



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.

22 May 2022

Parish Life

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

OK, so it looks like I have some explaining to do. First, concerning the announcement we made last Sunday that Fr. Joseph is being

reassigned come the end of June ... and secondly, about how it is I am addressing you in this column from Athens, and I don't mean the one by Edgar.

So, after two years of stellar service to St. Michael's and Resurrection Parishes and the Newman Catholic Middle and High Schools, Fr. Joe will be moving to become the pastor of the Catholic Parishes in Viroqua and Coon Valley as of July 5. It wasn't supposed to happen that way (and by that I don't mean in the sense like we knew this was coming but wish it wasn't so). No, I mean seriously that as of one week ago he was going to be staying for a third year. Let me explain...

The group of clergy that assess, plot, and recommend the movement of priests and deacons in the Diocese is called the Personnel Council. The buck ultimately stops with the Bishop, but it's the responsibility of this group of six or seven clergy to match the needs of pastoral leaders with the ordained we have ready on hand. That second-to-last number is often in flux. Each year there are priests who retire, need time off for a sabbatical, are given a special job outside the Diocese, or in the case of priests from India or Africa, have been called home by their bishops ... while on the other side of the ledger, there is the main body of clergy (like myself), newly ordained priests and deacons, and perhaps one or two new international clergy coming to serve in our Diocese. The recent pattern is to give young clergy two tastes of parish life of two years each before assigning them a parish of their own. I have been lobbying up a storm to keep Fr. Joe for a third year with us, to allow him especially to build on the fine work he's been doing at Newman ... and as late as May 3rd I had been told that my request would be granted. Then there were a couple of last-minute surprises in the Diocese that I can't think of without adding the adjective "unfortunate": one priest asking for some time off to assess whether he wanted to continue serving in parish ministry and another needing time off for a health atter. With just 72 hours before the original, happy news was to be announced, the message came from the Vicar of Clergy that Fr. Joe was needed elsewhere. Sigh. He is bummed...I am bummed...the Newman administration, faculty, and student body are bummed. You are welcomed to join us in our "bummedness". But then I have to remind us all that ministry has the word "minus" in it for a reason. It's about making less of myself for the good of others. We should also see it as a vote of confidence in Fr. Joe's maturity and skill-sets that he is ready to step up to this need. He will do very well and we will be OK.

And the Athens from which I am typing this is the Big One in Greece. You know ... home of Plato, the Parthenon, Milwaukee Buck Giannis Antetokounmpo, and superb baklava. Every time our Diocesan Bible School graduates a four-year class, we offer a trip to biblical lands ... you know, Israel, Egypt, Jordan ... and this year walking St. Paul's footsteps in Greece and early Christian Rome. This had been set to happen in May of 2020 before anyone had invented the word "COVID". So I am shepherding forty adults abroad. I wouldn't call it a vacation by any means, but it is a limited (and rewarding) taste of parenting. So far, so good. God (and a negative PCR test), I'll be back on the 28th. Then I will rejoin you in being bummed about Fr. Joe moving on. In the meantime, Jesus says "buck up".

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 22

7:30am Confessions at CR 8:30am Mass at CR: +Agnes Gianoli 10:30am Mass at SM: +Franklin and Thecla Foegen

Monday, May 23

5:30pm Mass at CR: +Dawn Rolling 6:00pm Confessions at CR

NOTE: The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass.

Tuesday, May 24

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Tom Barden 5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable; St Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene 12:10pm Mass at CR: +John Burby

Thursday, May 26

St. Philip Neri 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Rita Heil

Friday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury 9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Michelle "Mickey" Anderson

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Saturday, May 28

3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Darlene RuLau
5:30pm Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes

Sunday, May 29

7:30am Confessions at CR 8:30am Mass at CR: +Karen Markstrum 10:30am Mass at SM: +Leo Sobkowiak

CR - Church of the Resurrection • SM - St. Michael Church

Connect with Worship at Home

Mass and reflection opportunities are available throughout the week on our website at **eastsideparishes.org**

- The 8:30am Sunday Mass at the Church of the Resurrection is live-streamed for immediate viewing and then available for re-viewing for several days.
- Either Fr. Mark or Fr. Joe record one of the readings from the daily Mass and also share a 5-8 minute (audio-only) reflection.

