

# *Ste. Anne Parish*

*Mackinac Island, MI*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026*



## **Saint Anne Prayer**

Good Saint Anne, obtain for me an increase of faith in the great mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Help me to see in this great Sacrament Christ our High Priest, making real for me the saving grace of His death on the cross; feeding my soul with His Flesh and Blood so that I may live in Him and He in me; producing the unity of the people of God and gathering His Church together. By your powerful intercession with God, help me to center my life around the altar that I may inherit the promise of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has life everlasting." Amen.

## **Parochial Administrator:**

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## **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m.  
will begin on May 9<sup>th</sup>*

## **Daily Mass**

11:00a.m. Tuesday – Friday

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**Communion**

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Receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is a sacred moment for those who share the fullness of our Catholic faith. We kindly ask those who are not fully practicing Catholics to join us in prayer from their seats during Communion.

*We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us. If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call or stop in the parish office to register.*



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

...Please keep the following people in your prayers...

**JESUS, YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT OF HEALING LOVE. WHILE ON EARTH YOU HEALED THE SICK WHO CAME FOR HELP. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO HEAL THE SICK TODAY. PLEASE HEAL ALL THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY:**

Rosie Brodeur, Pat Pulte, Ross Vecchio, Olivia Naber (Peggy Bynoe Naber's daughter), and Ed Pfeiffelman

To add someone to our prayer list, please call 847-3507

*Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers!*

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Mass, assist in the gift shop and musician volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Fr. John Essel or contact the Church Office



Mass Intentions

**10:30am** Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**+ Pat McCourt**  
By: Jamie Bynoe

**5:30 pm** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
**+ Terry Lawless**  
By: Jerry & Theresa Fedewa

**10:30am** Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
**+ Victor Callewaert**  
By: Liz Boyd

**5:30 pm** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Deceased Members of the Clarence E. Metivier Family**  
By: Jenelle Hopkins

**10:30am** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
**+ Mark Chambers**  
By: Jamie Bynoe

**5:30 pm** Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A offers lessons on faith, service, and trust in Jesus. The readings show how the early Church worked together, how believers are called to be living stones, and how Jesus is the way to the Father. These themes remind us that faith is not just about belief but also about action. By following Jesus, we grow in love and become stronger as a community.

### Trusting in the Words of Jesus

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope. Jesus tells His disciples not to be troubled and to trust in Him. He speaks about preparing a place for them and promises that they will be with Him. These words were meant to encourage His followers as He prepared to leave them.

Jesus reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the path to God, and through Him, people find real meaning. This message is important for us too. When life is uncertain, faith in Jesus brings strength and direction. He shows us how to live and how to reach the Father.

The disciples struggle to understand His words. Thomas asks how they can know the way. This shows that even those closest to Jesus had doubts and questions. Many people today feel the same way. Faith is not always easy, but Jesus calls us to trust Him even when we do not fully understand. Jesus also tells them that those who believe in Him will do great works. This does not mean miracles alone, but also acts of love, kindness, and service. His followers continue His mission by bringing hope to others. Each person has a role in sharing God's love through daily actions.

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us to trust in Jesus. He is the way to peace and eternal life. When doubts or fears come, we can rely on His promises and follow Him with confidence.

*Excerpt from young-catholics.com*

### Upcoming Events

- Wed. May 6: Mass for St. Patrick Catholic School at 2PM
- Wed. May 13: Mass for Catholic school group at 4:30 PM
- Thur. May 14: Mackinac Connect Event at 7:00 PM
- Sat. May 16: Celebration Dinner for Jim Morse after Mass
- Sun. May 17: Bel Canto Choir Performance at 4:00 PM
- Wed. May 20: Knights of Columbus Procession
- Thur. May 21: Mackinac Connect Event at 7:00 PM



St. Anne's Church has a long and rich history that began over 350 years ago. The Jesuits established their mission in 1670, beginning the presence of the Christian faith on the Island. The birch bark chapel was first located on Mackinac Island, then moved to St. Ignace, on the north shore of the straits, then Mackinaw City, on the south shore of the straits, and finally back to the Island, across the ice, in 1779.

Our written records date back to April 1695 and since that time our parish has seen the area occupied by the French, twice by the British and twice by the Americans. The parish has witnessed the rise and fall of the fur trade, the military garrison and the fishing industry.

We welcome residents, seasonal employees and all visitors to Mackinac Island. By worshipping in our parish, you join a Roman Catholic tradition dating back 2,000 years and a 350-year-old faithful Island community. By joining us, you are no longer a stranger here.

### ***St. Anne's Gift Shop and Museum Hours***

*Sunday following Mass*

*Mon. through Thur. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

*Friday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

*Saturday following Mass*

"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."



### **Mass Attendance**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>– 10:30 AM: 105

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Located on page 149 in the Word of the Lord Book



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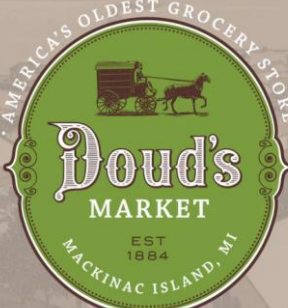
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