



Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Over the years, the reason behind this holiday seems to have been lost or not shared with younger generations. This day is a time to remember all the people who have died while serving in our country's armed forces. While the vast majority of those who died while in the service of our country died in battle, there are also those who died in training or other accidents while wearing the uniform of the United States.

Besides our fellow countrymen and women, there are at least two other groups of people who need to be remembered as part of our Memorial Day observance. First, there are those "from the other side" who died while engaged in war or other aggressive military activities. Throughout the centuries, in the preparation time for wars and insurrections, human beings have spread rumors and innuendos about 'the other side' to make it easier to justify war and aggression. In our lifetimes, efforts to dehumanize other nations and cultures have evolved from government sourced posters, news stories and films to reporters embedded with troops. There always seems to have been slanted reasoning processes to justify actions taken and "fake" news. The manner and style in which these sources depict "the enemy" often leads to a dehumanizing perspective of those on the receiving end of bullets, bombs, or economic sanctions.

The second group of people who need to be remembered on Memorial Day are the innocent civilians who have died as "casualties of war". "Casualties of war" and "as a result of friendly fire" are but two of the terms used to describe the often-unacknowledged deaths on the periphery of battle or in a specifically targeted area. The effects of battle continue well beyond the moving on of human aggression to a new country or continent. We tend to gloss over the civilians who die after peace has been established (either formally or the battles move elsewhere). While not a direct effect of battle, we must be mindful of those who die from starvation or disease due to the lack of arable land or the inability to plant crops because of land mines in fields or the lack of basic hygiene in cities because the infrastructure has been destroyed after years of shelling and internecine fighting.

Men and women who have been in battle will tell you that fighting/killing was the last resort to prevent something worse from happening. When Pope Paul VI addressed the United Nations on October 4, 1965 he called for humanity to become peacemakers. Not only did he call for the Church to rediscover its nonviolent roots, he stated, very specifically, "No more war, war never again. It is peace, peace which must guide the destinies of peoples and of all humanity." Some 52 years later, we must pray for peace **and** we must work to make peace a part of our lives and the world around us.

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Available online at usccb.org/bible

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (5/28) Ascension of the Lord

No Faith Formation
 8:00 a.m. Mass High School Graduates Church
First Eucharist of McKenzie Whalen
 10:30 Mass Fr. Brad's 17th Ordination Church
 Anniversary
First Eucharist of Jared Soltysiak & Jason Heyboer
 5:30 p.m. Mass For Our People Church

Monday (5/29) Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed
 9:00 a.m. Mass Deceased Veterans Allendale Cemetery

Tuesday (5/30)

5:00 p.m. Mass Vocations Church
 5:30 Reconciliation Church

Wednesday (5/31) Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. Mass Parish Benefactors Church
 5:30 Reconciliation Church
 6:00 Young Group (6-12) Church
 7:00 Confirmation of Lauren Robb Cathedral

Thursday (6/1) St. Justin

5:00 p.m. Mass Peace Church
 5:30 Reconciliation Church

Friday (6/2) Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

5:00 p.m. Mass Diocese of GR Deacons Church
 5:30 Reconciliation Church

Saturday (6/3) St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

12:00 p.m. Rosary Church

Sunday (6/4) Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass Church
 9:15 Faith Formation Church
 10:30 Mass Church
 5:30 p.m. Mass Church

Ministries for June 4

Lectors

8:00 a.m. Terri Rowland (1st), Elyse Underhill (2nd)
 10:30 Kali Steck (1st), Robert Talbert (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m. Isaac Perry, Kalib Perry
 10:30 Sammi Steck, Brandon Van Wyk

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m. Nanette Casha, Kim Oostindie, Tim Alt
 10:30 Barb & Bruce Grzegorzcyk, Cathy Talbert, Sabrina & Tom Van Wyk

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Jerry Casha (lead), Tim Rowland, David Boon, Sue Sandberg
 10:30 Paul Steck (lead), Isaiah Van Wyk, Larry Flagg, Rich Conflitti

Food Pantry Needs

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

Our current food pantry needs:

Helper Meals

Including but not limited to:
 Hamburger Helper & Tuna Helper.
 To donate, please drop items off in the shopping cart outside the pantry/McConnon Room at the church.

