



# St. Patrick

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### May 9th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

*We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.*

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#### Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

#### Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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**Disciple Stewardship:** Today’s reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. “But,” the bishop’s pastoral on stewardship reminds us, “That ‘life is to come’ is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.”

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

### The Ascension of the Lord

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:11**

The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel."

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17**

Peter called the people together to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot. Two men were nominated. After prayer, lots were drawn and the choice fell to Matthias.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

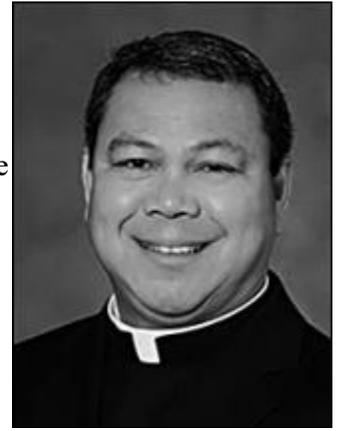
John wrote, "If we love one another, God remains in us." For God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

**Gospel: John 17:11b-19**

Jesus prayed to the Father to guide and protect the believers from the evil one: "I consecrate myself for them, so that they may be consecrated in truth."

Dear parishioners,

The 40th day from Easter is this coming Thursday, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. However, in many Dioceses, including the Diocese of Rockford, the celebration of the Ascension is held on the following Sunday in order to ensure a wider participation among the faithful. The feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus going up to heaven forty days after His resurrection. While it marks the end of Christ mission on Earth, it also meant for the disciples the end of their training and the beginning of their mission to "go and proclaim the Good News to the whole world." The disciples had a daunting task. But part of Jesus' parting words to them is the assurance that they wouldn't go it alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to guide and protect them. As today's disciples of the Lord, we have the same blessed assurance of His faithful and abiding presence as we walk through the path of life.



The presence of God is in us and indeed "if God is for us, who can be against us?" But sometimes we don't feel strongly God's presence in our lives as much as we ought to. It is because we at times are not present to God as God is present to us. It is said that Jesus always knocks at the door of our hearts but a lot of times we are not home. We are not present when he comes. We either dwell in the past in the form of regrets or in the future in the form of worries and anxieties. We need to be in the present to encounter the Lord. The Lord said: "*Be still and know that I am God.*" To be still means to dwell in the present and become aware of God, experiencing His transforming presence. This is what prayer means at the deeper level. Praying is encountering the Lord in the present moment. In a stressful world we live in, to be still is crucial and life-saving, both physically and spiritually.

On the feast of the Ascension where Jesus promised the divine presence of the Spirit to walk with us every step of the way in our earthly pilgrimage, we need to take to heart that this promise has already been fulfilled in our lives. The Holy Spirit's presence is a present reality for us. Let us pray that our hearts are always open to Him.

### Greeter Schedule:

**May 16th**

8:00 a.m.: The Vest Family  
10:15 a.m.: The Fifer Family

**May 23rd**

8:00 a.m.: The Vanderstappen's  
10:15 a.m.: The Witt Family

**May 30th**

8:00 a.m.: The Riley Family  
10:15 a.m.: The Blalock Family



Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (cf. Jn 1:14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15). — St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, 3

### Vocations Corner: Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph is one of the key characters of the history of salvation. Although he is mentioned very few times in the gospel, his life and vocation are well known to all Christians. The gospel according to Matthew says he is the husband of Mary (Mt. 1:16), and a just man (Mt. 1:19). For somebody who likes long explanations these two characteristics of Joseph may seem nothing, but reflecting on them we find a man of integrity, and humility. We don't need a long explanation to know that he was always working to be the person he ought to be. He also was a man of action, few verses later the same gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" (Mt. 1:24). He was always ready to act according to God's plan.

He is a good example of somebody answering a vocation. He reflected, then presented his plan before God, then listened to God, and finally acted. Joseph teaches us how our will and our intentions are purified and magnified when we listen to God's voice and act according to it.

If you are discerning a vocation, consider Joseph's example of integrity, present your plan to the Lord, listen to his voice, then act according to it.



### People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Bill Matussek
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Harold Johnson
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Art Holt	Rita Hagenbruch
Gayle Johnson	Viola Huff



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### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday May 16th

8:00 a.m.: John Hardt

Requested by Audrey Davis

10:15 a.m.: Pat Biestek

Requested by Rich Biestek

Intentions available starting in September—please feel free to call or email to schedule one.

## Sacramental Policies

**Baptism:** Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

**First Eucharist:** Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

**Matrimony:** Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

**New Members:** New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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