

7th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

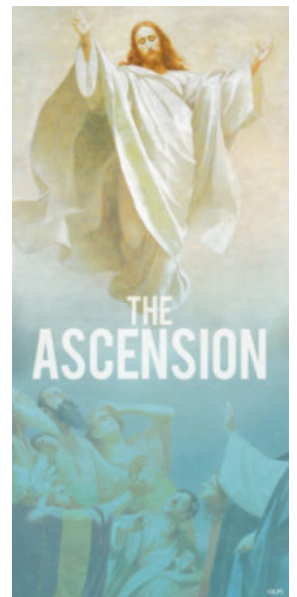
We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God is a wonderful mystery whose identity is inexhaustible. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe. The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives the believer an even greater understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end.

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Ascension of the Lord

Pope Francis states, "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is now in the Lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." God is present in every space and time. There is nowhere that God cannot be found and nothing that God cannot use to reveal his presence and intent to us. The neighbor who gets under our skin, the demanding coworker we see every day, the person at the supermarket who is rude to us, the elderly person we met on our daily walk who seemed so disheveled, the perfect sunrise that greeted us in the morning, and the wonderful aroma and taste of our first sip of coffee. All can be used by God to awaken us, humble us, and bring us to a heightened sense of His presence. We are given opportunities, always and everywhere, to live in the fullness of Christ. With hearts enlightened by these "God moments," we can anticipate that day when we are all fully and eternally one with Christ. This promise is what allows us to live with joyful hope!

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Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual flag retirement ceremony Sunday, June 12, 2022, 1:00 PM, at St. Louis Church, 13207 Hwy. G, Caledonia. During this ceremony, old/worn out/torn/dirty-stained American Flags will be properly and honorably disposed of. The flags can be dropped off on the porch of Fr. McGivney Hall, 2516 Winthrop Ave. (just east of St. Lucy's Church) in the container provided. The program is being held in collaboration with Msgr. S. B. Witkowiak Council 697, St. Lucy's/St. Sebastian Council 15659, Union Grove Council 4106 and host Council 4831-St. Louis/St. Paul's. All are invited to attend the program!

Ministers - June 4 & 5

Lectors

- 4:45 PM Sharon Gierahn
- 8:00 AM Rosemary VanTreeck
Doug Noe
- 10:30 AM Nino Martinez

Eucharist

- 4:45 PM Ruth Adamczyk
Mary Ann Collins
Mary Simon
- 8:00 AM **Barb Schmitz**
Mark Schmitz
David Eberle
- 10:30 AM **Katie DeGroot**
Cathy Ramage
Edith Martinez
Ray Pawlak

Altar Servers

- 4:45 PM Fernando Acosta-Arciles
Javier Acosta-Arciles
- 8:00 AM Daniel Bouck
- 10:30 AM Giselle McNeely
Valencia McNeely

THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

Weekend of May 22

ACH (52 donors)	\$6,183.00
Envelopes (66 donors)	\$6,037.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$414.02
Total Contributions	\$12,634.02

Parish Activities

MONDAY 5/30

Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY 5/31

WEDNESDAY 6/1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church

THURSDAY 6/2

FRIDAY 6/3

SATURDAY 6/4

3:30 PM Reconciliation - Church

SUNDAY 6/5

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5/28

Vigil Mass: 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord
4:45 PM † Wencel and Angeline Kaplan
by their family

Sunday 5/29 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners
10:30 AM † Rose Ann Brunsman by Cathy Gross

Monday 5/30

No Mass

Tuesday 5/31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Wednesday 6/1 St. Justin, Martyr

No Mass

Thursday 6/2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

No Mass

Friday 6/3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

Saturday 6/4

Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday
4:45 PM † Roy Radke by his family

Sunday 6/5 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM † James Binkowski
by Deacon Greg & Jeri Petro
10:30 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

Pray for Our Parishioners

**Courage & Protection
for those serving in the
Armed Forces**

LT CDR Jack L. Ramage (Navy)
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

**Comfort & Healing
for the homebound,
those who are ill &
for their caregivers**

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Josephine Isaacson, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ralph Lorentzen Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Chuck Majeski, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Kamala Venu, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

**Comfort & Peace
for our Deceased &
their loved ones**



Mass Readings - Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Monday	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Next Sunday	Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Pope Francis Wants Your Opinion!

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in a worldwide Synod, or consultation process. Lend your voice to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's response to Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality! What would you like the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Pope Francis to know?

Visit

<https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality.htm>
or <https://tinyurl.com/5n6z4547>
and share your thoughts.



