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May 24, 2020
Ascension of the Lord

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Mass Schedule

Check bulletin or call the parish office
for any changes in mass times.
Weekday..... Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday 8:00 am (SSK)
School Mass .. Wednesday 9:45 am* (SSK)
Weekend..... Saturday 4:00 pm (SSK),
Sunday 8:00 am (SJM) & 10:00 am (SSK)
Holydays See bulletin
*When school is in session.

Perpetual Help Novena (SSK)

Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass.

Reconciliation (SSK)

Saturday 3:15:3:45 pm.



A S C E N S I O N

Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, May 25. has been cancelled due to the virus restrictions.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Parish Office 1-2 months
Prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months
In advance. Contact the Pastor.

Visitation

Please notify parish office when a hospitalized /
homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full
membership in the Catholic Church, contact
Parish Office. Sessions begin in fall.

New Parishioners

Please register at the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 10 AM. Notices must be in writing.

Key: Saint John Nepomucene = (SJM)
Saint Stanislaus Kostka = (SSK)

We, the Catholic Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka and the Catholic Parish of St. John Nepomucene, called to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by Word and Eucharist, commit our time, talent, and treasure to the growth of God's Reign in our world. -Mission Statement

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ARENS

My friends,

This weekend we celebrate the great mystery of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days after Easter, our Lord Jesus returned to the right hand of the Father in heaven and from there, sent the Holy Spirit upon the world. The event of the Ascension is part of God's plan that unfolded before the Apostles' eyes and they saw Him drift upward into heaven.

Of course, we know that heaven was not directly above Jesus when he ascended. If we go up into the sky and keep going eventually we will leave the atmosphere and go into space. But Jesus visually ascended from the ground to teach the Apostles that He was going back to His Father and was leaving the world in that form.

And that is the way God works in the world. He uses gestures and signs that help us to understand divine mysteries from our created world. To help us understand that Jesus was going back to a higher place which is beautiful and heavenly, He ascended into the clouds and His followers could use that image to begin to understand what had just happened.

So Jesus ascended into heaven. This is a great reminder for us that His plans for us are similar. None of us will ascend to heaven, but Jesus has shown us in the Ascension that the final destiny of our humanity is heaven. Even though our bodies will be in the ground after death, Jesus will call us all to rise again. We pray that on that day we will be found worthy to continue to rise and join our Lord in His heavenly Kingdom.

The Ascension gives us great hope that the promises of God will be fulfilled. Jesus said He would return to the Father to send the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and indeed He did. He also promised to be with His Church until the end of time. He has continued to keep that promise as well.

Even in these times where the practice of our faith in church is limited, God is still keeping His promises. He is with us and will always be. We can especially remember this as we gather together as families for prayer.

So we continue to wait and see what the health officials, our governor and our bishop decide about gathering for Mass and the numbers which can be safely admitted. Safety always has to be the root of our efforts. The Mass is a sign of God's life and cannot be a place where health is put in serious danger. The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation has been extended indefinitely by Bishop Quinn. Therefore, as I mentioned before, it is not a sin to miss Mass at this time, not even venial.

We also, in a very special way, offer prayers for our deceased veterans on this Memorial Day weekend. It's not only very important to pray for them, but also to recognize the sacrifices that have been made to keep our nation, "under God with liberty and justice for all." May God grant them eternal rest for their bravery and willingness to give of themselves so that we can be free.

We continue to see what our efforts and God's grace makes possible in our lives. The Ascension of the Lord is a sign that good things are ahead.

In Christ,
Fr. Arens

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA

Confessions continue to be heard at the Basilica at the usual times. Currently, with the COVID-19 precautions in mind, they are being heard in the basement of the Church at the old ticket window. Here each person can enter individually through the doors (entering from the outside) and make a confession at the window without having to touch any surface. There are signs which indicate the way.



Sanctuary Candles donated this week in
Memory of Dolly Watembach from Paula



To: Gladys Guenther
Who celebrates her 95th Birthday
On May 29th

As of May 18th, Bishop Quinn has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass indefinitely. Therefore, no Catholic in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester is bound to attend Mass on Weekends or Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.

Parish Support: Amount needed each week to meet our expenses: \$10,000

	<u>5/17/20</u>
Envelopes	\$3,700.00
Plate	\$4.00
Elect. Giving 5/15	\$2,275.00

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of May 15,, 2020

Goal	\$39,000
Number of Donors	70
Total Pledge & Paid	\$11,134
% of Total.....	27.65%

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SAINT JOHN NEPOMUCENE

Parish Support: Amount needed each week to meet our expenses: \$2,000

	5/17/20
Envelopes	\$629.00
Elect. Giving 5/15	\$250.00

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal As of May 15, 2020

Goal	\$6,000
Number of Donors	20
Total Pledge & Paid	\$4,205
% of Total	70.08%

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Winona Catholic Community Vacation Bible School for Children Ages 4, 5, 6 and grades 1-6, July 27-31 has been canceled due to COVID-19. Hopefully Rainforest Explorers VBS will be held next summer at the end of July or early August. For more information, contact Julie at 452-5656x5.

CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US: a discernment retreat for those who want to share God's goodness will be offered July 31-August 2 at IHM Seminary. Do you feel a nudge for share what God has done for you with others? But perhaps you don't know how or need encouragement? Come to this retreat! Song, holy silence, spiritual talks, discussion, adoration and Mass to learn how to be better evangelists in our home and community. For more information and to register go to www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/retreats.html

HOSPITALIZATIONS

If your enter the hospital or a nursing home, please ask the Chaplain to let us know or ask a family member to call the office (452-5430) so we can visit with you. If you are too sick to leave your home, please call the parish office or ask a family member to call and let us know that you would like to have a visit. Due to privacy laws, most facilities cannot let us know if you have been admitted.

SJN AND SSK NEWS

Our Online Giving Program is now available. It's easy now to make a donation online, whether by credit card, debit card or bank account. Just go to our website: ssk-sjn.weconnect.com and click on the online giving tab for your parish on the red menu bar. You can also mail in your donations, if you wish. Many thanks to all who are helping keeping our churches alive and open during this time.

The Diocese is offering an online Pentecost Seminar "Life in the Spirit". Dates: May 30, 8:30 am to noon & May 31, 3-5 pm with a Follow up Meeting on June 7, 3-4:30 pm. The seminar uses material from the popular series, The Wild Goose, along with praise, prayer and witness talks. All are invited to participate in awakening their hearts to God's love and transforming power. To learn more and to register, please contact Deacon John Hust (deaconjohn@felixagnes.org) or call Scott Schwalbe at 507-208-0877. Register via email or phone. Information about the seminar along with details on how to attend this free virtual seminar will be sent out to all who register. The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka can be viewed on Formed.org.

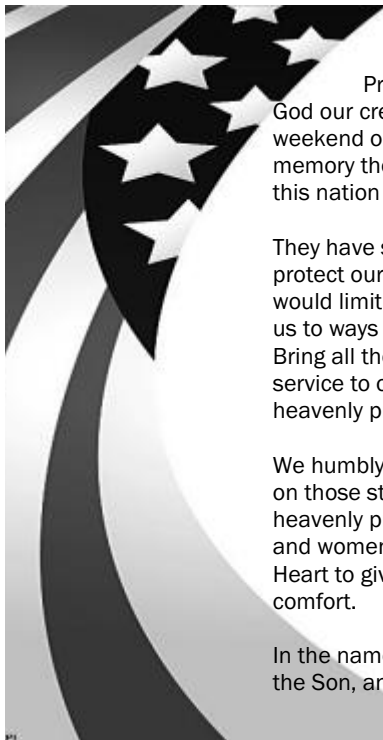
ELDER NETWORK NEWS:

- They will host a Gratitude Study Group beginning on Thursday, May 28, at 2 pm. This spiritually based study group will meet weekly to read and discuss "Choosing Gratitude, Your journey to joy," by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. The meetings will be conducted via Zoom or private FB page. Email Barb with your interest: barbo@elder-network.org. Please purchase the book for your own use., but they will be reading aloud points for discussion.
- Elder Network Winona will offer support to caregivers and their families through on-line support groups via Zoom offered on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. A second discussion support group for seniors and their families takes place each Friday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. We offer a safe place to discuss whatever is going on in your life and in the lives of those you love. Please contact Barb at Elder Network by calling (507) 452-0580 or via email at barbp@elder-network.org and let her know how she can help. We look forward to holding our meetings in person should the opportunity \ present itself in the future.
- As the state of Minnesota starts to reopen businesses, Elder Network's staff will continue to be available to provide group meetings via Zoom and private Facebook pages, one on one companion service for seniors and their families needing in home help – utilizing MDH safety protocol, and telephone calls and daily check-ins with our existing and new clients. Elder Network values the safety and well-being of all of our clients and the communities which it serves. Please reach out to Elder Network for assistance as needed by calling (507) 452-0580 in Winona County or through email barbp@elder-network.org or Elder Network's Facebook page for announcements and resources .

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25 • Memorial Day	
† Marie & Ed Ramczyk	SJN
Tuesday, May 26 • St. Philip Neri	
† Hank Peplinski	SSK
Wednesday, May 27 • St. Augustine of Canterbury	
† Father Clayton Haberman	SSK
Thursday, May 28 •	
† Jerome Sauerer	SSK
Friday, May 29 • St. Paul VI	
† Regina & Albert Paszkiewicz	SSK
Saturday, May 30 •	
† Patricia (Pat) Albers	SSK
Sunday, May 31 • Pentecost	
† For the People of the Parishes	SSK

Father will use these intentions for his daily private Masses



Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer, this weekend our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our Freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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This Week

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day —Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26

No Bingo

Wednesday, May 27

No Quilting

No Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 29

3:15 PM Confessions

Basilica



Respect Life: Cardinal O'Connor preached most powerfully by his example the necessity of seeing in every human being from the first moment of conception to the last moment of natural death and every moment in between...the image of God to be loved and served. What a great legacy he has left us in his constant reminder that the Church must be always unambiguously Pro-Life — Cardinal Bernard Law

Yesterday in History
Tomorrow is a Mystery
Today is a gift from God
That is why we call it the "Present"

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2, 3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn
16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-
11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-
36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-
10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and
7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: 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.

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Adults: Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you
experience his presence most?

Child: What good news about Jesus could you share with
someone?

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