



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 16 **MAY 23**
ACTS 1:15-26 **ACTS 2:1-11**
1 JOHN 4:11-16 **COR 12:3b-13**
JOHN 17:11-19 **JOHN 20:19-23**

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call any time or by appointment

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MASSES @ ANNUNCIATION: SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM; SUNDAY @ 10:00AM

SPANISH MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday 12 - NOON

MASSES @ ST. ANDREW: TIPTON SATURDAY @ 5:30 PM; SUNDAY @ 8:00AM

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 15	4:00 PM	Mary Ellen Munsterman
Sunday	May 16	10:00 AM	Annunciation Parish
Tuesday	May 18	8:00 AM	Monsignor Francis Gillgannon
Thursday	May 20	8:00 AM	Clem Distler
Saturday	May 22	4:00 PM	Tina Hoback
Sunday	May 23	10:00 AM	Annunciation Parish

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OUR MOTTO: JOY

JESUS FIRST

OTHERS SECOND

YOURSELF LAST

Mission Statement

We, the family of Annunciation Parish desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR

New Decree: Bishop McKnight issued a decree on Friday, May 7, lifting the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on days of precept and abrogating requirements, restrictions, and special allowances of previous decrees for the COVID-19 pandemic. As more people become vaccinated and the number of COVID-19 cases decline in our area, he has removed the general dispensation from attending Mass in person as of June 1.

The Bishop also writes that all legitimate national, state or local health directives must be observed. As we continue to respond to the pandemic, parishes are asked to continue some public health safety measures and livestreaming for the good of the community.

The wearing of facemasks is still encouraged, especially for those who have not been fully vaccinated.

The offertory procession, the taking up of the collection during Mass, the sign of peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood to the faithful may resume at the discretion of the pastor, administrator or parish life collaborator, effective immediately. A copy of the decree is given in the bulletin insert for details.

Now I invite all those who have not been able to come to Holy Mass in person due to pandemic restrictions to the celebration of the Eucharist as before. It would be wonderful to see our church become full again!

Totus Tuus: It is a Latin phrase used by St. John Paul II meaning 'totally yours'. He dedicated his life to Blessed Mother and said, "Maria! I am totally yours" Since then, Bishops in different countries most particularly the Bishops in US developed a summer program called 'Totus Tuus' for our children to reinforce their faith through various activities. It is spread out for a week and we are fortunate to get this program in our Parish. It is scheduled from **July 18 – 23, Sunday to Friday.** For 7-12 grades, it will be Sunday – Thursday, July 18 – 22 from 7:30 – 9:45 pm. For the grades 1- 6, it will be Monday – Friday, July 19 - 23 from 9 am – 3:30 pm. **Letitia Sangster** is coordinating the program. It involves many hands and preparations for which she will need your assistance and services. Please oblige her if you are contacted or willing to join hands with her to run the program. It is our Parish program for our children. We all have to work together. I request the parents of St. Andrew, St. Martin and public schools to get their children enrolled as part of the summer program.

Prayers and Sympathies: On behalf of the Parish, I extend prayerful sympathies to Lisa Anderson on the death of Norma Palmer, her mother. May the Lord grant Norma eternal rest!

Reminders

1. May Devotion: As announced before, I am reminding once again that the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and is considered to be the month of blessings. Pope Francis has made an appeal to the entire church to pray the rosary for the end of the pandemic that is taking the lives of thousands in different parts of the world.

The Pope's message and a brief history on May Devotion was given as a bulletin insert a couple of weeks ago. I suggest that we start once again a chain rosary or come in group to recite the rosary in the church at every evening as some groups did last year when the pandemic was at the peak in our country. The blessings of which have been rewarding. Now it is time for us to express our solidarity and prayerful support to the suffering and dying people of COVID in different parts of the world, chiefly in India, by praying the rosary. I am glad to learn that the Knights are doing rosary on Mondays and started doing it on Tuesdays and Thursdays before Mass. I would also like Altar Sodality or individuals to come forward to lead the rosary on Wednesdays and Fridays so that all weekdays and weekends are covered.

2. Protecting God's Children Class. Connie Schepers, the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection is conducting classes on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm in our parish Hall. It will take a couple of hours with paper work. I request the **School parents, (St. Andrew and St. Martin), Liturgical Ministers (ushers, greeters, lectors, communion ministers, and choir members) and Volunteers who do different services in the Parish events** to attend this scheduled program in person or online as it is required by the Diocese.

Attending in person will give you a chance to get things clarified. Please take note of the following guidelines given by Connie.

'Please pre-register online and establish a Virtus account at Virtus.org. You do not have to undergo the background check if you are a volunteer. When asked if you have had a background check, please say "Yes" which will enable you to by-pass the check. For any questions, feel free to contact the Office of Safe Environment at 573-635-9127, ext. 224 or email cschepers@diojeffcity.org.' **Letitia Sangster** is coordinating this program in our Parish as she is the contact person for the Diocese. She will reach out to you in person and groups to help you understand the urgency of the said program. She will also assist you if you wish to do the program online. Please remember that we all collectively need to create safe environment for our children and youth in our homes, parish and other places.

