

**JUNE 2, 2019**

# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### **Outreach Ministry Hours**

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### **Confessions**

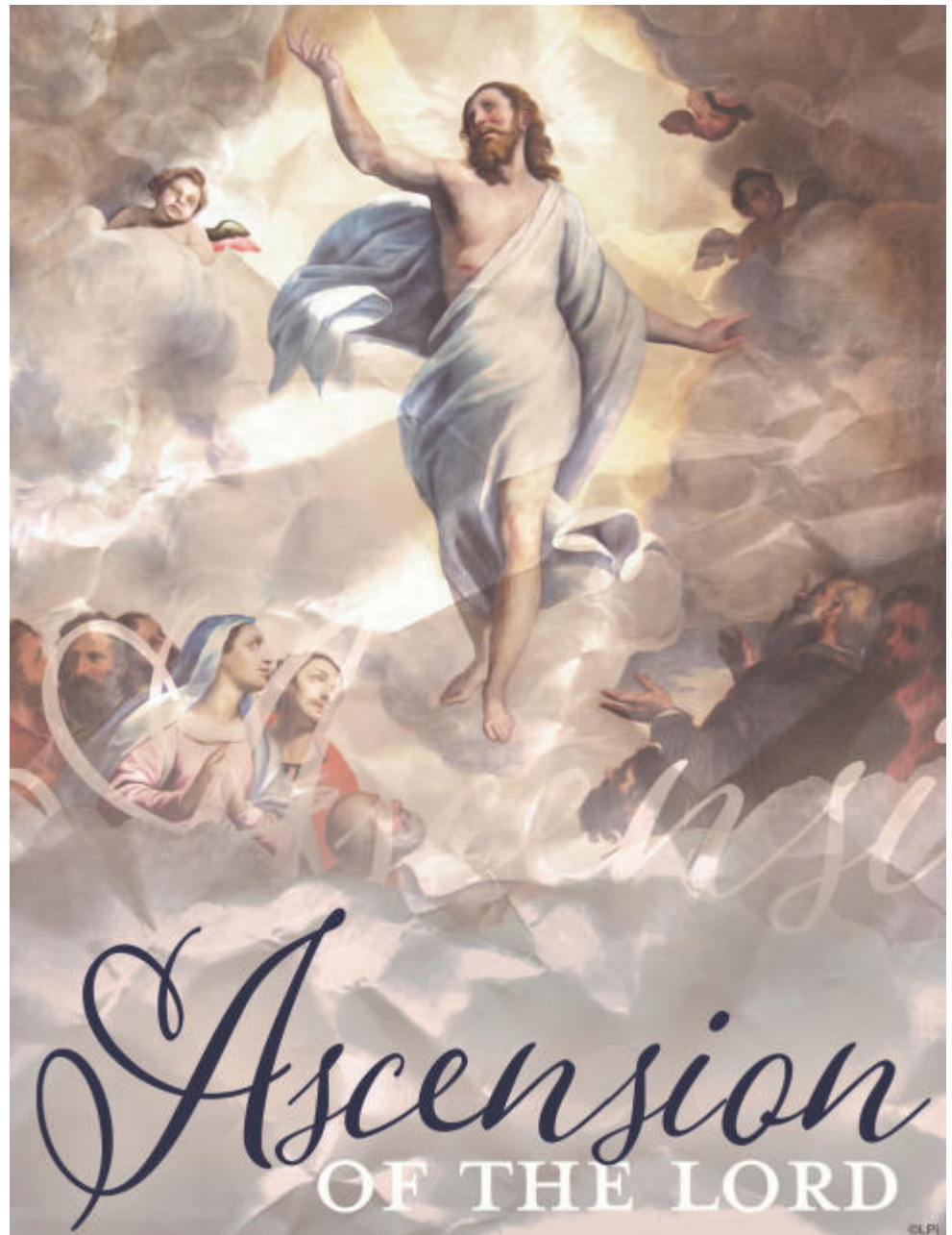
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am  
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



**T**hen he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. — Lk 24:50-53

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, June 3rd

**8:00 am**      **The People of St. John  
the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart Parishes**

## Tuesday, June 4th

**8:30 am**      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

## Wednesday, June 5th

**8:00 am**    +    **Lauretta Madix**

## Thursday, June 6th

**8:30 am**      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

## Friday, June 7th, First Friday

**12:00 pm**      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

## Saturday, June 8th, Pentecost Sunday

**4:00 pm**    +    **Judy Cunningham**

## Sunday, June 9th, Pentecost Sunday

**8:30 am**    +    **Dr. Tom Larkin**

**10:30 am**      *Mass at Sacred Heart FC*



### Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Dorothy Kuntz,  
Marie Riegel, Mary Ann Ryan.

### Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hallin, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Deacon John Leonard, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Sally Waite, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Deacon Todd Weber, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.

Collection Counters this week are  
**Mary Lou Barnett and Pat Sartie.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.



**Saturday, May 25th 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, May 26th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$1,969.50
Loose.....	\$284.00
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$2,253.50</b>

### Bring Us Your Hats!!

We are asking all fathers of the parish to bring us your favorite hat on the **weekend of June 8th and 9th.** We would like to display them in front of the altar for Father's Day on June 16th. Please pin your name inside so we can return your hat to you at the end of the weekend. We did something similar last year with ties. We look forward to your participation.



### Website Editor Needed

Sadly, we have lost our website editor. Nikki Welch took on this task a couple of years ago and did a wonderful job of updating and designing our parish webpage. At her loss, we now are in need of a new editor. Please keep in mind that this is something that can be managed from your home. There is no need to come into the Parish Office. If this is a way you feel you can help our parish, please contact Father Jim.



### Father's Day Novena

Father's Day, June 16th, will be here soon. We will again be offering our Father's Day Novena of nine masses. The novena will begin on Saturday, June 15th at the 4:00pm Mass. You may include your father, living or deceased, or any other important men in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are now available at the church entrances. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or return them to the Parish Office.

### Your Prayers Are Needed

We were recently informed that Deacon Todd Weber from our neighboring parish, St. Patrick Wapella, has been in the hospital. His family is asking for your prayers for his swift recovery. For the past two years Deacon Todd has assisted at the Easter Vigil at St. John's and has helped teach the RCIA classes. We pray that he will be back to his vocation very soon.

### Wear Your Red Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. So we invite everyone to wear red to Mass next weekend. We are blessed in our country that we are not persecuted for our faith. Maybe this is one opportunity for us to defend our faith by the simple action of wearing red. Join us!

### Red Cross Bloodmobile

The next Bloodmobile will be on **Thursday, June 6th** at St. John's Parish Hall, 514 North Monroe Street from 11:30am to 5:30pm. For an appointment, please call Faye at 935-8788. Walk-ins are welcome. Remember to bring your ID. Please donate if you are able.



Thank You, Gloria, for your years of service to St. John's Parish



Pictured L to R: Gloria, Debby Kuntz, Father Jim, Joyce O'Neill, and Berlin Sargent at the Installation of Officers of the Altar & Rosary in approx. 2010.

Gloria Case  
 May 18, 1942 - May 27, 2019  
 Rest in Peace

## Memorial Day Mass 2019 St. Joseph Cemetery Farmer City



In spite of strong winds, the Memorial Day Mass at Saint Joseph Cemetery took place as scheduled. As you can see from the above photo, Deacon Scott Whitehouse and Fr. Jim had to do their best to make sure the hosts to be consecrated at Mass did not get lost in the wind.



The faithful who enjoyed the bright Memorial Day line up to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Jesus. Surrounded by the "Saints of God" in their resting place, people were reminded of the sacred ground which is the cemetery. Joining the folk from Farmer City this year were Jim and Linda Kilgarrieff and Kevin Mandrell.

Today's Gospel reading picks up in the middle of the story of Jesus' appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36-49). As Luke tells the story, Jesus became present in the midst of his disciples and greeted them with peace. Then, as if his being with them were the most natural thing in the world and he couldn't conceive of why they were



"startled and terrified," he told them not to wonder and worry, but to look and recognize him just as he was — the risen crucified one. To help them distinguish between him and a ghost, he asked for a bit of fish to eat.

Jesus told them, "You are witnesses to all these things." Calling them witnesses was a way of calling them to be memory-keepers, testifiers and replicators — potential martyrs for the cause. Jesus then instructed them to wait together in prayer until God would send them out.

Jesus said, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." That's right. Jesus told them, "You are witnesses, so stay put." That meant that they were to become witnesses to God's power, not their own perceptions or projections.

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is the completion of the feast of the Nativity. The celebration of Christ's birth begins with the story of God asking for a home in humanity, beginning with the Annunciation and Mary's gift of self to allow that to become a reality. At his ascension, Christ brings that phase to an end and promises to send the Spirit so that all people may become like Mary, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and bearers of Christ to the world.

This is a feast that calls us to awaken our imagination. The Gospel invites us to contemplate Christ's exaltation: The fulfillment of the resurrection, the revelation that everything Christ was, said and did was a revelation of who God is. Luke's depiction of the Ascension in Acts underlines our weakness and at the same time reminds us that God will work with it when we are willing to wait for the Holy Spirit to lead the way.

**ASCENSION**  
*of the Lord*  
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