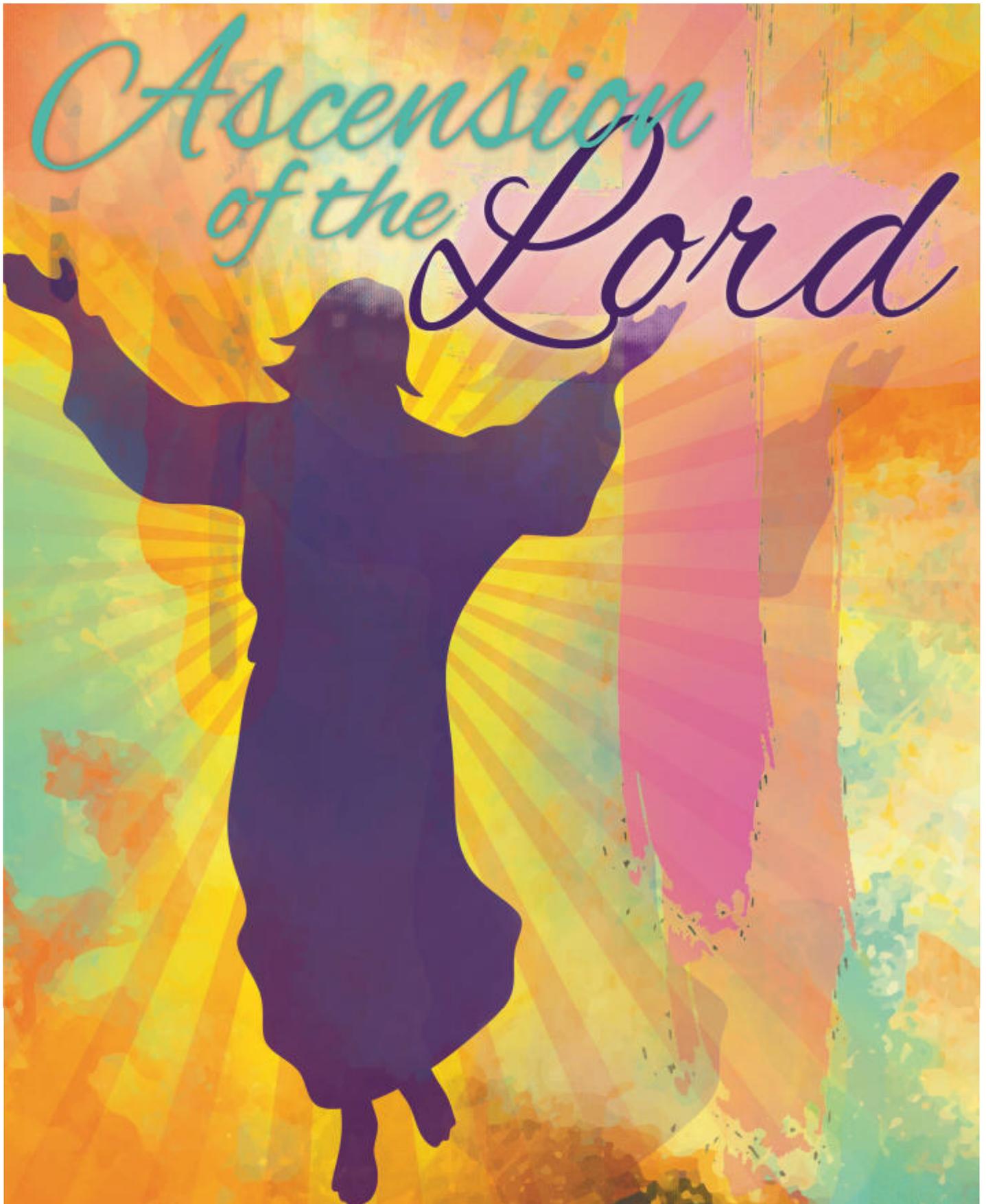
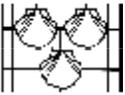