3. Need of Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following areas **1.** Set up things for Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays **2.** To unlock and lock up the church in the morning and evening. **3.** To attend phone calls on Wednesdays in the Parish Office. Different persons can serve on different days. Anyway, I would like to involve as many people as possible in the life of the parish which our Bishop is recommending time and again. If some of you so desire to give your time, please contact the Pastor.

4. St. Andrew School News: A. Teaching Positions: We are still looking for candidates to fill the teaching positions for Math, Writing, History and Religion. We have conducted a couple of interviews and somehow candidates slip away without making any commitment. We are still trying! Please pass the word around and pray that we might get the right candidates to fill the positions in Junior High classes.

Congratulations to all high school and college graduates from our parish. May God continue to bless your lives!



Weekly Collections

1st week: \$ 2,613.00 2nd week: \$ 9,027.68
Hispanic: \$ 85.41 Stipends: \$ 20.00
Building Fund: \$ 5.00 Mustard Seed: \$ 265.00
Comm/Ed: \$ 60.00 Ladies Reimb: \$ 56.04
Home Missions: \$ 50.00

Liturgical Roles

Saturday – May 22

Lector: Pauline Forck
Servers: Need Volunteer
Song Leader: Ted Munsterman
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Need Volunteer

Sunday – May 23

Lector: Mary Jo Bolinger
Servers: Nicki Frank & Olivia Marriott
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Marian Fleischmann

Saturday – May 29

Lector: Russell Anderson
Servers: Need Volunteer
Song Leader: Ted Munsterman
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary: Russell Anderson

Sunday – May 30

Lector: Rita Henley
Servers: Shane Bax / Jaxon Scrivner
Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary: Rita Henley

Totus Tuus - Mark your calendars!

July 18-23 we will host Totus Tuus for faith and fun filled Vacation Bible School. Young kids will attend in the mornings, older in the evenings. More details as we get closer. You don't want to miss this! Question contact Letitia Sangster

Annunciation Church Picnic – June 6, 2021



The church picnic donation board is available at the entry into church. Donations are very much appreciated and help make the picnic a success. Thank you to all who have already signed up to make donations! Please bring the donated items to the church basement by Monday, May 31st.

Picnics:

Annunciation – Sunday, June 6th

11:00 – 6:00 PM

Served Family Style – Drive Thru or Sit Down Meals

Fried Chicken & Pork Roast Dinner

Frankenstein – Sunday, June 6th

11:00 – 7:00 pm - Drive thru & Walk Up Meals

Fried Chicken & German Pot Roast Dinner

The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be performing a concert Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hatler St., Russellville, MO. All are invited.

Fr. James will be continuing Theology class on Wednesday night at 6PM.

Youth News

Confirmation will have their retreat with Oddwalk Ministries on May 23 as the final part of their preparation. **Confirmation will be the evening of Wednesday, June 2.**

Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Linda Bardwell; Darrell Bolin; Judy Boyle; Chris Schoenthal; Kim (Gailey) Moss; Sister Leona Bax; Kim Haisemeyer; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Loretta George; Krystal Stegemann (daughter of Sherrie Walter); Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger; (mother of Jake Bolinger) Sandy Crawford; Keith Connell; Loretta Brauner; Misty Distler; Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Shirley Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Parker Wood (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Melissa Cox; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Delores Bardwell; Carol Rackers;

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday , May 15	<i>Saint Isidore</i>
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Mary Ellen Munsterman
Sunday , May 16	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Annunciation Parish
☪Mass 12 NOON	Spanish
Monday , May 17	
☪ 5:45-6 PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
☪ 8:00 PM	AA-ALNON
Tuesday , May 18	<i>Saint John I</i>
☪ 8:00 AM	Monsignor Francis Gillgannon
☪ 6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday , May 19	
☪	Mustard Seed
☪ 6:00 PM	Fr. Finder Theology Class
Thursday , May 20	<i>Saint Bernardine of Siena</i>
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Clem Distler
☪	Quilting
☪ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
Friday , May 21	<i>Saint Christopher Magallanes</i>
	<i>And Companions</i>
Saturday , May 22	<i>Saint Rita of Cascia</i>
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Tina Hoback
Sunday , May 23	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Annunciation Parish
☪Mass 12 NOON	Spanish

The Feast of Ascension, May 16, 2021

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.* Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death and Resurrection – a glory in which we also hope to share.

The Scripture lessons: The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed his apostles to *remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit* so that they might become his *"witnesses to the ends of the earth"* by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then *a cloud took Jesus from the sight* of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' "second coming" or return in glory. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 47) suggests that by his Ascension, the risen Lord *"mounts his throne"* in glory. In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was *to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation,* *"to be his witnesses,"* and *"to make disciples of all nations."* (Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11).

Life messages: 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced with the help of the Holy Spirit.

3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven. (Fr. Anthony Kadavil)