



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus,
after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the
right hand of God. But
they went forth and
preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked
with them and confirmed
the word through
accompanying signs.
- Mk 16:19-20

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MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am* & 11:00am
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 Noon
Tuesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00am
**8:30 Mass Live Streamed on YouTube*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am
Friday: 11:15am - 11:45am
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Or by appointment
Baptism: Pre-baptismal program required.
Call the Parish Office for more information.
Matrimony: Call the Parish Office at least six months prior
to your desired date for more information.
We look forward to celebrating with you!
Anointing of the Sick: Call Parish Office to set up appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office & Mailing Address: *Office closed to walk-ins*
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/ Mk 16:15-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/ Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 17

Noon - Eileen Kennicker †

Tuesday, May 18

5:30pm - Steve & Mary Ellen O'Brien †

Wednesday, May 19

Noon - Jake, Marie & Michael Ressler †

Thursday, May 20

8:00am - Tom Roling †

Friday, May 21

Noon - Eugene Skinner †

Saturday, May 22

5:00pm - Marion Connolly †

Sunday, May 23

8:30am - For the People of the Parish

11:00am - John & Dolores Apel †

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Dick Beaves

Music & Liturgy Coordinator

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So Dick, what the heck ever happened to Ascension Thursday? Is this some sort of crazy idea the bishops came up with just to confuse us. No, our church leaders are not trying to make things any more confusing for us. Rather, they realized that attendance at Holy Day masses were seeing a steep decline. In the late 1990's, depending on which Ecclesiastical Province you live in (you can mostly say state for this), the USCCB and local bishops made the decision to change the observance of the Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday. The reason being so that more of the faithful would be present. This took place throughout the world, including Australia, Canada, and numerous European nations where the decline in attendance was noted. The bishops felt, and the Holy See in Rome concurred, that the Ascension was such an important observance that it should be placed on a day that most Catholics would be able to attend its observation.

So this all brings us back to today and what we believe in. When Jesus ascended into heaven, He was given his just position as the Son of God. He was placed at God our Father's right hand to help us and continue to lead us in His mission of evangelization. He charges us to bring the Word of God to all believers and Baptize them. This mission continues today, and the call to do so continues to ring clear. We carry this out by the way we live our lives and relate to others in our households, neighborhoods, and workplaces, showing those we meet what our faith means to us. The beautiful thing is that Jesus didn't just ascend to His right position but also promised that we would be sent help to carry out our mission. That is what we will celebrate next Sunday when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on each of us at Pentecost.

Now for just a little bit of good news in our pandemic times. When you come to church seat yourself wherever you can find a seat, that isn't roped off. Things are loosening up and it will not be long and we will be back to celebrating our faith in ways more like we are used to.

Happy Feast of the Ascension everyone!

Dick Beaves

RECENTLY MARRIED

Eddie & Emily (Lawler) Leonard

Please pray for all newly married couples, especially those recently married at SJTW.



5 Things to Know This Week

1 Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday (May 16)

11:00 Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again this weekend at the 11:00am Mass. We'll start offering it at the 8:30am Mass at a later date. If you would like to volunteer for this program, please contact Ann Sirianni at 563-588-1433 or at a.sirianni@dbqarch.org



2 Religious Book Sale

We're having a religious book sale in Martin Hall next week! All books are \$1 unless otherwise marked. Stop in to stock up on your summer reading!

- Saturday, May 15, 3-6pm
- Sunday, May 16, 8am-12:30pm



3 Care Calls

We are currently in the process of making Care Calls to members of the parish again. If you haven't been called by the end of May, please call the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 to let us know. That way we can update your contact information so we can reach you in the future!



4 Month of Mary Road Trip

Are you looking for a road trip? Try visiting and praying with Mary at some shrines in the area.

Here are a few:

- West Bend, Iowa – westbendgrotto.com
- Sioux City, Iowa – trinityheights.com
- Champion, Wisconsin – championshrine.org
- La Crosse, Wisconsin – guadalupehrine.org



5 Month of Mary

May is Mary's month. Looking for prayers, family activities, and other ways to honor Mary? Find some suggestions on how to celebrate the month of May with Mary by visiting theworker.org/month-of-mary



AROUND THE PARISH

Vacation Bible School

VBS is in the works! Mark your calendar for July 12-16 when kids will become **Geologists for Jesus: Dig into St. Joseph!** Since Pope Francis declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph, we thought we'd dig a little deeper into Joseph and his family tree. We'll find about Joseph and Mary, Boaz and Ruth, King David, and of course, Jesus. We'll hear great bible stories, sing some songs, dabble in making some crafts, and have snacks. Registration forms are now available in the back of church and at theworker.org/vbs!



