# Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC CHURCH



### **Heaven is Something Much Greater**

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. We are commemorating that day on which our human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. In his book, Dogma and Preaching (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 2011), Pope Benedict XVI writes the following about the meaning of the Ascension that would be good for our personal reflection and prayer.

It expresses our belief that in Christ human nature, the humanity in which we all share, has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.

Heaven is not a place beyond the stars, but something much greater, something that requires far more audacity to assert: Heaven means that man now has a place in God. The basis for this assertion is the interpenetration of humanity and divinity in the crucified and exalted man Jesus. Christ, the man who is in God and eternally one with God, is at the same time God's abiding openness to all human beings.

Thus Jesus himself is what we call "heaven"; heaven is not a place but a person, the person of him in whom God and man are forever and inseparably one. And we go to heaven and enter into heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. In this sense, "ascension into heaven" can *be something that takes place in our everyday lives...* 

For the disciples, the "ascension" was not what we usually misinterpret it as being: the temporary absence of Christ from the world. It meant rather his new, definitive, and irrevocable presence by participation in God's royal power... God has a place for man!... In God there is a place for us!... "Be consoled, flesh and blood, for in Christ you have taken possession of heaven and of God's kingdom!" (Tertullian).

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father Andrew Heiman



May 29, 2022 The <u>Ascension</u> of The Lord

Lk 24:46-53

#### Fr. Andrew Heiman Pastor Fr. Matt Siegman **Parochial Vicar**

#### Mass Times

6:30am & 8am Thursday 5:30pm

(Extraordinary Form) Saturday 6:30am & 4pm 6:30am, 9am (streamed),

11am, & 5:30pm

#### Confession

7:30-7:50am Saturday 3-3:50pm Sunday during Masses if a priest is available.

#### Parish Office

124 North Roosevelt Wichita, KS 67208

Summer Office Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:00pm Fridays Phone: 316.682.4557 Fax: 316.682.4558 Sacramental Emergency 316.512.2206



#### **Sacramental Information**

Call the Parish Office for inquiries on all sacraments, 682.4557.
Baptism: Classes held on the first Tuesday of every month and are required for parents.
Confirmation: Classes required.
RCIA: Contact the Parish Office.
Holy Matrimony: Preparation begins at least nine months prior to the wedding.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office.
Eucharist to Homebound: First Saturday of the month.

#### **Parish Staff**

Parish Life Coordinator Samantha Ridder Parish Office Manager Melinda Foley Stewardship Coordinators Becky Meyer, Erica Zurita, & Don Brinkman Bookkeeper Dana Howland Music Director Rachel Dugan

### Liturgical Stewardship

#### Weekend Mass Schedule - June 4-5, 2022

	4:00pm	6:30am	9:00am	11:00am	5:30pm
Lectors	Barbara Carson Bruce Kouba	Caroline Hosford	John Baldessari Angela Burger	Gus Frey Mark Fiebach	Bobby Johnson
МС	David Post	Pete Gann	David Wurtenberger Sam Hong	I. Barr, J. Centeno, B. Weber, C. Byrd, A. & B. Ruda	Konnor Bruening
Offertory	~*~	~*~	~*~	~*~	~*~
ЕМНС	Jane Schwartz, Teri Marks, Mike Burrus	Annette Saunders	Ted Lewis, Steve Stark, Mike Hogan	Jeremy & Rebecca Barr, Richard Suniga	~*~
Ushers	Jeff & Ben Zluticky, Matt Catanese, Kylie Real, Eric Yost, Ryan Kuchinskas, Annie Pirtle	Dan Brooks Chris Shank	E. Kauffman, J. Hammans, K. Arkin, L. Noddin, D. Alcala, S., Teagan, Madi- gan & Bridget Brennan	Ella Rudy, Maia & Marisa Mitchell, John, Will & Maddie McCarthy, Evelyn Martinez	Cesar Nolla, Will Schlotterback, Trey Al- exander, Josie Brown
	May 21	May 22	May 22	May 22	May 22
Mass Count	227	147	406	334	208

### Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 29 The Ascension of the Lord 10:00am - Coffee & Donuts (Bishops Hall) Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53 Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day Parish Office Closed Wednesday, June 1 5:25am - Kapaun's Men-Living Joy 6:30pm - Called & Gifted (Spanish Room) Friday, June 3 8:30am-1:00pm Summer Parish Office Hours 3:15pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church) Saturday, June 4 7:00pm - Men's Club Scholarship Poker Tournament (Bishops Hall) Sunday, June 5 Pentecost Sunday

10:00am - Coffee & Donuts (Bishops Hall)
5:00pm - Lord's Diner Work Day (520 N. Broadway)
6:00pm - Youth Group Summer Kick-Off Event (Bishops Hall)
7:00pm - Pickleball (Old Gym)



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Parish Summer Office Hours

Beginning Friday, June 3 through Friday, August 12, 2022 Monday - Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm Friday - 8:30am - 1:00pm

# Year of the Eucharist

HOW TO GAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE: · A plenary indulgence may be obtained by visiting Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and participating in: the sacred functions, communal devotions or spending a fitting amount of time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or in exposition. Some examples: attending Mass, a Solemn Holy Hour, Benediction, the Stations of the Cross, Morning Praver, praying a Chaplet of Divine Mercy. · In addition, the faithful must sacramentally confess their sins, receive Holy communion, be detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. If these cannot all be met, the indulgence is partially gained. · The indulgences can be applied to oneself or to a soul in purgatory.