May 16, 2021



St. James the Greater



### Message from Fr. Tom

Happy Feast of the Ascension! If you're still not sure what happened to Ascension being celebrated on a Thursday, I believe it was over 20 years ago now that the Wisconsin dioceses joined the vast majority of other US Dioceses (not sure about worldwide) in moving the feast to the Sunday before Pentecost. The Dioceses of Boston and Lincoln, Nebraska, I believe, continue to celebrate it ten days before Pentecost on Thursday. Why the change to Sunday? That much I know for sure. It was so that more people would hear the story of the Ascension and celebrate it. A lot more people have been coming to the Sunday mass before Pentecost than were showing up for mass on Ascension Thursday, even though it was a holy day of obligation. So, it was a practical consideration. I think it was a good move, though I know some of you miss having it on a Thursday. He went up, either way, which is the key thing to remember.

We had a great Confirmation liturgy last Saturday morning! Apparently some people thought it was going to be celebrated at the 4:30 mass, which might explain why that mass had fewer people than usual. 28 youth were Confirmed, and three lucky ones received an 8<sup>th</sup> Gift of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a box of Girl Scout cookies—longer story to that, but it's true. It was great to see three sisters from a wonderfully blended family all receive the sacrament together. Thanks to Kelly Beaudrie directing the whole Confirmation program and for putting the liturgy together for us, to Ashley King for teaching the sophomores, and to Dave Wood, Landon Cerny, Angie Eckman, and Maggie Skwierczynski for serving at 9<sup>th</sup> grade small group leaders. Our candidates also spoke highly of the sponsors with whom they did some service projects and faith sharing.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday. After praying over St. Mark's account of the Ascension, we heard a summary of the parish survey, but decided to table our next step of strategic planning until we have a better turnout of council members. The leader of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is coming to speak to the Social Concerns Committee and we hope to draw more parishioners to this Zoom meeting on May 27 at 5:30 pm. So, anyone interested in some hands-on service, let someone in the office know and we'll send you a link for that meeting. Christine reported on our upcoming Summer Fest. One new thing will be the availability of some off-site parking since some of the events will be held on the parking lot itself. It sounds like our good friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran will let us park there and we'll have shuttles running continuously. That's the idea for now, anyway. More on all of that later.

Mike Kolstad reported that a new ambo for the church should be ready for use in about a month. What's an ambo? It's the fancy Latin/Greek word that the Church adopted for the pulpit from which the Word of God is proclaimed. The ambo itself will remain the same, but what is new is the platform on which it will stand. It will be the same height but five feet or so forward, so that it will be closer to the people. In front of the steel platform will be parts of the old Communion rail. You might recall that this is a second phase of the vision put forth four years ago when we planned to open up the space near the front of church by removing the Communion rail. After that initial parish-wide consultation, we received approval from both the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Worship and our own parish Worship Committee. It is the brain-child of Mike's who saw it as a way to bring the Word closer to people and to highlight its proclamation.

Since our last influx of new members onto the Council, we have had one person's term expire, two people move away, and one resign, so we are looking for some new membership. The council's consensus was that the best way to do this is to recruit a good number of people who would be willing to serve a three-year term on the Council (renewable once), and then pick names out of a hat. In the tradition of the Act of the Apostles who chose St. Matthias by lot to replace Judas, this method ensures that the selection won't be a popularity contest or end up creating winners and losers, as in an election. The council has been meeting nearly monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, from 6:00-7:30. If you would consider having your name thrown into the hat, please let a staff person or me know.