We need many volunteers for VBS to happen! Could you volunteer for the week or for one of the days? Do you like to work with crafts, music, games, or help in the kitchen? If you have some time, we'd love to have you on our Geologist Team! We're also in need of a few items for our VBS week. If you have any of the following and are willing to donate, please contact Ann Sirianni at the parish office:

- Baby food jars
- Paper grocery bags
- Battery operated tea lights
- 12" squares of fabric

Community Viewing of *The Chosen*

On Mondays in June at 7:00pm, we will watch the video series *The Chosen* together in Martin Hall. Join us as we watch this unique series about the life of Christ. Please remember to wear your face mask! Here are the episodes we'll watch:

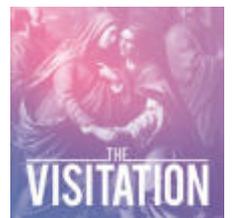


- **June 7:** *The Shepherd, I Have Called You by Name, & Shabbat*
- **June 14:** *Jesus Loves the Little Children & The Rock on Which It Is Built*
- **June 21:** *The Wedding Gift & Indescribable Compassion*
- **June 28:** *Invitations & I Am He*

Watch at Home: watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen

Gifts of the Visitation Book

If you are interested in the *Gifts of the Visitation* book, we have some for sale in the parish office. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) have designed this wonderful program for women in the parish based on the bond between Mary and Elizabeth that we read about in Luke 1:39-45. The program is easily accessed through the Archdiocesan website and can be found on the ACCW page. If you would like more information or if you would like to be in a small group to go through this program, please contact Ann Sirianni at the parish office (563-588-1433 or a.sirianni@dbqarch.org). The books are \$11.



IN OTHER NEWS

CROP Hunger Walk

Here is a wonderful opportunity to unite as a compassionate community to help stomp out food insecurity. The 2020 CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will be **Saturday, May 22, at 10am**. The walk will begin and end at Murphy Park, 1700 S. Grandview Ave., with registration in the Fuhrman Enclosed Pavilion (the first one on the left as you enter the park), starting at 9:30am. Scout Troop 51, Pack 55, and high school youth from Holy Trinity will hand out complimentary breakfast bags and lead activities and games about hunger. The Americana Band will provide musical entertainment.



When all the walk teams, families, individuals, and their pets have gathered and turned in their pledges, we will begin with prayer and a dedication of the walk to former long-time CROP Walk volunteers: Dorothy Krayner and Sister Anita Terese Hayes. Then people can spread out to walk the two miles up Grandview Avenue to St. Elias Greek Orthodox Church (opposite Unity Point Hospital), with a water stop at the fire station. As walkers return to the park, complimentary sack lunches will be available starting at 11:30am; those returning early can learn about how our donations will benefit local recipients, as 25% of all donations go to the Dubuque Food Pantry, the Dubuque Rescue Mission, and People in Need, as well as Church World Service's activities in the US and throughout the world.

Good Neighbor Scholarship

Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa is offering a two-year scholarship for those interested in pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Theology and Mission, Intercultural Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies. The scholarship is open to all ages and covers the entire cost of tuition, books and college fees (minus any Pell Grant for which the student qualifies). Scholarship recipients may begin as early as August 2021 or in any subsequent semester. An AA degree from DWC may be transferable to other four-year colleges or universities after graduation. For more details, including scholarship requirements, go to www.dwci.edu/goodneighborscholarship.



Fatima Movie

What better way to celebrate the month of Mary and the feasts of the Ascension and Our Lady of Fatima, than to experience the acclaimed movie FATIMA on the big screen exclusively at AMC Theatres! See it with family and friends again or for the first time! Reserve a block of seats now, or even your own theater, with special pricing through AMC. Tickets are available for the special Fan Fave price of \$5, or you can also reserve a whole theater for your friends or family (max 20 people) for just \$99.



Whom do you know who exemplifies the kind of love that is in today's Gospel reading?



renewed
life

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Plants start growing, songbirds start singing, and the air seems abuzz with new life.

Easter marks a new beginning as well. When He rose from the dead, Jesus gave us the promise of new life with God.

We are approaching another new beginning now. As more people get vaccinated, a new post-pandemic life is getting closer.

What will we do with this new life?
How will we be different than we were before?

Join us this Easter as we celebrate new beginnings and learn to embrace opportunities to live our lives renewed in Jesus!

We'd love to reconnect in person or, if you're unable to gather with us in church, join us online for 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass live on our YouTube channel.

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May 8-9

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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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