



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekdays: See inside bulletin

Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 am

1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
that fall on weekdays**

Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin

Holy day: 8:00 AM

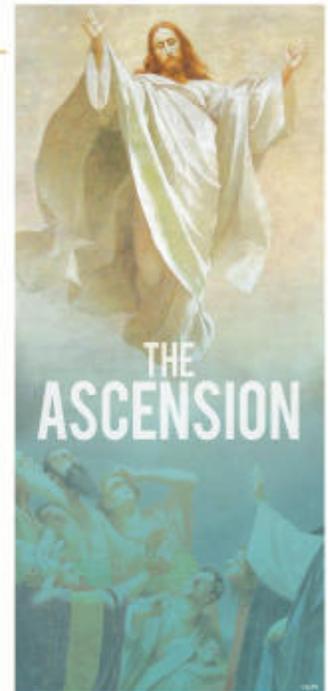
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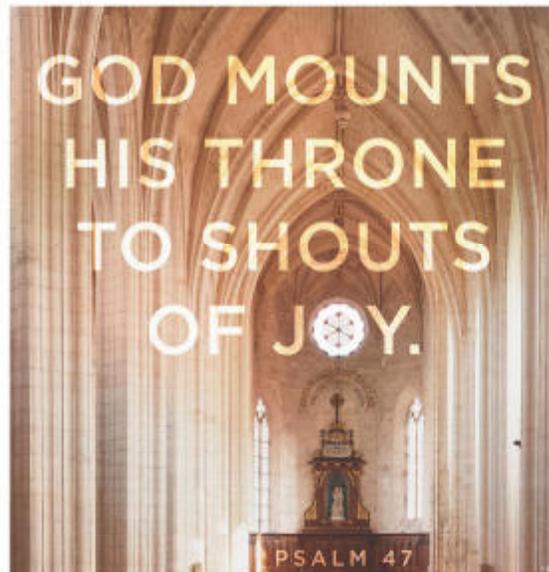
WEEKLY PRAYER

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope.



THE
ASCENSION



*They went
forth and
preached
everywhere*

- MARK 16:20 -

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Baptism

Sacrament of Matrimony

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

8:30 AM Haylie Evans by Kathleen

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

8:30 AM Frances Kobylarek by Kathleen

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

8:30 AM Deceased members of Carl Mitts Family

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

8:30 AM Charles Baumgartner by Paulette Collins

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

8:30 AM Gary Koloszar by Kathleen

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2021

5:00 PM For Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2021

10:00 AM Walter & Reba Kilmer by Dolores

1:00 PM Cruz Aldana

This Week in our Parish

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

After Mass Divine Mercy/Bible Study

Saturday, May 23, 2021

4:00-4:45 pm Confessions before Mass

Sunday, May 24, 2021

1:00 pm La Misa en Española

OFFER CONGRATULATIONS THROUGH TODAY'S CATHOLIC!

This spring, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is excited to ordain seven new priests and two new deacons. At the same time, we will be celebrating our 2021 graduates as they receive their diplomas and prepare for the next chapter of what God has in store for their lives. Offer your congratulations for these important occasions by placing a commemorative ad in Today's Catholic, published alongside our graduation or ordination event coverage. Contact Erika Barron: ebarron@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1449

News & Notes

"Looking for a summer job? Right to Life Michiana needs canvassers to educate on the injustice of abortion and share life affirming resources with our community. Canvassers paid \$10/an hour. Flexible hours. Email Jackie at executivedirector@prolifemichiana.org or call (574) 232-5433 for more information."

A Holy Hour of Reparation will follow the 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Family on Monday, May 17th. Please plan to join in adoration and prayer. The third Monday of each month will be observed in the same manner. All are invited.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Brian Isenbarger and Mark Hellinger to the diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on May 22 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. While ordination is a private event, it will be livestreamed for the general public on the diocesan website and through YouTube/Facebook @diocesefwsb. Please keep these two men in prayer.

School News

2021-2022 School Registration is now OPEN!!!

In order to consider your student's registration complete we are requiring a \$25 registration fee to be paid. We will not apply for the school choice scholarship until a registration is complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the business office at 574-233-5414.



~~~~WEEKEND COLLECTION~~~~

We have had several checks lately with the wrong year or post dated and with no signature. Please make sure that your checks are correct as the bank will not accept them otherwise. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Our Sacrificial Giving

Bulletin sent early totals will be in next week

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

"God's Love Unites Us!" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by: mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter, or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, June 6.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe** and **secure** way to support St. John the Baptist Church. If you are interested in online giving, please check the appropriate box on the card. Thank you for your support.

Parish Survey's: If you haven't completed your survey yet, kindly do so as soon as possible.

Fr. Glenn's Pen

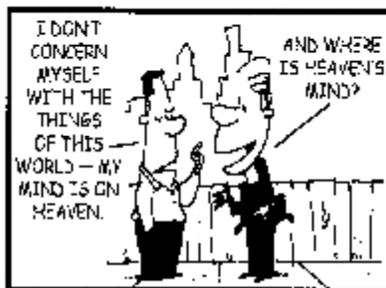
Who is this Theophylos that Luke is writing about in the Acts of the Apostles? It could be a person, or it could be aimed at every single person who is a Friend of God, that is what Theophylos means. Friendship is what we all want. What does it mean to be a friend? Aristotle spoke of three levels of friendship. The first, my "friend" is really fun to be around! Secondly, I benefit from knowing this guy, and he benefits from knowing me, this is a "political" friendship, a quid pro quo! Lastly a true friend only wants what is best for his or her friend, and his friend wants the same for his or her friend! God truly wants what is best for us!

So many people do not know what they do not know! Let us pray that we may truly be open to all that is true, good and beautiful! Through all the sacraments we are strengthened by the Spirit. The Spirit will lead us if we allow ourselves to be open to it. God gives us all the grace we need to do what He would have us do! We must cooperate with the grace, and the more perfectly we cooperate with that grace the deeper our joy will be!

Jesus in His Ascension speech is trying to give courage to his followers. If we believe and are baptized we will be saved. One of my favorite titles for St. Joseph is terror of demons! Christians who believe have great authority over even the demons. We know that nothing can take away our eternal life. Great signs accompany Christians who are led by the Spirit. We all have human fears to overcome, this pandemic has manifested such fear in profound ways, but for those who believe our love for God and neighbor conquers such fear.

Over these next eight days be very intentional for your prayers to be God's instrument and be led by His Spirit. Let us pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit that we might be recreated and thus renew the face of the earth!" He is risen, Truly He is Risen! May we all be true friends of God and of our neighbor!

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