Last, we forgot to bid a fond farewell to Tom Bachmeier, who has now served a full six years on the council. So, I hope this written appreciation fills that gap just a bit. If you know Tom, none of this will be a surprise, but I want to say that he was a tremendous part of our council. With deep roots in St. James Parish, he brought a sense of history and represented the interests of our charter members well. He was sincere and shared often and well during our group faith sharing, which is very important. He was heroic when he co-facilitated with Ruth Ebert the Sunday listening sessions when we presented a plan for renovating the front of church and sought parish feedback about that. Throughout his six years, he was bold enough to contribute "another view" of things for all of us to consider, and humble enough to know that his voice was one among many. It was obvious to me that he loves God, knows God loves him, and loves all of you here at St. James. Thanks for your service, Tom!!!

Hey, how about wearing red to mass next week for Pentecost? Peace.

## Fr. Tom's Homily

9 May 2021

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 10:25-25, 34-35, 44, 48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17*

In the first reading, the author says that the Apostles and their followers were “astounded” to see the Holy Spirit working in the lives of non-Jewish people (Gentiles). That’s a tip-off for us never to try to limit God’s reach or activity among any group of people.

The second reading and the Gospel reading both highlight Love. God is love. I often think that when people think that God is far away or they don’t feel connected to God, all they have to do is give or receive love, and God is right there.

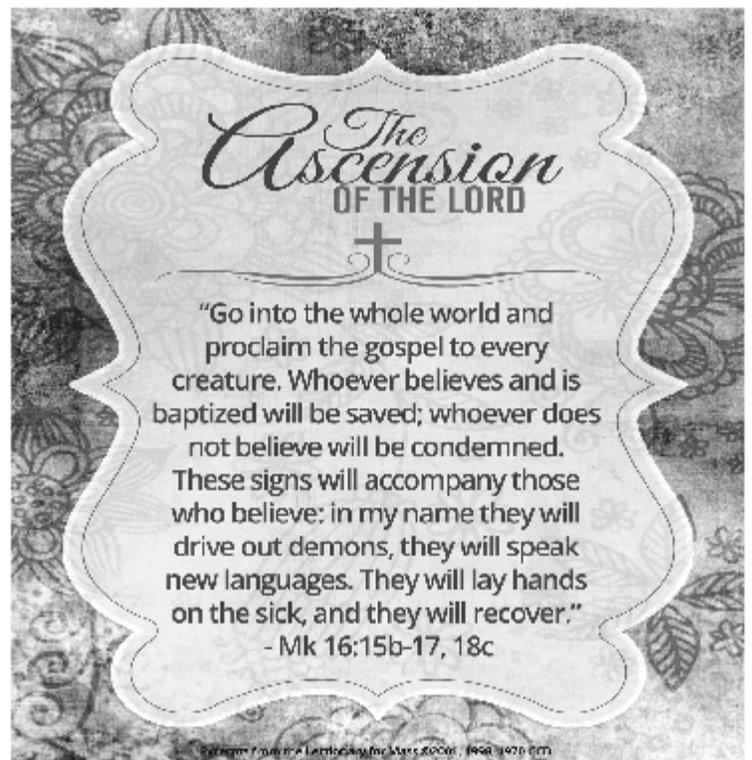
Love in John’s Gospel is not an emotional experience. He tells us that, more than just loving, we are to love AS JESUS LOVED. That’s a tall order. That’s why marriage in the Church is a sacrament—because husband and wife promise to lay down their lives for each other with unconditional love and service, AS JESUS LOVED.

It’s an intensification of the Great Commandment in Mark and Matthew in which Jesus tells his disciples to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” John’s version is less a principle and more of an invitation to a relationship and imitation.

Jesus also tells his Apostles that they are not mere servants or slaves to him, but rather they are FRIENDS. I asked our school children this week what the difference is between relating to someone as their servant versus being their friend. A third grader said, “A servant works FOR someone, but a friend works WITH someone.” I thought, “Through Him, WITH Him, and in him....” we offer our lives to God at every mass WITH Jesus—good answer third grader! Another said, “A servant works because he has to, but a friend works because he WANTS to.”

