



# The Ascension of the Lord June 2, 2019

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**Bookkeeper:** Jeff Chmiola  
**Custodian:** Nic Duran

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 PM  
Sunday, 9:00 AM  
Sunday, Spanish Mass 12:15 PM  
Child Care and Kiddies Bible  
During Sunday 9:00 AM Mass, Xavier Hall

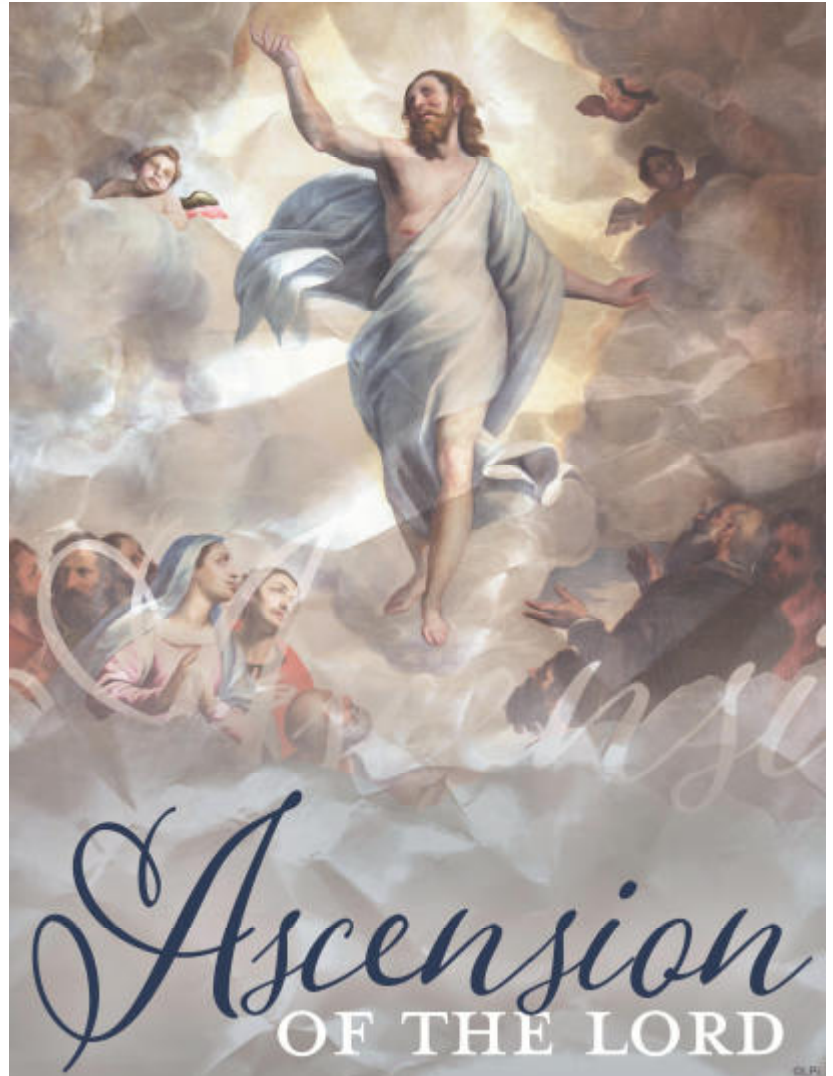
### Baptism in Carbondale:

Baptism preparation required for parents and god-parents preferably before the birth of the child.

**Marriage Preparation:** Every Catholic planning to get married – regardless of where or to whom – is advised to contact Fr. Bob at least nine months before the wedding to be made aware of proper guidelines.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30-5:00 PM



### Pastoral Partnership Relationship

#### **Newman Catholic Student Center**

Weekend Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:15 AM  
5:15 PM during school year  
Phone: 529-3311

### Cluster Relationship

**Saint Andrew Elementary School**  
723 Mulberry Street Murphysboro, IL

**Welcome New Parishioners!**  
*Please register*



<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 PM	<b>June 1, Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord</b> Mildred Paul Debbie Roudybush
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 12:15 PM	<b>June 2, The Ascension of the Lord</b> Our Parish Family Spanish Mass
<b>Monday</b>  12:15 PM	June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions No Intention
<b>Tuesday,</b> 5:15 PM	June 4, Easter Weekday Mass at Newman Center
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:20 AM	June 5, Saint Boniface For the Sick
<b>Thursday</b> 5:15 PM	<b>June 6, Easter Weekday</b> Mass at Newman Center
<b>Friday,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>June 7, Easter Weekday</b> No Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 PM	<b>June 8, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday</b> Tamara Saporoschenko
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 12:15 PM	<b>June 9, Pentecost Sunday</b> Our Parish Family Spanish Mass



