

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH  
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MAY 16, 2021

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES: 4:30pm**  
(Saturday); 8:30am and 11:00am (Sunday)

**DAILY MASS TIMES: 7:45am**  
(Tuesday); 9:00am (Wednesday—Friday)

*The public celebration of all Masses takes place in the church. All Masses are live-streamed at their designated time, viewable live or later, on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/sjvbett](https://facebook.com/sjvbett)) and website ([sjvbett.org](https://sjvbett.org)).*

## DEACON'S DIALOUGE



I want to explore further one of my discussion points from my homily this past weekend. The idea of Jesus calling us “friends.” Throughout our lives, most of us have many friends, but more than likely, we have just one best friend. If we stop to think about it, we all know what makes a best friend. There are numerous reasons like being comfortable around them, sharing common interests, receiving unwavering and unconditional support, sharing honest opinions, and being given new perspectives.

No doubt I could continue the list and fill this page with it. But rather than do this, I want to point out what I think is perhaps the underlying characteristic of a best friend. Your best friend is someone you can trust absolutely and talk to openly. No matter the situation, no matter your mood, no matter what you have said or done, your best friend remains your best friend. You may get a reprimand from them, but it is done with love and compassion. I remember reading the following:

*“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.”*

So, what does this mean regarding our friendship with Jesus? Well, you have probably heard me say it before, but I will say it again. A relationship with Him is what Jesus wants more than anything. Knowing Jesus has called us friends means all we have to do is to reciprocate, be His friend. So, start talking to Him – just like you would with your “bestie.” It does not matter if you have not spoken to him recently. That is one of the most important things about best friends: you can pick up a conversation with them even after having not been in contact for years. What should you talk about with Jesus? Well, what’s on your mind? What is bothering or concerning you? What are you worried about? What are you excited about? Maybe you simply update Jesus about what has been going on in your life. Isn’t this what you do with a best friend? You share what’s happening, what’s consuming your time, where you have been and what you have done, what challenges are ahead and what celebrations or important events have happened or will happen. In the end, if you have the time, you talk about “everything” because your best friend is interested and wants to hear everything about you, what you think, and what and feel!

But then, let me suggest that you need to stop and listen to Jesus – just like you would with your best friend. This is perhaps the most important part of your conversation because Jesus will tell you what is on His mind and heart. Even if we have regular conversations with Jesus, how often do we actually listen to Him? I know what you may be thinking: Jesus doesn’t really talk to me! Trust me on this, if you make the effort, you will hear Him, not in the “traditional” sense, but you will hear Him in some way, probably in your heart.

In the end, in our “besties” relationship with Jesus, never forget what Winnie the Pooh had to say:

*“We’ll be friends forever, won’t we, Pooh?” asked Piglet.  
‘Even longer,’ Pooh answered.”*

Weekly Reconciliation will be held every **Saturday from 3:30-4:15pm**, in the **Mary Chapel**. All must wear face masks and maintain social distance. You may still make an appointment with Fr. Jim for another time, if necessary: **563-332-7910** or [office@sjvbett.org](mailto:office@sjvbett.org).

# ORDER OF THE MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Sign of the Cross

### Greeting

### Penitential Rite

### Glory to God

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.

### Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings listed on "Worship", page 4

### Homily

### Profession of Faith—Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Faithful

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of Gifts

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*The people rise as they reply*

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

A: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. OR

B: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. OR

C: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### Amen

## COMMUNION RITE

### Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

### Lamb of God

### Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## CONCLUDING RITES

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot  
fell upon Matthias,  
and he was counted with the eleven apostles.  
(Acts 1:26)



## PSALM

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)



## GOSPEL

"Holy Father, keep them in your name  
that you have given me,  
so that they may be one just as we are one."  
(Jn 17:11b)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

- SUN 5/16** *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  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- MON 5/17** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- TUE 5/18** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- WED 5/19** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/ Jn 17:11b-19
- THR 5/20** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- FRI 5/21** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- SAT 5/22** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- SUN 5/23** *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/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/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