• Only one plenary indulgence may be gained per day.

## Welcome New Members!

Blessed Sacrament continues to grow and welcome new members to our congregation. Please extend a warm welcome and smile to those new faces you see in the pews!

Nika Sykes Tristan Holmberg Alexei Patterson Len & Cathy Miller Ricky & Kimmy Tieu family Katelyn Schilling family Nick Catanese

Connor & Faith Hampton Nicholas & Christina Kreutzer family Matt & Andres Hamilton Jessica Falke-Finney family Kurt Winter Christopher & Amelia Baalmann family Kevin & Kendra Amthor family

#### Join us in Prayer Prayers for the Sick

Connie Heard, Duff Whisenhant, Dick Edgington, Richard Powell, Bob Collins, Devon Dionisi, Alan Brown, Robert Lang, Pauline Rittlinger, Lynn Channer, Karen Hurley, Bob Stenz.

#### In Memoriam

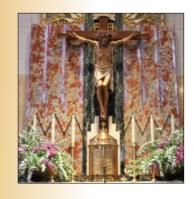
Patrick Hornback, Christopher Cotter, Thelma Knoff, Jacob Wise, Joyce Eastburn, James Gillenwater, Julia Wagle, Adrian Burgess Settle, Tyler Bauer, Mary Edgington, Aida Colon, Alan Weldon, Mary Lou Schutz, John Polson, Donald Aaron, John Ludlow, Amber Murry, Mike Dionisi, Frank Chambers, Bonnie Tenbrink, Logan Matzeder, Mary Dean Sander. Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, or wish to join the prayer chain, please call the parish office 682-4557 or email: **prayer@blessedsacramentwichitcom** 

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 28					
	6:30am	Int/Bishop Shawn			
		McKnight			
	4:00pm	Int/Fr. Ty Taylor			
	Ē	Sunday, May 29			
	6:30am	+Julia Wagle			
	9:00am	+Mary Dean Sander			
	11:00am	Int/Mary Pat Hesse			
	Ad Orientem				
	5:30pm	People of the Parish			
Monday, May 30					
	6:30am	+Amber Murry			
	8:00 am	Int/Amy Waddill			
		Tuesday, May 31			
	6:30am	+Samuel Spiess			
	8:00am	+Ray & Denice Bina			
		Wednesday, June 1			
	6:30am	+Loraine Felicione			
	8:00am	+Aurora Alcala			
		Thursday, June 2			
	6:30am	Int/Suzanne & Chris Bryde			
	8:00am	Int/M. J. Herman			
	Ad Orientem				
	5:30pm	Int/Marilyn Johnson			
		Friday, June 3			
	6:30am	Int/Joyce Rogers			
	8:00am	+Wayne Ignowski			
	Saturday, June 4				
	6:30am	+Kurt Homer			
	4:00pm	+Jerry Jonas			
		Sunday, June 5			
	6:30am	People of the Parish			
	9:00am	+Karen Umscheid			
	11:00am	+Mary Lou Schutz			
	Ad Orientem				
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5:30pm Int/Mary Jobe Waddill



## Ministry Updates



Save the dates! Totus Tuus is returning this summer! Totus Tuus is an amazing Catholic program taught by seminarians and college students. The middle school and high school programs will be Sunday June 19th-Thursday June 23rd from 7:30 pm.-9:45pm.

The elementary program will be Monday June 20th-Friday the 24th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Blessed Sacrament offers a Pre-K program for 4 year olds from 9:00 am-12:00 pm that Monday through Friday also. If you are a middle schooler or high schooler and would like to volunteer for the day program, contact totustuus@blessedsacramentwichita.com.

We can't wait to see you all there!!

# Scholarship Opportunity

### Graduating High School Seniors

The Monsignor John Gilsenan Men's Club Scholarship applications are available in the parish office or on our website.

Any 2022 high school senior graduate is eligible to apply. The application deadline is July 16, 2022 and should be returned to the parish office or David Eschbacher at 421 S. Bluff Wichita, Kansas, 67218 in a sealed envelope, or via email to: david.eschbacher@t-mobile.com.

If you have any questions feel free to e-mail or call David @ 913-484-1690.

#### **Blessed Sacrament School**

125 North Quentin, Wichita Office Hours 7:30am-4pm Phone: 316.684.3752 Fax: 316.687.1082

#### **School Staff**

Principal Joel Arnold Assistant Principal Barry Newell Office Manager Michelle Hittner Athletic Director Pat Harter Building Maintenance Matt Gann

#### **School News**

#### School Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open during the summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays most weeks from 9:00am-1:00pm. The school office will be closed June 20th-24th.

