



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

During this Season of Easter, Holy Mother Church arranges for us to hear at Mass readings from the Acts of the Apostles, a book of the Bible which might be a bit unclear to us; for it follows directly after the Four Gospels and comes directly before the many Epistles of Paul, yet it is neither a Gospel nor a letter. So...what is the Acts of the Apostles? And how are we to understand it?

Thankfully, we don't have to wonder for too long: St. Luke, who is long held by Tradition to be the author of Acts of the Apostles, himself gives us the way to understand Acts of the Apostles in the first two verses: "In the first book, Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up..." (1:1-2, RSV). The 'first book' referenced here in verse 1 would be the Gospel according to St. Luke.

What is very interesting in this opening line, however, is that St. Luke writes "all that Jesus *began* to do and teach"; this is a most interesting word choice! For the main characters of the Acts of the Apostles appear to be the apostles themselves, especially Peter and Paul; Jesus seems to be almost entirely absent from the book other than when He ascends and when He appears to Paul in a vision! But herein lies the all-important key to understanding Acts of the Apostles: St. Luke is here telling us that Jesus Christ is, in fact, the main actor and protagonist in the Acts of the Apostles, and that, having ascended into Heaven and having sent the Holy Spirit upon His

apostles at Pentecost, Jesus now acts by means of the apostles themselves! Indeed, this also explains why, when Jesus appears to Paul (then called 'Saul') in a vision, he says, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute *me*?" (Acts 9:4).

The Acts of the Apostles, then, is the story of how Jesus, through the work of the apostles and the Holy Spirit, continues to act in the world, even after His ascension. This fact is made clear multiple times through the course of the book; for the Acts of the Apostles recounts how the apostles, in their own lives and in various ways, themselves undergo the life and death of Jesus Christ: the apostles perform great miracles of healing, are unjustly arrested by the chief priests, are unjustly imprisoned and beaten, and many of them even undergo a death similar to that of Jesus (St. Stephen is a notable example of this). They are His witnesses—His "martyrs". This theme of "witness" is very important to the Acts of the Apostles.

There is so much more depth to this book of the Bible! But it can wait until another time. For now, let us all focus on becoming, like the apostles, witnesses to the actions of Jesus Christ which we have seen in our own lives, beginning with His resurrection from the dead!

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Seminarman Michael Block

## Parish Information

	<b>Monday 4/30/2018</b>	<b>Tuesday 5/1/2018</b>	<b>Wednesday 5/2/2018</b>	<b>Thursday 5/3/2018</b>	<b>Friday 5/4/2018</b>	<b>Saturday 5/5/2018</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	NO MASS	8:00 AM Margaret Bradley	NO MASS	8:10 AM Gertrude Gall Gatzbach	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
<b>St. Ambrose</b>	8:00 AM Mary Rita Stein	11:00 AM Rosemary McVey	8:00 AM Ed Bollman	8:00 AM Amelia "Jean" Rudolf	8:10 AM Roger Chezem	8:00 AM Eugene Zagorski  4:00-5:00 Confessions
<b>Other Locations</b>			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital  Poor Souls		10:30 AM Crown Pointe  Poor Souls	

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<b>May 5th &amp; 6th</b>	<b>Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary</b>	<b>Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	James Toppe	Pro Populo	Theresa Durbin	Daniel Duquaine	Margarito Sierra
<b>Reader</b>	Lawson Hunsicker	Janice Martin	Marcia Murphy	Angie Pitts	Juan Briones
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## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



### Stewardship

<b>St. Ambrose</b>	\$ 9,627
YTD	\$ 136,486
NTD	\$ 208,000

<b>ST. Mary</b>	\$ 8,643
YTD	\$ 168,560
NTD	\$ 288,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 653 (\$104,901 of \$330K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

**Dates To Remember-** **May 4th** Holy Cross School Fiesta 6-10 PM. It will be at the North Campus with entertainment, food, raffle and games for the kids.

**May 13th & 14th** Mother's Day Bake Sale after all Masses.

Father Bob Williams invites you to join him in celebrating 50 Years as a Priest on Friday, May 25th, 2018. Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Mary Church, 11th and Fletcher St. Anderson, Indiana. Dinner follows at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Hall 1225 Main Street, Anderson, IN 46016 Dinner—\$10-payable at the door includes salad, main course, dessert, wine, and beer RSVP by May 18th to anyone of the following: Mary Pat Marstall [marstalldmp@att.net](mailto:marstalldmp@att.net) or 765-617-2523; Mary Rhoten [rmrhoten@comcast.net](mailto:rmrhoten@comcast.net) or 765-617-1791; Joan Sauter [jasauter@att.net](mailto:jasauter@att.net) or 765-631-1209

### **Respect Life News— Coming Soon ACRLC Mother's Day Bakery / Candy / Fundraiser**

**We are making cookies!...and cakes, pies, candy, and much more that you can 'chews' from!**

Yes, Anderson Catholic Respect Life Committee (ACRLC) will have their well known **Mother's Day Bake Sale**

After Masses the weekend of Saturday, May 12th and Sunday, May 13th. Some Moms make the goodies.

