

May 13, 2018 Solemnity of the Ascension



Before I jump into our reflection on our final baptismal promise, I'd like to present you with a bit of a brain twister to get you thinking. This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. I will, however, not be celebrating the Ascension today. I will be celebrating Mass this Sunday, though, but it won't be for the Mass of the Ascension. Maybe you can ask Father Adam on your way out of Mass but try to think of a logical explanation as to how this can be the case.

Okay, enough with games, let's look at the final baptismal promise that we renewed on Easter Sunday or at the Easter Vigil. Having affirmed our belief in the Father and the Son, I bet you can guess that this one addresses the third Person of the Holy Trinity – the Holy Spirit, and you are right! Here's what we were asked: "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?" As you can see, there's a lot here, so let me just offer one little reflection.

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Mary. This event is also known as the birthday of the Church, for it was on this day that she was given the power to begin living out the mission entrusted to her when Jesus ascended into Heaven. It's important for us, as Catholics, to understand that the Church is not just an arbitrary organization designed by and run by human beings. The Church was founded by Christ and continues His work in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. I'm reminded of a story about Napoleon Bonaparte who told a high-ranking cardinal of the Church that he had the power to destroy the Church. The cardinal supposedly responded something like this: "Your majesty, we, the Catholic clergy, have done our best to destroy the church for the last 1,800 years. We have not succeeded, and neither will you."

I hope you get the humor but also the reality here. Christ has chosen to use human instruments, such as priests and clergy who are far from perfect to be His instruments in moving the Church forward. But despite all our weaknesses, the Holy Spirit continues to be in charge of moving us forward, because Jesus meant what He said about the

Church when He said to St. Peter: "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18) With that said, let me ask you to invite as many people to Mass next week to celebrate the Church's birthday party on Pentecost!

-Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:



Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Mary Kates, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Josh Cable, student at Rochester H.S.
Al Fox, son of John & Mary Fox
Terry Tinsley, brother-in-law of John & Mary Fox
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Sara Graue, sister of Barb Sinkus
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



Monday, May 28th is Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed. **MASS on Memorial Day** will be celebrated at **8:00 a.m.** in the Chapel at **Rochester Community Cemetery**.

NOTE: NO 5:30 pm Mass Memorial Day

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

Last Week Year to Date

Collection (88)	\$ 5,503.00	\$231,960.91
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 56,424.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (19)	\$ 596.00	\$ 12,884.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,190.00
Poor Fund	\$ 34.00	\$ 2,524.35
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 24.00
Cath. Home Missions (5)	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,434.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	112	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, May 19th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Riedle, White
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Blumhorst, Day

Servers: Sommer, Trello, Zack

Hospitality: J & S Thull

Sunday, May 20th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Dowding, Krug,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: H & J Hendrickson

Servers: Deen, Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: A & Z Dahlkamp, G & K Park

Sunday, May 20th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Livengood, Warren
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Guerrettaz, Schudel

Servers: Krug, E & T Schudel

Minister of Care: Krug

Hospitality: Decker Family

CLOW:

Volunteer for this week – May 14th - May 20th

Church Duster: John & Mary Fox

May Recycling Vol.: Jan Pietras

May Food Volunteer: Mary Fox

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. May 20th:

Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

Saturday, May 12th
Confessions
3:30 p
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)

Sunday, May 13th
Confessions
7:30 a
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)
9:10 a **PSR & May Crowning**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)

Monday, May 14th
9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)

Tuesday, May 15th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, May 16th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Thursday, May 17th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Raymond Roth, Sr.†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, May 18th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, May 19th
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: James Kates†)

Sunday, May 20th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Krug
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.

Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.

Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 13th – May 20th

Sunday: ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26
1JN 4:11-16 JN 17:11B-19

Monday: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 JN 15:9-17

Tuesday: ACTS 20:17-27 JN 17:1-11A

Wednesday: ACTS 20:28-38 JN 17:11B-19

Thursday: ACTS 22:30; 26:6-11 JN 17:20-26

Friday: ACTS 25:13B-21 JN 21:15-19

Saturday: GN 11:1-9 JN 7:37-39

Sunday: ACTS 2:1-11 1COR 12:3B-7, 12-13
JN 20:19-23

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Tues, May 15 – 5:30 p.m. K of C Appreciation Dinner
Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant

Mon, May 21 – 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, May 21 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting

Mon, May 28 – Memorial Day, Office closed

Mon, May 28 - 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass at Rochester
Cemetery

The sharing of new life through our Catholic faith continues in the sacraments of initiation as we celebrate infant Baptisms and the First Reception of Holy Communion throughout the next 7 weeks of Easter as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions:

May 19: Gianna Capriotti, Ehren Woehrmann
Nathan Bullock

May 20: Lydia Megginson

PSR NEWS –

It's that time of year when we will be going early **PSR Registration (pre-registration) for the 2018-2019 PSR year.** PSR registration forms have been sent out and the pre-registration is May 6th. By registering early, you will help us have a good start in figuring out next year's classes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes just like this year. How many Sunday classes will depend on the number of children pre-registered for each class. We will make the determination about the number of Sunday classes after Sunday, May 13th.

Please help us to prepare by registering early!



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Our Appreciation Dinner for those Knights & Parishioners who assisted in our many projects will be held at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm with choices from their banquet menu. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in foyer of the Church before the deadline of May 11th.

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nurse Baby Shower

During the month of May, you are invited to participate in a Baby Shower to benefit the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. Just bring items from their wish list and place them in the back of the church. The Sew-n-Sews are making blankets to give to the children, as well as the donations. Please give a little something to help these children.

Wish List: 100% juice, Canned oranges, Enfamil Gentlelease formula, Enfamil Infant Formula, Paper Towels, Shop n Save gift cards, WalMart gift cards, Baby Wipes, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Finish dishwasher soap, Gerber Graduates Yogurt melts, Goldfish crackers, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Leaf bags, Microwave popcorn, Peanut Butter.

Diocesan Second Collections

Next weekend, the second collection is for **Retired Diocesan Priests Collection.** As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our Diocese. Your generous response to this collection helps to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

The weekend of May 26-27, our second collection is for the **Catholic Communications Campaign.** This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Join fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship playing on Softball Team on Sunday afternoons this summer! All men, women, and high school students are invited. We would like to field both men's and co-ed teams, so tell your friends!

Sign up in the back of the church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. **Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.**

Coming Soon- A New Church Directory!

St. Jude's Parish Council has determined it is time for a new church directory. Our dates for pictures with LifeTouch will be July 17, 18, 19, 20 and August 1, 2, 3, 4.

Reservations for pictures will begin in June. Look for more information and sign up times in upcoming bulletins.

Employment Opportunities

Little Flower School is expanding the Preschool Program and has an opening for a full-time preschool teacher. Candidates should have a passion for working with preschool children, and appropriate certification. If interested, send cover letter to Dr. Bill Moredock, Little Flower School, 900 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL 62703, or email bill.moredock@little-flower.org.

SHG IS HIRING! SHG is currently seeking qualified candidates for the 2018-2019 school year in the following positions: Full-time Psychology, Advanced Biology, French, and Math, and Part-time Band and Spanish. Please send resumes to Sacred Heart-Griffin H.S., c/o Kara Rapacz, or email rapacz@shg.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends –

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you, and whom you love. Those WWME weekends away are August 3-5, or September 21-23 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314-649-7317.

SPIRIT HOCKEY CAMP June 18-20, 2018 Nelson Center, Springfield, IL

Featuring Bishop Paprocki (The Holy Goalie) and Christopher & Richard Gomez of the University of Illinois Illini Hockey. This is a three-day camp where leaders are built, hockey is played, and faith is strengthened. Every child (ages 7-17) can attend through sibling discounts and scholarships. Register at SpiritHockey.org.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Our Beautiful End

By Matthew Leonard

We Long for the Beautiful

We grow frustrated when sunsets fade, children grow up, and special moments pass. Will beauty be forever fleeting? Internationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Leonard, expounds upon our experience of beauty and its powerful role in drawing us closer to our Creator and glorious home in Heaven.

[Listen on formed.org](http://Listenonformed.org)



"Thank you, Matthew, for a glimpse into our final destination ... It was a wonderful talk..."

—Tara O, Tampa, Florida



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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on June 1-3, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.