

The St. Florian commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on May 4th, was an officer of the Roman army, who occupied a high administrative post in Noricum, now part of Austria, and who suffered death for the Faith in the days of Diocletian. His legendary "Acts" state that he gave himself up at Lorch to the soldiers of Aquilinus, the governor, when they were rounding up the Christians, and after making a bold confession, he was twice scourged, half-flayed alive, set on fire, and finally thrown into the river Enns with a stone around his neck. His body, recovered and buried by a pious woman, was eventually removed to the Augustinian Abbey of St. Florian, near Linz. It is said to have been at a later date translated to Rome, and Pope Lucius III, in 1138, gave some of the saint's relics to King Casimir of Poland and to the Bishop of Cracow. Since that time, St. Florian has been regarded as a patron of Poland as well as of Linz, Upper Austria and of firemen. There has been popular devotion to St. Florian in many parts of central Europe, and the tradition as to his martyrdom, not far from the spot where the Enns flows into the Danube, is ancient and reliable. Many miracles of healing are attributed to his intercession and he is invoked as a powerful protector in danger from fire or water.

Florian is a patron saint of Upper Austria, Poland, firefighters, chimneysweeps, soap boilers, and brewers. Florian is associated with brewers because of a legend in which he miraculously stopped a fire with a single pitcher of water, thus the frequent depiction of him holding a pitcher.

Florian is invoked against fires, floods, lightning, and the pains of Purgatory.

His feast day is May 4th.



This Week

- † Saturday, May 2: Confession 4:30PM to 5:15PM, Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our Parishioners.
- † Sunday, May 3: The Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mass 9:00AM; + Kathryn Pendley, Req. by Jenny & John Butler.
- † Tuesday, May 5; Mass 9:00M; Int. For all those suffering with cancer.
- † Wednesday, May 6: NO MASS
- † Thursday, May 7: NO MASS
- † Friday, May 8: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM, Mass 9:00AM; For unity and love among all Christians.
- † Saturday, May 9: Confession 4:30PM to 5:15PM, Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our parishioners
- † Sunday, May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day; Mass 9:00AM; Int. For all the mothers of the St. Matthew Parish/Sacred Heart Mission.

Saturday May 9, 2026

Reader: Sue Cross

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Kidder & Chester McClellan

Sunday May 10, 2026

Readers: Perry Simon & Sally Hildebrand

Eucharistic Ministers: Sherry Farkosh & Michelle Heatherington

Hospitality: Sally Hildebrand

Grass Cutters

May 7– Kenny Swisher & Randy Heatherington

Offertory/Attendance

April 26: \$2111 Attendance 116

Prayer List : Jim Hildebrand, Mary Beth Hixon, Maddie Hixon, Sheila Giovinazzo, Gabe Maurer, Father Pen's brother, Riley Knotts, David Shockey, Bobby Lucas, Peyton Kegley, Ina Morrell, Richard & Kate Douglas, Sharyn Sims, Emily, Jim Hormsdorfer, Keaton Patterson, Norma Maurer, Gordon Maurer, Tanya Ball, Malori Bailes, Katie Romeo, Josie Morris, Shirley Livingston, Debbie Gump, Gale Tribbett, Barb White, Brittany Cottrell, Debbie Mullins, Beverlee Wilson, Billy Cox, Brian Cox, Melissa Holsinger, Allie Romeo, Ruth Sergeant, Debbie Romeo, Millie Jaggard, Jim Jaggard, Roberta Striga, Carol Woody, Ralph Parsons, Terry Parsons, Toni Burks, Lois Shreve, Holly McCoy, Benny Hunt, Vanessa Sawyer, Breanna Sawyer, Kevin Donahue, Robert Patterson, Dr. Alberto A. Fernandez, David Harris, Vincent Vespucci, Jason Price, Rick Petry, Baylen Evans, Malinda McNabb, Larry Vansickle, Richard Buckley, Allie Kramer, Vince Jiovannazzo, Gina Daviau, Michael Hughes, Devin Colahan, Bryan Thompson, Jeananne Tribbet, Luke Liggett, Betty Collins, Stephanie Milikaia, George Malone, Steve Sommerville, Axel, Devin Colahan, Lois Raferty, Jacob Morton, TC Johnson, Dax Austin, Gary Gwisdalla, Inkey Arose, George Puskas, Jackson Parker, Amanda Taylor, Sierra Butler, Susan Johnson, Angela Kelly, Steve Hunt, Mika Martin, Martha Moran, Charles and Gail Parks, Melanie Johnson, Marife Daily, Kitty Deschappelles, Fanie Vannest, Steve & Vida Perrine, Julian Perrine, Cindy Crocket, Barbara Rutan, and all the sick of our parish, and all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