Scripture readings for this week can be found at: https://bible.usccb.org

Readings for the Feast of the Ascension May 29

Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

Next week's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that, before Jesus ascended, the apostles asked him about the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel. We know from other contemporary Jewish writings that many Jews in Jesus' day believed that a royal messiah of David's line would arise to restore their kingdom, so the apostles' question about Israel's political fortune makes some sense. Almost like parents querying a recently graduated son or daughter, the disciples want to know when Jesus plans to get to work to meeting their expectations. And how does Jesus respond? By telling them, before he passes from their sight, that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The Ascension is a vivid story demonstrating a truth we learn over and over again: God is not subject to human expectations. If we imagine God will act as we expect, perhaps we will find that we, like the apostles, are the actors God has in mind. Do you ever expect someone else "should do something" only to realize later that the Holy Spirit has given you the power to act?

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns: For the Special Intention of Jerry and Carol Feldbruegge

St. Michael Votive Candles burn in memory of: • Tom Vick • Chester and Margaret Kwarciany and • for the health of Tammy Baesemann



Congratulations to these individuals of the Eastside Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6:00 pm on May 21, 2022!

> Quinlan Babiarz Lily Clifford Claire Coushman Audrey Doering Meaghan Fass Claire Haupt William Iriarte Isaac Kaczmarowski Luke Kedrowski

Alexis Kloth Adam Krasowski Michael Lella Michael Murphy Turner Olson Kathryn Rowe Karlie Sorenson Aiden Spychalla Grant Wincentsen

4 Financial Giving May 15, 2022

St. Michael Parish

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	
Electronic Contributions	\$6,555.83
Weekly Total	\$12,498.83

Church of the Resurrection

Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions....\$567,376.77



Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions \$483,519.41



Cash contributions this week \$ 470.00 Electronic contributions this week<u>\$2,522.75</u> "We Believe" weekly total\$2,992.75

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,281,357.82

Total pledges (including friends' match)...... \$1,341,987.43 (not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services interest forgiveness)

A 9:00 am Morning Mass for Memorial Day at the St. Joseph and St. Michael Cemeteries What with Monday the 30th being our

MAY IS THE MONTH OF

What with Monday the 30th being our National Day of Remembrance, Fr. Mark is thinking that holding out for our usual 5:30 pm Monday Mass would be a little anti-climactic. We had a great crowd at Memorial Day Mass in the parish cemeteries off Grand Avenue last year. So, weather permitting, that is what we will do



again at 9:00 am Monday Mass on May 30. <u>Please bring</u> your own chair for seating. In case of snow, rain, or sleet, the Mass will be at the Church of the Resurrection.

COVID procedures at Sunday Masses

Here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

• For the unvaccinated, the wearing of face coverings is welcomed.



• The first and last pew in eac section will continue to have a "buffer" row behind or in front for those who

would welcome more space between them and others. The 5:30 pm Saturday Mass continues to require social distancing and the wearing of masks.



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Eastside Parishes General Information

Resurrection Parish

621 Second Street • Wausau, WI 54403 715.845.6715 • www.eastsideparishes.org Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm Tuesday - Friday

St. Michael Parish

611 Stark Street ● Wausau, WI 54403 715.842.4283 ● www.eastsideparishes.org Office Hours: 8 am-4 pm Mon. - Thurs., until noon on Friday

<u>Parish Staff</u>

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Pastor	Rev. Msgr. Mark R. Pierce			
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	St. Mie	chael	Phyllis Burclaff	
Financial Secretary Sharon Michalski		ski		
Parish Nurse	Pam F	rary		
Weekend Mas		,		

St. Michael:

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday

Church of the Resurrection:

5:30 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am on Sunday

Weekday Masses

Resurrection: 5:30 pm on Mon. and 12:10 pm Tuesday-Friday

Reconciliation

St. Michael:	3:00
Church of the Resurrection:	7:30
Church of the Resurrection:	6:00

3:00 pm Saturday 7:30 am Sunday 6:00 pm Monday



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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

Mystery of Faith

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

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

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