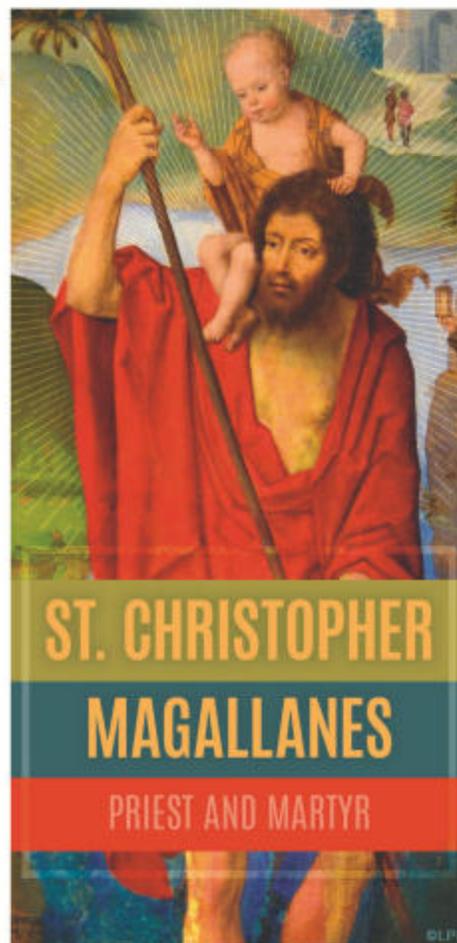
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Tuesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Friday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



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“Your  
word is  
truth”

— JOHN 17:17 —

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday, May 16 (8:30am):	† Beth Waligora Urmy
Sunday, May 16 (11:00am):	The parishioners of St. John Vianney
Tuesday, May 18 (7:45am):	† Edward Wilkinson
Wednesday, May 19 (9:00am):	† Ken Danielson
Thursday, May 20 (9:00am):	† Linda Richer
Friday, May 21 (9:00am):	† Mary Margaret Hoermann
Saturday, May 22 (4:30pm):	† Paul Mapes
Sunday, May 23 (8:30am):	The parishioners of St. John Vianney
Sunday, May 23 (11:00am):	† Betty Hermsen Gassmann & Jerry Hermsen

## INTENTION CANDLES

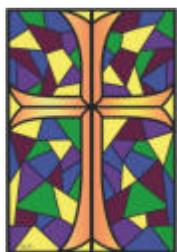
Through memorial gifts of family and friends, the candles around the statue of Mary are lit for your special intentions. To offset the expense, a gift of \$5 per candle is requested. Candles are lit by the staff only. Please contact the office to make your requests (563-332-7910 or [office@sjvbett.org](mailto:office@sjvbett.org)).

### MAY 16—22, 2021

Cheryl Young  
Mary Haas  
Kevin Lioen  
Ramona Gonzales

Julie Loose—Special Intention  
BJ Strothkamp  
James Beal  
Helen Marget  
John & Arlene Cook

Elaine Konrardy  
Robert Gomes  
Juanita Ford  
Lorraine Morse



## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE, OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO:

Wilda Smith and family on the death of her father,  
**Russell Evans**

*May he rest in peace.*

## WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FAITH, BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS:

**Ryan Michael Stone**  
Son of Michael & Christine





## We are seeking candidates for three positions in our SJV (Morning) Preschool.

**Preschool Director:** BA in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Endorsement; previous work in a preschool or school setting; position also includes serving as head teacher for 4-year-old class (5-day program). Please click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

**Assistant Teacher for 5-day Program:** BA in Education or Child Development Associate Degree. Please click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

**Assistant Teacher for 3-day Program:** BA in Education or Child Development Associate Degree. Please click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

Qualified candidates may send their letter, resume, licensure, and references **by May 15, 2021**, to:

**Rev. James J. Vrba, Pastor  
St John Vianney Church  
4097 18<sup>th</sup> St  
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e-mail: [FRJIM@SJV BETT.ORG](mailto:FRJIM@SJV BETT.ORG)



## ATTENTION: MEN OF THE PARISH

If you are a practicing Catholic, share in the values of charity, unity, fellowship, and patriotism, and would like to associate with like-minded men, we invite you to join the Knights of Columbus. The list of causes we support is wide-ranging and long, including:

- Special Olympics and people with learning disabilities.
- The Women's Choice Center (annual diaper drive).
- Bettendorf Ecumenical Food Pantry (Tootsie Roll drive).
- homeless vets.
- other community projects throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please meet with the Knights in the **Gathering Space** after Masses during the weekend of **May 22/23**.

**John Fischer  
Grand Knight Council 4403**

# ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22 OPENS JUNE 1ST

Religious Education (grades 1-6), Junior High Alive, and Youth Ministry online registration will go live on **June 1**, with classes beginning September 22. We plan to meet in person with masks. Sunday Religious Education for ages 3, pre-k, and kindergarten will not meet this fall. Registration links will be available on our website homepage: [www.sjvbett.org](http://www.sjvbett.org).

## NCYC REGISTRATION

**REGISTER FOR NCYC 2021:** All 10-12th grade families (2021-22 school year) were emailed or snail-mailed NCYC information and the registration form this past week. There are 30 spots available. Please contact Jan Stevenson ([ym@sjvbett.org](mailto:ym@sjvbett.org)) with questions or sign up today: [NCYC Registration Form](#).



## TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY



As we work with the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers to send our teens to a safe and healthy in-person National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November, we again ask for your support to cover a large part of the expense.

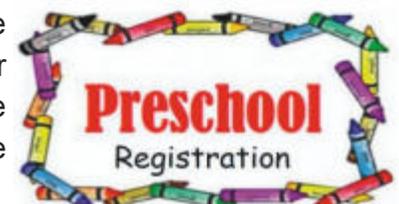
We continue to take advantage of the Birdies for Charity program that gives back **105%** of all monies given and is the biggest fundraiser we have to support this experience of a lifetime for our high schoolers. Access the official form by clicking [HERE](#); mail it directly to the Birdies for Charity office (address on form) or drop it off outside the parish office door and we will send it in for you. No printer? Contact the parish office and we'll get a form to you. Want to donate electronically? Go to [BirdiesForCharity.com/donate](http://BirdiesForCharity.com/donate) to do so. Be sure to select Birdie #902 from the dropdown menu for us to receive it. **Deadline for donations is June 21.**

But there's more! A new way for you to support our teens is with the green envelope that has been added to your stewardship packets. This envelope will appear each month through December 2021.

***THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING AMAZING FAITH-FILLED EXPERIENCES FOR OUR YOUNG CHURCH!***

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021-22

**We are still accepting applications for the 2-day class:** If you are interested in enrolling your child in our SJV Preschool, please visit our website to obtain a printable application. You may also contact the preschool directly at **563-332-5308** or [preschool@sjvbett.org](mailto:preschool@sjvbett.org) for more information or to request a tour.



# PURPOSEFUL PAUSE

*The Easter Season is the perfect time to reflect, refresh, and renew. ALLELUIA!*

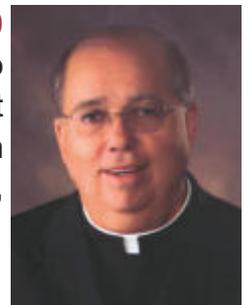


Women of SJV ... join us in the main church **THIS Sunday, May 16**, from **7:00-7:30pm**, for a prayer service of reconnection. This is a special time, reserved just for you, to center yourself and make time to reconnect: with Jesus, with your faith, with your spirit, and with each other. And by all means, reach out and invite another. Where two or three are gathered ...

*No reservation necessary ~ COVID safety protocols will be followed.*

## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

Congratulations to **Pastor Emeritus Fr. Robert McAleer** as he celebrates **50 years** of ordination to the priesthood! We give thanks for Fr. Mac's "fiat" (yes) to God and to serving God's holy church! Fr. Mac will preside at the 4:30pm Mass at SJV on **Saturday, May 29**. Well-wishers may attend the Mass and greet him afterwards, and/or send him a congratulatory note to his residence: **5370 Kilt Ct., Bettendorf**.



Taizé Praise will be held **outside** this month on **Wednesday, May 26**, from **6:30-7:00pm**. Bring your own lawn chair (or blanket) and wear your mask. We have Diocesan permission to sing outdoors with masks on and physical distancing for 30 minutes (since Taizé Praise is a more quiet form of singing, in particular). Come and enjoy the music and the socially-distanced fellowship.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17—MAY 23, 2021

Date	Event	Location	Contact Information
Mon. May 17	No Daily Mass		
Tues. May 18	7:45am: Daily Mass	Church	office@sjvbett.org
Wed. May 19	9:00am: Daily Mass	Church	office@sjvbett.org
Thu. May 20	9:00am Daily Mass	Church	office@sjvbett.org
Fri. May 21	9:00am Daily Mass	Church	office@sjvbett.org
Sat. May 22	3:30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm: Mass	Mary Chapel Church	sjvbett.org sjvbett.org
Sun. May 23	8:30am: Mass 11:00am: Mass	Church Church	sjvbett.org sjvbett.org

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave. But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We appreciate the steadfastness of parishioners continuing to send regular contributions via the mail and online. Please contact us for more info on giving electronically.

#### OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fiscal YTD Actual:	\$967,526	Weekly Amount Received:	\$14,829
Fiscal YTD Budget:	\$1,039,852	Weekly Amount Budgeted:	\$24,827

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**Next class: Saturday, July 17, 2021**  
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Please call/email by noon on July 16 to register, if you plan to attend.

**Eucharist for Sick and Confined** This ministry is suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Reconciliation** is by appointment only during the pandemic. Please call the church office to schedule with Fr. Jim.

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