May Birthdays: Lexi Corcovilos 5/1, Aaron Bridges 5/4, Diane Johnson 5/5, Graceland Tignor 5/5, Beth Baldwin 5/7, Rey Tignor 5/8, Drew Hunt 5/11, Michael Sayre 5/12, Leslie Pauley 5/14, Ronnie Maurer 5/15, Paul Kobe 5/17, Joann Gorman 5/22;

May Anniversaries: Danny & Jane Mitchel 5/2, Rick & Elaine Corcovilos 5/10, Allen & Barb White 5/17, Scott & Beth Baldwin 5/22, Frank & Ann Nester 5/23,

Intention for the Month of May: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone have access to quality food.

Pope Leo XIV@Pontifax: From the beginning of my pontificate, I have thought about a journey in Africa. I thank the Lord for granting me the opportunity to undertake it, as Shepherd, in order to encounter and encourage the people of God, as well as to offer a message of Peace at a time in history marked by wars and serious and frequent violations of international law.

Announcements

- If you want to receive Holy Communion kneeling down, please sit in the front pew.
- Please check your email for a message from VIRTUS Online. Every 3 years we have to renew our background check. For many of us that time is now. Please do the background check as soon as possible because I have an audit report due at the end of May.
- The Bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States with the hope that our people "recognize the kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel". The consecration will take place on June 11 during the spring meeting of the Bishops. Bishop Brennan is asking that all parishes in our diocese celebrate a Mass the next day on June 12, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have a Mass and adoration at 9:00AM on Friday, June 12 and Mass and Adoration at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart. Special readings and prayers will be said at these masses.
- David McGraw the son of Diana McGraw and a parishioner is currently a Sophomore pre-med student majoring in biology at Marshall University will be doing a mission trip to Central Asia this summer (May 17-June 28) where he and a group of fellow students will be sharing the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. His goal is to raise \$1650. If you

would like to donate you may do so on his giving page at give.cru.org/1344470. Prayers for safety and success are appreciated.

- All are invited to a special Mass at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00PM. This special celebration is being held during the annual Priest Convocation and will honor several priests who are celebrating significant anniversaries of their ordination as well as celebrating the 175th anniversary of our diocese.
- If you would like to be a candidate for training to be a Tribunal Advocate to help with the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal please let Father know. It is an 8 week commitment and the training is done via Zoom.
- The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30PM. Note the change of date.
- On Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 a group will be selling olivewood carvings from the Holy Land after both masses. The income from these sales goes to support 200 Christian families living in the Holy Land or who have fled from the Holy Land.
- If you love the Hallow App you will be interested in the Hallow Summit 2026 to be held at the Franciscan University in Stubenville, OH October 8-11. Presenters will include Jonathan Rocimi, Jeff Gavis, Fr. Piere Toassaint, Karen McGrady, Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Frank Cicero & Lisa Cotter. Don't procrastinate. Tickets will sell fast. We will be having two spaghetti dinners as fundraisers to help with the costs of attending this event. For more info go to the website Hallow Summit 2026.
- On Saturday, May 9 at 3:00PM Sacred Heart will have a Pampered Chef party. This will be a great time for shopping fun & fellowship and the opportunity to get some basic kitchen utensils for the SH kitchen. Online orders will also be possible. More information later.
- Look around and notice the beautiful religious art that has been added to the church and parish hall. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project make your donation with ART in the check memo or envelope and we will happily credit your contribution and continue to add to our collection.
- Michael Sayre is planning to attend the 2026 Boy Scout National Jamboree in July. The two week camping experience is attended by Scouts from all over the country. The cost is \$1950. Michael wants to raise part of the money himself to pay for his trip. He will do odd jobs around the county. Call him at 304-440-0100 or Catherine Sayre at 304-512-9151.
- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join Father Roy and Deacon John for a five week bereavment experience called "Grieving with Great Hope". Join with others who have suffered loss as we learn together in the love of Christ how to grieve with great hope. Sign up sheet and more information in the vestibule.
- The Knights and Ladies Guild will pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:00PM. All are welcome to come and join in prayer.
- If you are interested in The Prayer Chain Prison Ministry to pray for inmates wanting prayer, contact Sr. Delores Keyser at dkeyser@dwc.org or call 304-233-0880 ext. 16
- If you want to receive Holy Communion kneeling down please sit in the front pew.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please tact one of the bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504