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The Ascension of the Lord

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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

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 17	7:00am	Fr. Chris Kuhn
May 18	7:30am	The Frew Family
May 19	7:30am	†Anthony Strak
May 20	7:30am	The Children of Margaret Tramsue
May 21	7:30am	No Intention
May 22	8:00am	†Joseph Wilson
	5:00pm	†Deceased members of the Brennan Family For the conversion of all Satanists, Atheists & Agnostics
May 23	7:30am	†Bruce Ostdick †Larry Cione
	11:15am	Ann Zabransky †Marysia Smola

Generations of Giving

Contributions for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$11,114.33
Online Giving.....	\$6,147.51
Easter to date.....	\$22,943.19

Contributions for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$8,156.50
Online Giving.....	\$4,713.51
Easter to date.....	\$23,078.19



- Mass is livestreamed & in person. Daily Mass: **Monday at 7:00am**, Tuesday - Friday at 7:30am & Saturday at 8:00am. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am & 11:15am.
- **Due to the limited capacity for our weekend Masses, we are asking you to sign up online for a Mass time.** To register visit our website: stmaryelgin.org, scroll down to the "signup.com button." **Please sign up before Noon on Saturday.** If you are not able to register online, please call the Parish Office.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday: 7:00am Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 8:00am,
En Espanol: 9:00am Martes & Miercoles

Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
(Espanol)

† 7:30 am
† 11:15 am
† 1:00 pm & 3:00pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 5:45—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Casa Roja (114 Gifford St.)

12:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

Masses Are Live Streamed Daily!

St. Mary Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

There are a couple of ways to watch;

Saint Mary Church Elgin IL

https://youtube.com/channel/UCkg_JNvMUEIE26zgF9kfA

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stmarychurchelginil

Website: www.stmaryelgin.org

St. Vincent DePaul - Neighbor In Need

Connie, a 75 year old single woman, living on \$973 a month social security, recently discovered her rent had not been paid for the past 2 months and her electricity, cable and phone were about to be disconnected. With the help of her neighbor Pam, she discovered that the niece who was in charge of her finances had misused the funds. Not only the social security income was gone but also her stimulus checks. In addition, her life insurance policy had been turned in for its cash value. With Pam's help, they contacted all the social service agencies in the area for assistance, along with Prairie State Legal Services and the police department. Somehow, Connie and Pam were able to get all the past due bills paid, but until the SS check comes in at the end of the month, May rent was still hanging over her head. They then contacted St. Vincent de Paul. Because of your generosity, we were able to pay the full amount for May. Before we left the visit with them, prayers were said for peace and thanksgiving for friends and all the help they received.



**2021
Diocesan Appeal**

**Parish Goal
\$90,304**



Knights of Columbus Annual Rosary for Life

The Elgin Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Rosary for Life on Sunday May 16 at 2:00pm at their Statue for Unborn in Mt Hope cemetery (Babies section)

All parishioners are invited, Deacon Loc Nguyen will be leading the Rosary. In addition, Rosary rings will be available to all parishioners after masses in May.

Cemetery Memorial Mass Cancellation

Mount Hope Cemetery informed us that this year's Memorial Day Mass has been cancelled. This decision was made after much discussion and the safety of everyone is first & foremost.

School Lunch Volunteers Needed

The school is in need of volunteers at lunch time. Volunteers will be supervising the playground.

Lunch runs from 11:20 - 12:20pm. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:10am. If you have any questions, please email kristinakelley@live.com.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/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 and 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: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *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 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)



PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47) or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Eph 4:10)



GOSPEL

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. (Mk 16:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the diocesan bishops of Illinois, write to you on an important matter of public policy and social justice. As many of you know, four years ago Democrats and Republicans worked together to pass the Invest in Kids Act on a bipartisan vote. This law allows for a 75 percent state income tax credit for any charitable donation to an approved scholarship granting organization (SGO). These SGOs use those donations to grant tuition scholarships to the children of working class families, whose income is no greater than three times the poverty level, so that they may attend the school of their choice.

Over the past three years, the Invest in Kids program has proven to be a resounding success. Working with our partner SGOs – Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders – over 20,000 children in Illinois, from diverse racial and religious backgrounds, have been able to access some 650 different schools of their families' choice. Participating schools have provided excellent education to these students, even during the pandemic, through in-school, high quality instruction. And the need is still not being met. Already in 2021, there are over 25,000 more students waiting in line for scholarships, a testament to the need to expand this program.

Unfortunately, Governor Pritzker has recommended severely cutting the Invest in Kids program. If his budget recommendation is enacted, the program will struggle to remain viable.

We are writing to urge you to support an alternative plan which includes (1) scholarships to trade schools, (2) an increase in the Invest in Kids tax credit and (3) annual renewals for scholarship students. We ask you to oppose the Governor's plan and join us. Support this plan which will not only benefit families in our Catholic schools, but more importantly, will provide otherwise unattainable educational opportunities for all working class families. All children deserve these opportunities no matter their family income. The popularity of the Invest in Kids program proves great support for this principle.

Please call your state legislators. You can find contact information for your state representative and state senator by visiting www.licatholic.org – scroll to the bottom of the page, click on "Find Your Legislator" and input your zip code and address. Because this is an issue that will be negotiated during the budget negotiating process there is no specific bill number to give you. We ask you to simply call your state legislators and urge them to oppose the Governor's plan to cut the Invest in Kids program and instead support efforts to extend and improve the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit.

One of the most important decisions parents make is where their children will attend school. All of us concerned with the common good should advocate for greater access to excellent educational opportunities. This is at the heart of the Invest in Kids Act. Please join us in promoting this important issue with Illinois' political leadership.

Sincerely,

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
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Most Reverend David J. Malloy
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