

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025 Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

**Week of May 4, 2025**

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| Monday    | 8:00am  | Piedmont       |                 |
| Tuesday:  | 8:00am  | Piedmont       |                 |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm  | Piedmont       | Nancy Peal      |
| Thursday: | 7:00am  | Piedmont       | 5:15 van buren  |
| Friday:   | 8:00am  | Piedmont       |                 |
| Saturday  | 4:30pm  | Williamsville/ | 8:00pm Piedmont |
|           | 6:30pm  | Piedmont       |                 |
| Sunday    | 8:30am  | Van Buren      | Parish Family   |
|           | 11:00am | Piedmont       | Special Int.    |

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**Honor Your Mother**

'Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.' It has often been pointed out that this is the only one of the commandments which carries with it a promised blessing. This Sunday as we celebrate the gift of our mothers I pray we take time to realize who they are in our lives. I pray it is not just another day in which we expect mom to make the sacrifice of eating another cold dinner while she pours herself out for her beloved ones. I pray it is not one in which we simply take her out for a dinner as a way of salving our consciences for all the ways we failed to honor her this past year. In our college years we comforted ourselves with the idea we were going home to visit but all mom really got was a greater familiarity with our laundry while we ran around with other friends. In later years we bring the children to be with mom while we hang out with others. Finally we may look for material things we can do for her, and still not be there for her. To honor someone is to recognize that in some way this person shares in the Almighty's Godliness. We recognize that God has given her a power of sharing with Him in the creation of another human being who has never existed on earth and yet will live with Him forever, if she proves she has been honorable. This woman, when she said yes to an intimacy which brought about your life said yes to the very real possibility of dying to bring that about. She said yes to years of nurturing, even from her own body, and denying herself much of what she might of well liked for herself. She said yes to studying the personality of this person being entrusted to her care and seeking ways for you to become all you could be. She said yes to that greatest of all tasks, bringing you to know the Lord in order to be with her forever. She said yes knowing that God would not take away your free will; nor could she but she could commit herself to sleepless nights and much prayer that you would embrace His love. We know she would carry you in her heart in a way you will never understand while she truly carries part of your dna within her for the rest of her life. This is certainly a good day to honor one's mother and let her know you recognize all the many ways she sought to fulfill her role in being honorable. In this God promises you a blessed life. The time is limited and I pray we don't deny her her due even when she becomes debilitated or have alzheimers. She may not know who you are but you should never forget who she is.

Confessions by appointment and ½ hr. before mass

Tues. 6:00pm Hour of Adoration

**Outreach for March / Rent / Utilities 2436.00 12 fam. / Gas 67 \$1675**

**Mother's Day Lunch – Buffalo Wild Wins will give 20% for youth to go to Steubenville  
Just tell them it's for Sacred Heart**

May 17<sup>th</sup> Month of Mary Rosary after masses

May 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 6:00pm Adoration Piedmont

**Attention:Adult Catholic Men You are invited to the Southeast Missouri  
Tuesday, May 13, 6:30-9:00pm An evening of Adoration, Confession, &  
a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.To help plan for the food please RSVP to  
SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com 'SEMO Catholic Man Night' on Facebook  
Or text 573-275-5214**