Some Moms buy the goodies. Some Moms receive the goodies. Come see how you and EVERYONE can enjoy the goodies! The funds that are raised will go to local pregnancy help centers, materials for the 4-H Fair

Pro-life booth Madison County Right to Life, March for Life Scholarships, 40 day for Life materials, Educations materials used in spiritual adoption program at Holy Cross School and Pro-life bulletin inserts for S. Ambrose and St. Mary Parishes.

**Knights of Columbus** will be holding their last fish fry (until after the summer) on Friday, May 4th from 5-7:30 at the Columbian Hall. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Come on out and enjoy a good meal with good friends. We will also be holding our famous Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**St. Ambrose Adoration** will be Sunday, May 6th. It will begin after the 9:30 AM Mass. It will close with the Rosary and Benediction at 4:00 PM.

**St. Mary Adoration** is on Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Santa Maria** Adoración es el jueves de 14:00-19:00 PM

## **Mother Seton Ladies**

Will meet for the 11:00 AM Mass on May 1st, followed by lunch at Scampy's.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING** - The Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a priest. An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a lay person who meets the requirements and has the desire to be trained and participate in this ministry. A candidate must be a registered member of the parish, at least 16 years old, and a fully initiated Catholic reflecting a faithful life of Sunday Mass attendance and participation in the parish. Training will be held during the Easter season. If you would like to know more or want to be trained, please call your parish and leave your name and number.

**RCIA**— If you are curious about becoming Catholic or wondering what it's all about, the Easter season is a wonderful time to come find out! You are welcome to come, no strings attached, and ask any questions. We meet Tuesday evenings in the Annex across from St. Mary Church from 6:30-8:00 PM. If you need more information, call Mary Pat @ 617-2523, or Lawson @ 706-302-0165, or Janice @ 644-8467.

**Please Pray For** all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes.

**The Military in the Middle East:** Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pfc. Cole Gillespie Army Infantry, son of David & Samantha Gillespie; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Specialist Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa Japan US Marine Corp, son of Greg and Sonia Acra. Specialist Clayton Keogh, US Army, grandson of Tim and Maryfrances Kincaid. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for **PEACE World Wide**. God Bless us all!

## **Need Prayer Intentions**

Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Betty Worden (642-0824). You do not have to give your name. Call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

## **Grief Support Group**

Meets at St. Mary Rectory from 6:30-8:00 PM on Thursdays. If you have any question please call Patricia Farran at (765) 623-4080.

## **Weekly Scriptures:**

**Sun.** Acts 9:26-31, Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8; **Mon.** Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26; **Tues.** Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a, Mt 13:54-58; **Wed.** Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8; **Thurs.** 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14; **Fri.** Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17; **Sat.** Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

## OUTREACH

The Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry is in need of men and women willing to prepare soup for the Soup Kitchen Ministry. There are five openings at this time. All supplies are furnished. You prepare the soup at home and return the soup to Holy Cross North School Annex. For more information call Ron Cole at 779-4302.

### **Fruitful Harvest - Have you given this any thought?**

**2016-** Please continue to make your payments so we reach our goals. We must pay 90% of goal. St. Ambrose— 89.9% goal pledged; 76.2% goal paid. St. Mary— 89.4% goal pledged; 62.6% goal paid.

**Knights of Columbus** - If you would like to go to any of the dinners at the Knight of Columbus, they are now pre-selling tickets at a discounted price. Please call the hall @ (765) 642-7946 in advance and leave your name and how many tickets you would like to order. There is no expiration date, so you can order tickets in advance and use them at any dinner. Pre-sale tickets for adults will be \$8 (payable when you come in) and regular tickets will remain at \$10 if purchased at the door. The Pre-sale price applies only to adult tickets. If you have any questions please call the hall or Joe Lambert @ (765) 606-8711. Hope to see you there!

**Indy Catholic Radio**—Annual Golf Outing will be at Plum Creek Golf Club on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

10:00 Registration

11:00 Mass

11:30 Lunch—All American Buffet

12:15 To Golf Carts For Details

12:30 Shotgun Start

All Day Beverage Cart

Cocktails—Dinner— Prizes

For registration contact Barb Brinkman at (317) 870-8400 Barb@CatholicRadioIndy.org. The cost is \$125.00 for an individual and \$450.00 for a foursome.

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church** is seeking a full-time Youth Minister to coordinate, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive youth ministry program for grades 6th through 12th. Candidates must have as a minimum college degree or equivalent work related experience. This is a full time position which requires a flexible work schedule and will include evenings, weekends, and occasional overnight situations. For more information or to submit a resume and cover letter contact Sid Hayden, Parish Business Manager or mail to: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 3155 S. 200 W, Kokomo, IN 46902. A complete job description can be found on the parish website.

