



May 24, 2020 Ascension of the Lord

In last week's bulletin, I introduced the through process that led to my proposing that our parish join in praying a Pentecost Novena

together for the spiritual renewal of our parish. As I wrote, one might question the appropriateness of the timing of such an initiative, given all the uncertainty of what the future might look like. But I want to call your attention to a point that I made early in the pandemic as we reflected on what the "new normal" would be for us. I used the line of a priest-friend of mine who addressed that question from his parish as they prepared to close their parish school. His basic message was: "I don't know what the future looks like, but I know that the Lord is already there."

I find those words to be very comforting, knowing that the Lord is already present in whatever the future might look like for us as a parish. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of this point: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8) As much as we might like to think this is the most challenging time in history, that is far from true. The Church has been through much harder times and has always persevered amid uncertainty. Why? Because the Lord is the same at all times – He is Risen from the dead, He is victorious, and His victory will continue. The Holy Spirit that has come to the aid of the Church at every time and in every place is the same Holy Spirit we are praying to come to our aid here and now. And so, we should have great peace, knowing that God's grace and His gifts will not be lacking for us.

I remember when Bishop Paprocki came to our diocese ten years ago, he spoke about his vision for the diocese, and he said the following: "All of this might sound like Utopia and in many ways it is admittedly idealistic. The fact that goals are lofty does not make them unreachable. Everything that I have described is attainable." He then posed the question: "So what stands in our way?" And I think that question can be posed to us in these times. What stands in our way? Certainly not the coronavirus! The only thing that can prevent God from doing His mighty deeds is *us* – our unwillingness to let Him be in charge, our lack of cooperation with His will for us and our parish. The Lord wants us to succeed and gives us the grace to do so, but we have to want it, we have to be willing to cooperate, to let the Holy Spirit work in us and through us. I think the following quote from St.

Augustine sums it up well: "God who created you without you, will not save you without you." The Holy Spirit can and will bring about the renewal we long for, but He will not do it without our cooperating and accepting His gifts. Let us pray in a special way for openness in our hearts to let the Holy Spirit do His work, unhindered by our lack of cooperation.

- Fr. Alford

Novena Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.
St. Francis

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.

Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

- 7:30 a** Saturday, May 23rd
Mass Livestream
(Int. Allan† & Zana Dahlkamp)
- 3:30-4:15 p** **Confessions**
- 7:30-7:50 a** Sunday, May 24th
Confessions
- 8:00 a** **Mass Livestream**
(Int. Jim & Mary Kates†)
- 9:15-10:15 a** **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- 10:45-11:15 a** **Confessions**
- 11:45-12:45 p** **Distribution of Holy Communion**

- 7:30 a** Monday, May 25th
Office Closed-Memorial Day
Mass Livestream
(Int. For the Parish)
- 7:30 a** Tuesday, May 26th
Mass Livestream
(Int. Brice Auxier)
- 7:30 a** Wednesday, May 27th
Mass Livestream
(Int. Limper/Engeling Families)
- 7:30 a** Thursday, May 28th
Mass Livestream
(Int. John Faloon, Sr.†)
- 7:30 a** Friday, May 29th
Mass Livestream
(Int. Larry Tebrugget†)

- 7:30 a** Saturday, May 30th
Mass Livestream
(Int. Paul Maynerich†)
- 3:30-4:15 p** **Confessions**
- 7:30-7:50 a** Sunday, May 31st
Confessions
- 8:00 a** **Mass Livestream**
(Int. For the Parish)
- 9:15-10:15 a** **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- 10:45-11:15 a** **Confessions**
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**Congratulation
2020 Graduates!**

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Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to 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:

Parishioners

Sue Bozarth, Megan Lee, Steven Long, Gary Dumonceaux, Jillian Kohlrus, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Barb Kiel, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy

Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
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
Frank Stroble, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family

In Memory:

John O. Faloon, Sr., father of John Faloon, Jr.

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**Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (61)	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 236,299.07
Electronic Funds (5)	\$ 375.00	\$ 48,439.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 171.00	\$ 12,602.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,908.00
Poor Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,279.00
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 46.10
Calvary Cemetery (6)	\$ 101.00	\$ 797.00
Cath. Commun. (14)	\$ 327.00	\$ 353.00
EFT-Cath. Commun. (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 102.00
Missionary Co-op (5)	\$ 96.00	\$ 2,485.35
Pentecost (5)	\$ 121.00	\$ 218.00
EFT-Pentecost (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 172.00



Each year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates mission appeals in U.S. parishes. This year, in light of the global pandemic of COVID-19, these appeals are being

featured on the digital presence of the Pope's mission societies, MISSIO.org. Instead of having our in-person appeal, you can learn more about the School for the Tribals Assam/North East Indian, our partner mission for this year, and make an online donation through the following site:

https://www.missio.org/fundraisermcprofile.aspx?fundraiser_id=505264

Second Collection – next Sunday, May 31st, we



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

will be taking up a second collection for **Retired Diocesan Priests**. This will help in providing retirement and health care for our retired Diocesan Priests. Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our

Diocese and give thanks for all that we received from our retired priests.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 24th – May 31st:

Sunday:	ACTS 1:12-14	1PT 4:13-16 JN 17:1-11A
Monday:	ACTS 19:1-8	JN 16:29-33
Tuesday:	ACTS 20:17-27	JN 17:1-11A
Wednesday:	ACTS 20:28-38	JN 17:11B-19
Thursday:	ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11	JN 17:20-26
Friday:	ACTS 25:13B-21	JN 21:15-19
Saturday:	ACTS 28:16-20,30-31	JN 21:20-25
Sunday:	ACTS 2:1-11	1COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 JN 20:19-23

**THE DIOCESE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU
A TEXT MESSAGE THAT IS**



TEXT: DIOSPRINGFIELD TO 84576 TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES, UPDATES FROM BISHOP PAPROCKI, AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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- THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (MARCH 22)
- SEMINARIAN'S COLLECTION (APRIL 12) 100% STAY LOCAL
- CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL (APRIL 26)
- CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (MAY 17) 50% STAY LOCAL
- RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS (MAY 31) 100% STAY LOCAL

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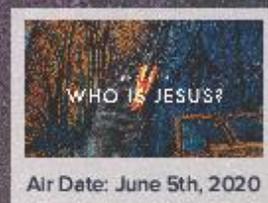
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Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

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