A third student, a first grader, said “A friend wants to play with you.” I didn’t know what to make of that at first, but I knew I loved it. I recalled a movie title from years ago called “At Play in the Fields of the Lord.” I don’t remember anything about the film except the title, but the title evokes in me one important dimension of being a follower of Jesus: Joy. Jesus even says “I have told you this that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” I think there should be a certain playfulness about us if we’re following Jesus. Confident that we are redeemed, that we are loved sinners, we can lived boldly, seeing the rest of life as gravy, now that our redemption is secured.

Jesus tells us we will remain in his love if we keep his commandments. His only commandment in John is “Love one another.” It’s how we should judge each day that we love. Did we love well today?



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## Save the Date

Tuesday, August 17, 2021  
\*New Venue\*

River Prairie Center in Altoona

18th Annual



REGISTRATION: 5:00PM

HIKE: 6:00PM

Register @ [www.familypromisecv.org](http://www.familypromisecv.org)

The HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS is sponsored by Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley with proceeds benefiting the Beacon House and related programs of Family Promise

### Lightbulb Give away!

There are free 4 packs of LED lightbulbs in the Gathering space—help yourself! Please only take one pack so there is plenty for everyone.

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### Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9:00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM. The school Mass this week is Wednesday as usual, with limited seating. Friday is open to the public.

Masks & social distancing are required.

Sat.	May 15	4:30 PM	Adeline MaGuire
Sun.	May 16	8:00 AM	Pat Johnson
		10:00 AM	People of St. James
Tue.	May 18		James Connolly
Wed.	May 19		Theresa Maenner (School Mass)
Thu.	May 20		Carl Robelia
Fri.	May 21		Dan Puetz
Sat.	May 22	4:30 PM	Tom Bye
		6:30 pm (outside)	World Peace
Sun.	May 23	8:00 AM	Seminarians of the diocese
		10:00 AM	People of St. James

### St. Olaf Fun Fest Grilled Chicken Dinner

The St Olaf Men's Club is hosting a "drive-through pick-up" Grilled Chicken Dinner for our annual Fun Fest on Sunday, May 23 from 11 AM to 2 PM. You will not have to leave your car to enjoy this delicious chicken dinner. \$10.00 per dinner for all ages. We will be serving a quarter chicken (white or dark meat), baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Save this date and join us on May 23.

There is also a Virtual Auction being held for Fun Fest this year. The auction will go live at 8 AM on Thursday, May 20, 2021 and end at 7 PM on Sunday, May 23. This is a link to the auction site <https://www.32auctions.com/FunFest2021>

#### Sermon on the Amount

May 2, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (146)	\$12,662.50
2020 same week ( )	\$6,824.00
Students	\$20.00
Plate	<u>\$91.00</u>
Total	\$12,773.50

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through April 30, 2021:

Actual (July 1-Apr. 30)	\$549,616.64
Budgeted (July 1-Apr. 30)	\$512,700.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past\*Present\*Future Campaign income for May 2 was \$360.00 for a total since July 1, 2020 of \$59,274.28.

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**Bulletin deadlines:** end of day Mondays.



Top and left—religious education escape room. Right—PCCW May crowning by Carol Murray, assisted by Shirley Rossano.

**Habitat for Humanity**

The director of Habitat for Humanity is coming to talk (via zoom) to the Social Concerns Committee about how St. James can get involved. All are welcome! Are you interested in Habitat? Come to the meeting! Thursday May 27 at 5:30 PM.

**Do you speak another language??** Would you be willing to read one intercession in another language for the Feast of Pentecost to celebrate the diversity of our faith? Contact Jacky if willing.

**Blood Drive**

St. James, Monday, June 13 from Noon –6:00 PM  
Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org or St. James to schedule an appointment. Special off from our partners at Amazon to thank you coming to give June 14-30; we'll send you a \$5 Amazon gift card by email. Restriction, terms and conditions apply.

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**Mass on the Grass!**

ST. JAMES THE GREATER  
 OUTDOOR SATURDAY MASSES @ 6:30

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