**Catholic Exchange Students**— Host families are needed for high school exchange students arriving in August for the school year. Exchange students enrich the lives of their host families, peers, teacher, and the entire community. If you are interested in hosting and have question please contact Julie Siegel at (859) 229-2030 or jsiegel@edutrav.org.



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*United in faith and rooted in Catholic identity, Holy Cross School encourages students to achieve their personal best in academics and model Christ in service and faith.*

**Holy Cross School is accepting enrollment** for the 2018-19 school year. We welcome parishioners and their children to join the Holy Cross School family. Contact one of the school offices listed above. Make Catholic education a tradition in your family!

Current 1st graders are invited to explore the North Campus and meet the 2nd grade teachers on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:PM. And current 5th graders are invited to the Middle School Orientation on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6 PM.

## **Sunday Religious Education** **Clases de catesismo dominical**

First Communion is May 5th, at the Saturday, 4:00 Mass and May 6th, at the Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. With 47 students receiving their First Communion next weekend please be welcoming to their guests and be prepared to allow them to sit in the front pews with their families. First Communion pews will be identified with their banners.

La Primera Comunion es el 5 mayo en el sábado, 4:00 Misa y 6 de mayo, en las misas dominicales de 9:30 y 11:30. Con 47 estudiantes recibiendo sus Primera Comunion el próximo fin de semana, por favor sean agradables a sus invitados y estén preparados para permitirles sentarse en los bancos delanteros con sus familias. Los bancos de primera comunión serán identificados con sus estandartes.

### **Young Church**

Youth Group meets on Sunday, May 6th  
 This will be Seminarian Michael Block's last weekend.  
 We will meet at 3:30 PM at St Ambrose Assembly Hall.

**All high school youth are invited to join us as we  
 Pray, Eat, Ponder and Play.**

Bring your questions to stump the seminarian!

## DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Durante esta Estación de la Pascua, la Santa Iglesia nos da durante la Santa Misa las lecturas del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Pero, tal vez no entendamos mucho de este libro de la Biblia: aunque siga los Cuatro Evangelios, no es un evangelio, y aunque preceda las cartas de San Pablo, no es una carta. Entonces...¿Que es el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles? ¿Y cómo debemos entenderlo?

Gracias a Dios, no tenemos que preguntar por mucho tiempo: San Lucas, quien la Tradición de la Iglesia nos dice es el autor de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, nos da la manera para entender los Hechos de los Apóstoles in los primeros versos: “Teófilo, yo escribí en mi primer libro todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó desde el principio hasta el día en que fue llevado al cielo...” (Hechos, 1,1-2). Este ‘primer libro’ tiene que ser el Evangelio según San Lucas.

Que es muy interesante a nosotros en esta primera línea es donde San Lucas escribe “todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó desde el principio”; una mejora traducción del griego original de los Hechos de los Apóstoles sería “lo que Jesús *empezó* a hacer y enseñar desde el principio”. Este es muy importante; porque la palabra que eligió San Lucas (“empezó a...””) debe sorprendernos: en los Hechos, parece que los apóstoles son los personajes más importantes, los protagonistas de la historia, especialmente San Pedro y San Pablo. Parece que Jesús casi no es en los Hechos fuera de su ascensión y cuando viene a San Pablo en una visión. Pero en esta palabra de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, San Lucas nos demuestra la llave para entender los Hechos: porque usa la expresión “empezó a hacer y enseñar”, San Lucas está diciendo que, en los Hechos, ¡realmente el actor y el protagonista es Jesucristo mismo, siguiendo sus acciones y enseñanzas! Pero ahora, Cristo, ascendido en cielo, y después del viene del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles, hace sus acciones por medio de los apóstoles. Además, esta razón explica porque Jesús, cuando apareció a San Pablo (en aquel tiempo llamado ‘Saulo’) en una visión, dijo, “Saulo, Saulo, ¿porque *me* persigues?” (Hechos 9,4).

Los Hechos de los Apóstoles, entonces, es la historia de Jesús, quien, por las acciones de los apóstoles y el Espíritu Santo, continua vivir y trabajar en el mundo, aunque este después de su ascensión. Además, los Hechos cuentan como la vida de Jesús se realiza de nueva en las vidas de sus apóstoles, quienes hacen gran milagros, están injustamente encarcelados, y, frecuentemente, están matados en una manera similar a Jesús (por ejemplo, San Esteban). Si, los apóstoles son los testigos de Jesucristo—sus ‘mártires’—, un tema que es muy importante en los Hechos.

¡Hay tanta teología y profundidad en este libro de la Biblia; más que puedo describir ahora! Ahora, ¡nos enfocamos ser testigos, como los apóstoles, a las acciones de Jesucristo que hemos visto en nuestras vidas, empezando con su resurrección de la muerte!

Tuyo en Cristo,  
Seminarista Michael Block

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