Next pantry date: June 8

Finances for May	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for April	\$ 23,371	\$ 9,275	\$ 32,646	\$ 29,300	\$ 3,346
Weekly Average for April	\$ 4,674	\$ 1,855	\$ 6,529	\$ 5,860	\$ 669
May Month to date	\$ 11,000	\$ 6,740	\$ 17,740	\$ 17,580	\$ 160

CSA	# of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Goal	% of Goal
To date	75	\$ 17,055	\$ 32,685	52%

Saint Luke University Parish

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Ascension of the Lord

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Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

Memorial Day Mass

Join us tomorrow morning at the Allendale Cemetery for our annual Memorial Day Mass. Mass begins at 9 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

The Knights are having their annual fundraiser at Peppino's in Allendale on Wednesday, June 14 from 5-10 p.m. Join us to not only raise money for the Knights, but to celebrate Fr. Brad's birthday.

Vacation Bible School "Team Jesus" Save the Dates!

June 15-16, 9 a.m.-Noon at the new church building. This year's theme for Vacation Bible School (VBS) is Team Jesus. Registrations begin May 28. VBS is open to children ages 3-8. Youth (ages 9+) and adults are encouraged to register as volunteers. Contact John Graveline, j.graveline@lukespot.com, if you have questions.

Women's Fellowship

On Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship will be meeting at the church. For more information about the meeting or the group in general, feel free to contact Jeanne Benedict at 616-677-5428.

Going Away Party for the Priests

We are having an all-day party on Sunday, June 25 to celebrate Fr. Brad and Fr. Chuck. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

SCRIP

Have you checked out the ScripNow!, My Scrip Wallet, and ReloadNow! retailer lists? They are growing rapidly and this is good news for you during your summer travels. All of these allow you to order and pay online. Your order is then emailed to you in minutes. You must be registered to pay through presto-pay. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to sign up. This process takes a couple days to complete, so do it before you wish to place an order.

Are you receiving promotional emails from Great Lakes Scrip (or shopwithscrip)? If not, you should update your profile and check the box indicating you want to receive promotional information. As summer approaches, many retailers will be offering additional rebates to keep customers shopping. Get emails sent to you as soon as these offers hit the air waves. It's a great way to start stocking up on prepaid cards to use later. You don't have to use these special rebate cards right away...just have to order them within the specific time frame.

Enjoy your Memorial Day Holiday!

Fundraiser Church Vehicle

Do you hate taking back your pop & beer cans? Problem solved! Just drop them off at Diane Emelander's home at 10301 68th Ave. Allendale.

10-year Anniversary Photo Album

In conjunction with our 10-year anniversary as a parish, we are developing a parish-wide photo directory. LifeTouch (Family Photography) has been contacted to take pictures of all members of our parish. Each person who has their photo taken will receive one complimentary photo of the one chosen for the directory and a copy of the parish photo directory. Photos will be available for purchase and a 5% rebate of the purchase cost will be given to the parish. A photographer will be here on June 19, 20, 29, & 30 between 2 and 9 p.m. Sign-up [online \(home page of the website\)](#), or in the foyer. This will allow you to reserve an appointment time for your picture to be taken. Questions? Contact Mary Alt at maryalt56@gmail.com or 616-403-2859.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids will ordain Stephen Durkee, Steven Geerling, and Kyle Kilpatrick as priests for the Diocese on this coming Saturday. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Your continuing prayers for them and the seminarians of the Diocese is appreciated.

**CCWM's Let's Go to Bat for Kids**

Catholic Charities' West Michigan Padres play The Media Giants on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in this annual charity event. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. The event benefits the CCWM's foster care and adoption programs. More information, or to get your free tickets, please visit ccwestmi.org/gotobat.

LifeWalk

LifeWalk is an annual event celebrating life. On Saturday, June 17, take the entire family for a 2 mile walk for life at your community location. Enjoy games, prizes, and refreshments before and after the walk. Each walker obtains pledges and walks in honor of life. For locations visit lpcenters.com/lifewalk.

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