**For the Weekend of June 8 & 9, 2019**

**Saturday, 5:30 PM**

Altar Servers: James Anterola  
Ministers of the Word: Don Daugherty, Suzanne Schmitz  
Ministers of Hospitality: Bill Warhausen  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: John Morgando, Sandy Warhausen, Laura Kidd, Mary Mechler, Gus Mihalopoulos, Thom Mitchell, Clare Mitchell

**Sunday, 9:00 AM**

Altar Servers: Mercedes Fernandes  
Ministers of the Word: Ken Shaw, Danuta Del Rio  
Ministers of Hospitality: Denny Kortcamp  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Micki Weaver, David Frisch, Jo Nast, Karen Shaw, George Sheffer, David Koster, Elaine Vitello

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Last meeting before Summer Break.  
**June 5th,**  
Election of Officers  
Family Outing



Wednesday is designated as a Day of Prayer for the sick and hospitalized parishioners and their families. Please remember: Jim Merkle, Mary Beckerer, Jeanine Maloney, Kimberly Murray, Jamie Yancy, Carmen Merod, Shirley Connelly, Austin Chew, Richard Walsh, Marie Ice, Barb Grace, Jack Riley, Tracy Hall, Sheffield Boardman, Matt Murphy, Bill Cahoy, Andrezej Mietelski, Harper Smith, John Huffman, Carolyn Huffman, Julia James, Suzanne Harju, Douglas Laczynski, Jim Tarr, Milta Kalert, Audra Harrison, Howard W. Hesketh, Kay B., Jesse Weaver, Kathleen Schneider, Diana Chervinko, Pat Volk, Helen McCormick, Pat Waters, Father Bob Beloin, Sarah and Ethan Hosmon, Sarah Hefferman, Frank Smith, Rebecca Hernandez, Tristin Dooley, Father Ken Schaefer, Brooke Banuelos, Leticia Sanchez, Shirley Reimbold, Marge Huffman, Melvin Cripps, Michael Cripps, Steve Galt, Savy Knight, Gary Tretter, Anna Mae Smith, Father Richard Mohr, Lee Hartman, Sally Varsa, Marilyn Bush, Tina Reaves, Don Lawrence, Fr. Carl Scherrer, Harry Schauwecker, Vivian Nugent, Mary Jarvis and **ALL THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.**

If you or anyone in your family is hospitalized, please let the parish office know so Father Bob can visit and administer Anointing of the Sick.

**Your gifts to God & Parish**  
**Stewardship of Treasure**  
For the Weekend of May 18 & 19, 2019

Weekly Projected Income Needed	\$ 7,247.00
Last Week's Income Received	<u>3,327.87</u>
Gain/(Loss)	<u>(3,919.13)</u>

**Readings for the week of June 2, 2019**

- 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
- 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 [cf.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.**
- Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/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

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

**First Reading:** Today's First Reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the death of Stephen, the first martyr in the Church. It is an interesting choice for this second to the last Sunday of Easter Time. Perhaps Stephen's vision of God's glory prompted its choice since Jesus prays in today's Gospel that his followers will see the glory which the Father has given him. This is precisely what Stephen sees in his vision. Stephen's death and Jesus' reception of his spirit, marks the completion of his journey to his heavenly home. So it will be for us.

**Second Reading:** The verses chosen for today's reading come from the end of Revelation, a book filled with descriptions of heaven and of the rewards given to those who are judged righteous after their death. Note the names given to Jesus, especially Alpha and Omega: these very words are used in the preparation of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil. Note also the prominence of the word "come." Jesus promises to come soon. The church prays, "come, Lord Jesus." How deep is our longing, our prayer, for his coming?

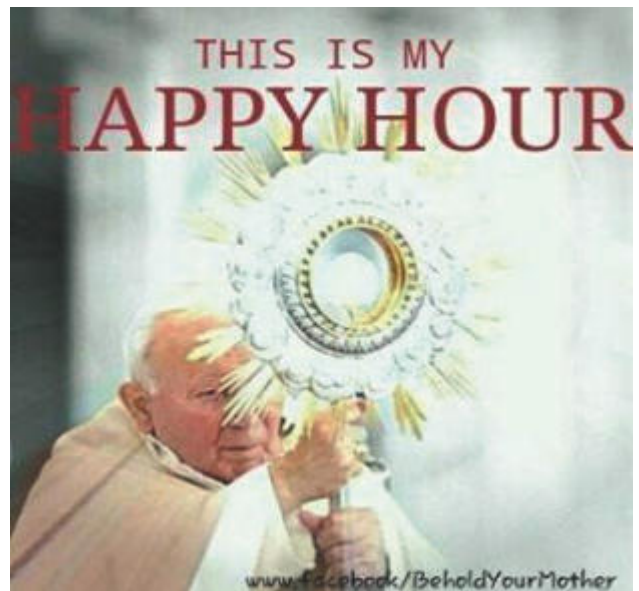
**Gospel:** Today's Gospel is set in the context of Jesus' last words to his disciples the night before he died. Here Jesus is speaking not only to the disciples, but to the heavenly Father. In his prayer, Jesus asks that his followers be united as one, more specifically, as he and the Fathers are one. The unity of his followers will give witness to the world that the Jesus in whom they believe, and whose teachings they follow, was indeed sent by the Father. The unity of the Father and Son, the love between the Father and the Son — this is the same unity and love that Jesus prays will be the experience and the witness of all who believe in him.



