

THE ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MAY 16, 2021



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Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

Throughout the season of Easter, we ponder the mysteries that are central to our faith in Jesus Christ. We reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection and consider the meaning of Christ's life and love. Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as

a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15, 2021- 5:45 pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Frank Quigley req. by the Cakora Family

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, NO MASS

Thursday, May 20, 2021 - 9:00 am

+Craig Cieply req. by Paul & Cathy Engler

Friday, May 21, 2021 - 10:45 am - Adoration until 10:45am

Saturday, May 22, 2021 – 5:45pm

+Marvin Berner req. by Leona Berner

Sunday, May 23, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

DATE	LECTOR	USHER/GREETER
SATURDAY, May 22 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	Doug & Eva Luehrs
SUNDAY, May 23 - 9:00am	Sarah Hoehn/ Steve Hoehn (EM)	Roberta Stauffenberg & Ed Horath

COUNTERS FOR MAY 23, 2021 – Horath

PLEASE HELP

We need volunteers for Usher/Greeter at the weekend Masses
Please contact Roberta Stauffenberg at 815-592-8774

ALSO

Volunteers for Lector are needed – Contact Linda at 815-546-4715

THANK YOU

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, May 9, 2021.....\$1672.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online giving link. *Thank you*



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,070.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 8,730.00
Balance Due:	\$ 340.00

Thank you for your generous response.

2021 CMAA: Help Catholic Charities shine the light of Christ

To witness how gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) help Catholic Charities, click [here](#). Kathleen Langdon, Interim Executive Director for Catholic Charities, shares how thankful their ministry is for all the CMAA does to help our vulnerable neighbors in need with basic necessities such as food and shelter.



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
GORDON FLINT
Requested by Marge Flint



JOIN THE HOLY
FATHER THROUGHOUT
THE MONTH OF MAY

**PRAYER
MARATHON
FOR AN END TO
THE PANDEMIC**

- 30 MARIAN SHRINES -
- LIVESTREAMED DAILY -

REVISION TO DIOCESE OF JOLIET COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
Beginning Friday, May 14, 2021

Masks are still required

Attendance will be taken as you enter the church.

All pews may be used, six-foot minimum distancing is no longer required but at least arms-length distance is recommended between households.

If people do not feel well, they **SHOULD NOT ATTEND** services or gatherings

Handwashing is still required, especially before eating or touching the face.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

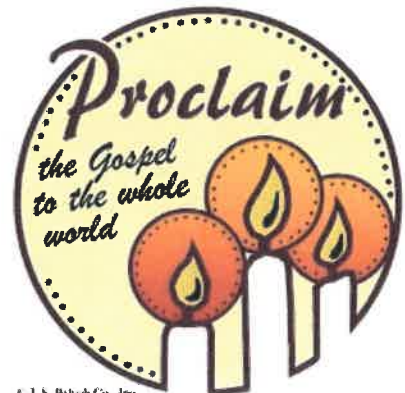
What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship
being pounded by the waves of life's
different stresses. Our duty is not to
abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,
Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim
Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp;
Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Steve Niemiec;
Mike Phelan

**Please call the office to be included on
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF MAY**

- Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1 (815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

The Ascension of the Lord
Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.
— Mark 16:16

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
MAY 16, 2021**



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 Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Tuesday: St. John I
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and
Companions
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia;
Vigil of Pentecost



WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SKY?

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” We can only imagine the apostles’ astonishment, not only at Jesus’ ascension, but at the message from the men in white garments who appeared at that very moment. Jesus had been crucified and died, rose from the dead and spent time with them, teaching them to understand how he had fulfilled all that had been written about the Messiah, and suddenly, he was taken up to heaven.

Surely they would have wondered what was happening and what the meaning of Jesus’ ascension was. We wonder with them. What does Jesus’ ascension call us to be or do? We rely on the testimony of those who were with Jesus to grasp the mystery of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Their witness calls us to believe in Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and live as his disciples in the world.

YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, NOW GO DO

It isn’t enough to say we believe in Jesus. We are called to live as members of Christ’s body and share the joy of faith with others. We do this by discerning and fulfilling our vocation, the ways in which God calls each of us to live. Often when we think of vocation, the first thing that comes to mind is the priesthood. But each of us experience vocational calls, to our state in life and to the ways in which we live, work, and serve. Each of us has been given different gifts and are called according to our gifts. We are equipped with talents and skills through which we may contribute to bringing the mercy, compassion, truth, goodness, and beauty of God’s love to the world. What are your particular gifts and talents? How may you be called to use them to bring Christ’s love to others, leading them to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 4:1–13 [1–7, 11–13]; Mk 16:15–20

5/16/2021