Patrick DeMarco
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Health of Michael Bafundo, requested by his mother Ann Bafundo
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	For Richard & Cathy Ostoich, requested by Suzanne Custer
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)

Sunday Collection, May 1st:	9:00 a.m.	\$456.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$271.00

Readings for the Ascension (pp. 500-503): Today we celebrate the Lord's final and glorious triumph over sin and death, the greatest "Mission Accomplished!" in the history of all creation! Taken up into heaven before the eyes of the apostles (first reading), Jesus now reigns eternally as our King and High Priest at the right hand of the Father (second reading and Gospel). Indeed, the Father "has put all things under his feet". What an unspeakable privilege to be joined to him, as members of his body, with the promise of following to where Christ, our head, has preceded us! St. Luke's account of the Ascension stresses our corresponding responsibility to share in spreading the Good News: "You are witnesses of these things!" Those words to the Apostles, who returned joyfully to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit, apply to us as well, each according to his/her own calling and state of life.

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! On Mothers' Day in particular, let us remember that Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, is our mother in the spiritual order.

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. (So if your income is \$30,000, that's a donation of \$300; if \$70,000, it would be \$700, etc.) Colleen La Croix is coordinating the appeal. You can give your pledge card to her, or mail it directly to the Appeal office at the Rigali Center.

Our 'Catholic Man of the Year': Last Sunday the StL branch of St. Joseph Radio hosted a special dinner, attended by several hundred guests, to honor the outstanding service of men whose parishes or other church organizations nominated them for a "Catholic Man of the Year" award. Our nominee was **James Hooper**, whose zealous efforts in our SMV community – along with those of his wife Lisa and daughter Celine – we all know well! Jim was presented with a special certificate and trophy by Bishop Robert Hermann, and Celine was called on to draw a whole bunch of winning raffle tickets for various prizes! Our warm congratulations and thanks to all the Hooper family!

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

Most Rev. Edward Rice, Bishop-elect of Springfield: There will soon be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Rice's service in StL, and his installation will be at the Springfield Cathedral, **2:00 p.m., Wed., June 1st.** Fr. Harrison plans to drive down and back that day. (Any passengers?)

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, . . .