

Ascension of the Lord –May 29, 2022

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 1:17-23. OR Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.
Luke 24:46-53.

[The Gospel]reading consists of two halves. The first half is Luke’s version of the appearance to the apostles, which, like the story of the ascension in Acts, looks forward to the mission of the Church, and to the empowering of the Church with the Spirit for that mission. In the second half, the ascension is narrated as in Acts 2.

In the Gospel the ascension narrative looks backward rather than forward. The ascension is here presented, not as the inauguration of the period of the Church—which it also is—but as the conclusion of the earthly ministry of Jesus.

It is a farewell scene, as is indicated by the blessing. Henceforth Christ will be with his followers in a new way. “Jesus is not seen at all times by the believers in this position: even for the disciples it came to an end” (Schlatter).

But unlike most partings, it leaves the disciples rejoicing—precisely because Jesus leaves them with his blessing. Such is the outcome and conclusion of his earthly ministry.

--Reginald H. Fuller from the SLU Sunday Site

Befriending God. Saint Luke addresses Theophilus at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. “Friend of God” is an apt translation of this Greek name. In addressing him, he is addressing each of us. We are called to witness to God in Christ as only a friend can do.

- ◆ How, as a friend, will I witness to Christ?
- ◆ How, as a friend, will I live the Christian life?
- ◆ How, as a friend, will I “teach” others, perhaps more by what I do than by what I say?

Pentecost Sunday, June 5 2022

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20;
John 17:20-26

ORDINATION LITURGY

Bishop Michael McGovern has called The Reverend Mr. Thomas Richard Lugge to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The ordination liturgy will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 10:30AM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. In the days ahead, please pray for Deacon Lugge, soon to be Father Thomas Lugge, by the Grace of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Please also continue to pray that young men and women from our parishes will hear and answer God’s call to vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm

Imagine you are at the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). How does it feel to watch Jesus leave?

It was probably difficult for the disciples to see Jesus go. Yet, if he stayed, they would not receive the promised baptism with the Holy Spirit. We must surrender our "treasures" to God before we can open ourselves to faith and trust.

Here is a meditation on letting go from "Nine Ways to Reach God" by Bridget Meehan, SSC, D.Min.:

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with deep gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

Reflect on the symbol of open hands. During your prayer time, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Do you experience any obstacles in letting go and giving everyone and everything to God? Be aware of your feelings. Are you joyful? Anxious? Sad? Afraid? Share these feelings with God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.

What does the perspective of "all is on loan" say to you in your present relationships and in your present circumstances? Find concrete ways to express your love and gratitude to people you often take for granted, including Jesus.

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Schedule of Masses

Ascension of the Lord
Catholic Communication Campaign
Sun May 29 8:00 am Mass Martina Battreall
Fri June 3 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration note time change
Sat June 4 8:30 am Mass Anna Mae Street
Pentecost Sunday
Sun June 5 8:00 am Mass Pat Kinthead

Birthdays
May 30 Fr. Tom Barrett
June 1 Pat Kalicki
Katie Pobst
June 2 Laney Slife
June 3 Maxine Lewis

Liturgical Ministers

May 29	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
	L Miller	V Anderson	Z Garrett	M Palmer,E Zmuda	*M McMahan, R Weeks
			Cantor	J Starrett	
Jun 5	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
	M Miller	J Hacker	M Slife	M &C Bergmann	*Joe Nelson, Je Nelson
			Cantor	J Starrett	

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 22, 2022

Envelope (23) \$1111.00
Loose \$50.00
Seminarian Education \$395 (11)
CSMA (1) \$25
Total: \$1581

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun May 29 8:00 am Mass

Fri June 3 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration * note new time
Sat June 4 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass
Sun June 5 8:00 am Mass
1st Sunday Social
Adult Bible Study
June 2-4 Faith Alive Work day by St. Paul

WE APOLOGIZE

to any parishioners getting an additional reminder about the CSMA donation for this year. We parish office volunteers learned a lot, including that you’re quarterly and monthly donation pledges needed to be sent in sooner. We will do better next year. Thanks for your patience. Special thanks for Vickie Anderson for learning the ropes on how to process these donations for the diocese.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DESALES CEMETERY –MAY 30

Fr. Tom Barrett will be offering a 5 pm Mass at the St. Francis DeSales Cemetery in New Burnside. All are invited. Bring lawn chairs. And thank you to SEIEC who gave their time, personnel & equipment in assisting us with the cemetery flag pole.

THE BISHOP OF OWENSBORO HAS ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE.

A special collection is being taken up today to help their diocese recover from the December Tornado. Your donation will aid in restoring damage in the Mayfield, Dawson Spring KY area parishes.

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who made the funeral mass special for the family of Pat Kinthead.

TIME AND TALENT SUGGESTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED BY OUR PARISH FAMILY ARE AN INSERT IN YOUR BULLETIN TODAY. Please review how you might share your gifts and talents with us. Next Sunday we will have the actual stewardship form for you to share ways you may continue to help; and new ways you might contribute your gifts. Once we collate your volunteer talents, we will start to arrange training for anyone who needs training or mentoring. Thank you for your willingness to pitch in.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL GRADUATES

Riley Slife, Will Ashford (Pobst) and Gabe Ross are graduating from high school. We also wish to congratulate Laney Slife and Wyatt Ashford (Pobst) on their 8th grade graduation. If any parishioner has a child that graduated from college, high school or 8th grade and we missed wishing them well, please let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES:

--Thursday thru Sat June 2-4 Faith Alive Thrift store workers for St. Paul needed
--Saturday June 4 Thomas Lugge ordination at the cathedral
--Sunday June 5 Pentecost Sunday. Wear Red!
--Wednesday June 8 Ladies outing at Star view winery 3:30-6 pm
--Sunday, June 12 Introduction of St. Paul’s men’s group
---Wednesday, June 15 Parish Council Meeting
--Sunday June 19 Corpus Christi Sunday—Procession and Benediction with Mass
Happy Father’s Day

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR Fr. Tom Barrett (May 30) can be sent to Father at 595 Country Acres Ln Eldorado, IL 62930; email tbarrett1@juno.com or text or call him at 618 759 1707