Knights of Columbus

*Msgr. Stanley B. Witkowiak Council 697
Msgr. Anthony G Weiler Assembly 1207*



2022 Knights of Columbus 4th Annual Golf Outing

WHEN Golf Outing Date: Friday June 10, 2022
Early Registration Deadline is May 20, 2022
Final Registration Deadline is May 31, 2022

WHERE Ives Grove Golf Links, Yorkville, WI

COST \$100 Per Golfer if paid by May 20 or \$110 after that date.
Fee Includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart,
Beverage Ticket, Gift Bag, Lunch, Dinner
\$20 Dinner Only

DETAILS SCRAMBLE FORMAT
10:00 – 11:15 am Registration, lunch & Raffle Sales
11:30 am Shotgun Start
5:00 pm Cash Bar, Dinner, Raffles, and Awards

In the event of rain, a rain check for golf will be given to all golfers.
The Dinner and Raffles will be held as scheduled.

Proceeds will Support KC numerous Charitable, Patriotic and Community Programs.

For more information, contact Ken Sack (262-488-3807) or Jim Sisak (262-884-9505)

For online registration, donations, or for more information go to our web site:

Birdease.com/KofC697Racine



Sharing Sunday June 5

The first Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday at St. Rita. We ask our parishioners to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the Narthex.

The following items are especially needed:

Pasta sides, Rice sides, Saltine crackers, Progresso soup, Tuna, Ramen noodles, Shampoo, Body Wash, Shaving Cream Disposable Razors (men's & women's), Feminine hygiene products small pkgs. tooth brushes and toothpaste Laundry soap, Dish soap

Please remember to secure the lids of any products that might leak or spill and damage food.

THANK YOU! BECOME A VINCENTIAN

Contact Donna Dombrow, 262-639-0831
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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers, are you looking for a unique program to make a difference? There are people with age-related challenges right here in our parish. Our Harmony Club provides respite care for both clients and caregivers. We rely on the dedication and support of volunteers like you to make this social day program a success! Volunteers spend their day with clients in conversation, enjoying entertainment, craft activities and playing bingo. We meet from 9:30 to 3:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please call Dawn at 262-880-5301 or Danielle at 254-319-2535 for more information.

Join us this Summer for Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway!

Climb aboard for a mountain of fun at Rocky Railway VBS! A faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs!

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Register Here!

<http://vbapro.events/p/racine>



Seminary Golf Outing & Cocktail Reception

You are invited to support the formation of holy priests by attending Saint Francis de Sales Seminary's Pallium Scholarship Benefit on Monday, June 13 at the beautiful Wisconsin Country Club. Golf away the afternoon and/or join Seminary supporters at the outdoor reception with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Your help in raising scholarship funds will ensure that financial concerns do not stand in the way of a faith-filled man who has been called to the priesthood. For more details, go to www.sfs.edu/golf or call (414) 747-6463.

Archdiocese of Milwaukee's policy on Gender Theory

To provide a comprehensive explanation to the Catholic Faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's policy on Gender Theory, Fr. Javier Bustos has written a column for the May 19th edition of the Catholic Herald. "Gender Theory: Does a Secular Response have to be the Only Response?" includes statements of support from clergy and individuals in education and healthcare.

This article can be found on our parish website at: <https://www.st-ritas.org/>.





August 19, 20, and 21

St. Rita 2022 Parish Festival

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- Large exterior menu board
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- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

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Italian Food - \$500

American Favorites - \$500

Roasted Corn & Baked Potatoes - \$500

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- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

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Information / Games Tent Sponsorship

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- Large Activity Board
- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

Sponsorship Fee: \$500

Beer Barrel Sponsorships

Signs are placed on beer caddies in the Entertainment Tent with donors' names.

Suggested Donation: \$100

Festival Brochure Sponsorships

Distributed to 75+ local businesses and all Festival guests

Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

Block ads available at \$350 each

One-line ads available for \$150

General and "In-Kind" Product Donations

St. Rita Parish will gratefully accept individual and anonymous cash donations for any amount in support of the Festival. Donations of products and materials for operations can be coordinated with the parish office for a list of needed items. Please contact the parish office (262-639-3223) for more information.

Return this completed form to: St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Avenue, Attn: Suzanne Kroes, Racine WI 53402

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Terms and conditions: Sponsor will receive Banner and Sign Business name placement with room for button-sized logo drop-in. Packages with ads (i.e., tickets, brochures) allow for custom designs. For bookkeeping records, the EIN of St. Rita Parish is 39-1017054. Payment in full to be provided by Sponsor within 30 days, with check payable to St. Rita Parish and mailed to: St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Avenue, Racine WI 53402, Attn: Suzanne Kroes. Phone is (262) 639-3223.

Form can also be found on our website at: <https://www.st-ritas.org/festival>





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