



You will be my
witnesses to
the ends of
the earth

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June 2, 2019 • The Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day

when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD
JUNE 2, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1, 2019
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, June 2, 2019
9:00 am †Gloria Konsack req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec

Monday, June 3, 2019
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, June 4, 2019—NO MASS

Wednesday, June 5, 2019—NO MASS

Thursday, June 6, 2019
9:00 am NO MASS

Friday, June 7, 2019 —FIRST FRIDAY
9:00 am Special Intention

Saturday, June 8, 2019
5:45 pm †Betty Johnson req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Sunday, June 9, 2019
9:00 am †Dr. Raymond L. Annis req. by Timothy & Michelle Annis /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, June 8 - 5:45 pm
Nick, Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, June 9 - 9:00 am
Ian & Lily Kreske

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, June 8 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent / Jim Kreske
Sunday, June 9 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, June 8 - 5:45 pm

Sunday, June 9 - 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, June 8 - 5:45 pm
Bill Phelan, Brad Phelps
Sunday, June 9 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, May 26\$2,417.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 8,725.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 5,375.00
2019 Rebate	\$ 0

Thank you for your generous response.

CALLING ALL SENIORS 60 +

Need help getting Nutritious Food ?

Interested in learning about services available to seniors in your community?

If yes, please call or text Ann at Northern Illinois Food Bank

(630)398-6839 or email
senior@northernilfoodbank.org

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient!

Congratulations

Newly Baptized

Lucas Remington Cakora



• Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. Go to www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

Widowed and feeling stuck ? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again ! Widowed Ministry presents a Retreat/ Workshop for widowed men & women. All are welcome.

June 22 & 23 – St. Julie’s—Tinley Park
July 20 & 21—Holy Family—Inverness
August 10 & 11—Mary Queen of Heaven Parish

For further information, call : 708-354-7211

Email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org



The second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of Gods nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, Do not cling to me, perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirits power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, June 7

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN
AT 9AM UNTIL 4 PM.**

**SATURDAY, June 1 IS THE
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD SIGN
UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS
CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**



NEW FOR ADORATION

**Extended Hours on Fridays (9 am—4 pm) —Starting in September —
Contact Steve Niemiec 815-560-1913 - More info to come**

Religious Freedom Week 2019: Strength in Hope

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22 to 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom. [The Pray-Reflect-Act series](#) aims to help Catholics build solidarity with people of faith who are persecuted abroad and find strength to carry out the mission of the Church here in the United States.

St Patrick's Church is again putting together a group to volunteer at the Northern IL Food Bank's South Suburban Center to sort and pack food on Jun 29, 2019 from 9:00am to 11:30am. This food will be distributed to local area food banks. The South Suburban Center is located at 171 S Larkin in Joliet IL. A signup sheet is in the vestibule. All volunteers must be 8 years or older. Any questions please contact Mark Tillotson (815) 476-6387.

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Catholic Education Foundation Executive Officer. The Executive Officer of the Catholic Education Foundation will develop and pursue ideas, contacts and strategies to raise funds from individuals, corporations and foundations in the seven counties that make up the Diocese of Joliet and elsewhere across the region. The Executive Officer will separately and in tandem with the Superintendent of Schools and other key Diocesan staff and volunteer leadership identify, cultivate and solicit major donors for scholarship, operating, capital and special school or religious education projects for the Catholic Education Foundation.

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic and will possess: Bachelor's degree; Master's degree preferred; CFRE and/or CAP certification a plus, Bilingual speaking a plus; minimum of 5 years direct fundraising experience with proven track record and success in major gift, annual fund, foundation and event fundraising work; familiarity and appreciation of Catholic education; experience working with the poor and economically disadvantaged; excellent communications skills; successful experience in supervision of personnel; proven ability to collaborate with people of diverse cultures within a complex organization; strong organizational skills; experience with budgeting, financial management and reporting; responsible with confidential material.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Requires flexibility of schedule, evening and weekend work as needed. To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Jeanne
Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard,
Judith Wright; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo
Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler;
Brett Burkhalter; Norma Boyle; Michelle
Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron Englert;

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list,
should contact the office.**

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JUNE

- That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 2, 2019



- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
- Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and
Companions
- Wednesday: St. Boniface
- Thursday: St. Norbert
- Friday: First Friday



HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED

The Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel use the same word, witnesses, to describe the disciples' role in the new world order. In our culture, a witness can be passive, a mere onlooker, or more active, a formal expert who provides sworn testimony in a trial. The Greek word for witness is *martyr*. That raises the stakes for the disciples. They watch Jesus float into the air, after which an angel plainly appears to them and promises them that Jesus will come again. They see this happen. Immediately before ascending, Jesus makes a promise to them: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth." Their mission is not a superficial task to confirm the idle rumor that Jesus really floated in mid-air. No, they must be willing to swear—even with their lives—that Jesus is the Christ who accepted an agonizing crucifixion on our behalf, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and promised to come again to offer final salvation.

TRUTH MATTERS

Why would anyone be willing to die for that story? Why would anyone accept martyrdom just to make sure no one fiddles with the facts of Jesus' life? Tradition tells us, in fact, that all but one of the Twelve died as martyrs. These witnesses knew that Jesus' story is sacred, unique, and powerful—and that we have to get it right. We have to understand that Jesus is God, and that he actually conquered sin for us by dying on a cross. No other story can give us the kind of hope that Jesus' Good News does. And the story is true. Countless witnesses have died to transmit the saving legacy of Jesus Christ. We have inherited the truth. Every day, we take our place in the story, bringing hope to a needy world.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Lk 24:46–53

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