## Respect Life Corner:

**School's Out!** Will your children go hungry this summer? Unfortunately, there are some children in the State of Illinois who will do just that this summer. Normally, children are happy when school is out for the summer, and they have time to have fun with their friends. For some children and their parents, summer is not a happy time. Many will ask, "How can I feed my children when there are no more school lunches?"

**Learn:** Research the location(s) of free meal distribution centers in your area; add the locations to your Church bulletin or post them on a bulletin board. **Act:** Volunteer to serve a meal. **Connect:** Ask a friend or neighbor to go along to volunteer. **Pray:** Pray for parents who are not able to provide food for their children. For them,



**Our quarterly 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 5:30 pm Mass on Thursday June 6, and end with the 5:30 pm Mass on Friday, June 7. A sign-up board is in the gathering space of church. We would like at least two unrelated individuals to sign up for each hour.**

**HEALING FROM UNSPOKEN LOSS—Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Redemption Church in Johnston City from 8:30—4:30 pm.** Experiencing God's Grace and Forgiveness. If you or someone you know is needing emotional and spiritual healing after experiencing an abortion, please contact Cassie Walden, Pregnancy Matters, 549-2794, or Rene Martinez, lenorene68@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required.

Faith and Family Day! If we can get 15 people to attend, we get the group rate tickets \$8.00 per person and \$2.00 parking per car. They also offer a \$6.00 group rate concession special-hot dog, chips and soda.

Saint Francis Xavier/Newman Partnership presents

Faith and Family Day  
Kids Run the Bases  
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**Sunday July 7th**  
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Father Bob Continued,

As you probably have noticed in the bulletin over the past number of months, there are a number of Masses that do not have **Mass Intentions** listed. This is a beautiful way to remember deceased loved ones, to have a special intention, and another occasion to remember, including an illness. The offering suggested by the Province of Illinois is \$10 which goes to the parish (not the priest). Please consider having Masses offered for special occasions in this way.

**We want to thank Paula and Scott Frisch** for their excellent job in taking care of our plants and flowers in church. Paula waters our plants and flowers once a week, and she asked that no one else do so at other times, so that the plants do not become overwatered. **In the recent past, someone else, unknown to us, has been watering the plants on their own which is causing them to be overwatered.** Please do not do so in the future. If you are that individual, please let me know so we will make sure it will not continue to happen. Thank you in advance for informing me.



Dear Saint Francis Xavier Parish Family,

**Happy Feast of Ascension!** As Our Lord Jesus ascended to his Father so that the Holy Spirit can fill us with His many gifts, may we be open to the renewal of life and grace during this holy time!

**We celebrate the women of our parish** as hold their annual end of the year brunch following our 9 am Liturgy this weekend. We thank the ladies for the many ways they promote and sustain our parish life throughout the year!

This Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, is **my 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood**. I thank God for the many blessings he has given me during this time, especially for the people he has brought into my life through my ministry.


We also want to remember and honor our neighbor and cluster-parish member, **Fr. Gary Gummersheimer** at Saint Andrew parish in Murphysboro as he celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood this Sunday. May God continue to bless Fr. Gary and the people he serves at Saint Ann's in Raddle and Saint Andrew's in Murphysboro.

This past Thursday, I attended the **annual Spring Illinois Conference of Churches** meeting in Bloomington. On my way there, I was able to visit **two of our parishioners** who now live in Chatham and Springfield, Rose Hogan and Anna Mae Smith. I will put pictures of them in next week's bulletin.

This coming Saturday, on Pentecost Saturday, **Bishop Braxton will be ordaining three young men as transitional deacons** at our Cathedral in Belleville. Please keep these three men in young prayers as, God willing, they will be ordained priests a year from now.

**A reminder** that on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Mass is at the Newman Catholic Student Center at 5:15 pm. Also, we have Mass at Saint Francis Xavier, Monday at 12:15 pm following by a Holy Hour; Wednesday, at 7:20 am, and Friday at 5:30 pm. Please consider attending the Wednesday morning 7:20 am Mass which is perfect for those going to work or school or perhaps for some retirees. Continued on previous column.

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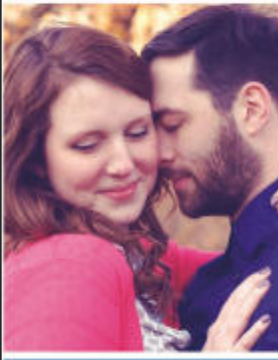
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