#### **School Library Hours**

The school library will be open this summer beginning June 8th. Depending on usage, we will be open every following Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Remember that AR quizzes can ONLY be taken at school. The last day of summer checkouts will be July 20th, and all summer books must be returned on July 27th.

#### Student Pen Pals from Holy Savior

Our 5th grade students became pen pals with 5th grade students from Holy Savior School. The students were able to gather after attending a Year of the Eucharist Pilgrimage Mass here on May 16th.





#### OKTOBERFEST Run for the Poor 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run Saturday, October 1, 2022

Thank you to all the talented individuals that submitted art to our logo contest. The winner of the logo

contest is Geoff Louvar! Geoff Louvar has been the Admissions Digital Marketing Manager at Newman University since 2018. We are excited to have the new logo as we gear up for the upcoming race. Pre-registration is already open! If you are interested in volunteering or sponsorship, please contact Jenny Jones at jonesynks@gmail.com, as planning is already underway!

#### Men's Club Scholarship

#### **Poker Tournament**

Please join us for the Blessed Sacrament Men's Club Scholarship Poker Tournament on Sat. June 4th at 7:00 PM in Bishops Hall. \$25.00 suggested donation and \$5.00 for drinks and snacks. Questions? Please contact David

Eschbacher (913) 484-1690.





# JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST



Are you enjoying Brant Pitre's book, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist? We sure are! It has been great sitting down each week with a different parishioner to discuss the chapter! Whether you read the book or not, you can check out the short



videos to see what has everyone so excited!

This week Fr. Drew sat down with Megan Swaim to discuss chapter seven. Use the QR code or visit our website to check out all the videos for chapters one through six.



"For the Life of the World"--If you haven't brought your family to the annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference, now is a GREAT year to start! While your children participate in age-specific programs, you can hear speakers, shop for Catholic merchandise, attend daily Mass, adoration, and an evening outdoor Eucharistic procession led by Bishop Kemme. Pick up a flier at church entrances or visit catholicfamilyconference.org for details of this event.

#### Ministry Updates Regnum Christi



We would like to express our appreciation to the Regnum Christi women of the parish for the beautiful crowns that were placed on our Blessed Mother statue each week for the month of May. Thank you to Mary Lesh for creating the crowns.

#### Women's Bowling League

Women of the Parish: I am trying to put together a history of the Women's Bowling League. If you were once a member or know someone who was, I would like to hear from you. I'm specifically searching for info on when the league was started and by whom. Are you a past League Secretary or President? Maybe tell of your experience with the League. Please contact me at 683-9078 or email your info to carolcharly@hotmail. com. Thank you ~ Carol Mesa

#### St. Vincent de Paul

The pandemic caused a pause in the monthly preparation/serving of hot breakfast at St.Anthony's family shelter; however, we are hoping to re-start the event this summer.

Support from the parish has been amazing, as with everything. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming details!





# What are you voting YES for on August 2nd?

### WHY THE AMENDMENT IS NEEDED

A recent Kansas Supreme Court ruling removed the legal foundation for all existing laws that permit basic regulations on abortion. Value Them Both simply allows for these existing laws to be protected.

### THE AMENDMENT

"§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the Constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother."

## EXAMPLES OF SAFEGUARDS ON ABORTION THAT ARE AT RISK:



SAFE CLINICS Basic regulations for sanitation, sterilization, and safety that all health facilities follow.



**DOCTORS** Requirement that abortions be performed by a medical doctor with hospital admitting privileges.



Education Requirements to inform women of the physical and emotional implications of abortion.



CHILDREN Mandate to notify parents when a minor is seeking an abortion.



**THE UNBORN** Prohibition of the gruesome practice of late-term dismemberment abortion.



TAXPAYERS Protections against taxpayer funds going to Planned Parenthood and abortions.

Find out more at valuethemboth.com

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES The Eucharist Devotion of the Saints

Devotion to the Holy Eucharist has been expressed in one way or another by all the saints of the Church. This is a statement that cannot be contradicted. Since Our Lord instituted this holy Sacrament to unite Himself with us, to nourish our souls, and as a means of retaining His presence among us in tabernacles throughout the world, the saints have embraced this treasure with faith and love. Their veneration has been manifested in various ways, with some saints being better known for this expression than other. Such love and devotion have not always been recorded, but those statement that have been written by the saints or their confreres are eloquent expression of their loving regard and appreciation for this heavenly gift.



# St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Our most loving Redeemer, on the last night of His life, knowing that the much-longed-for time had arrived on which He should die for the love of man, had not the heart of leave us alone in this valley of tears; but in order that He might not be separated from us even by death, He would leave us His whole self as food in the Sacrament of the Altar; giving us to understand by this that, having given us this gift of infinite worth, He could give us nothing further to prove to us His love.

# St. Peter of Alcantara

No tongue is able to express the greatness of the love which Jesus bears to every soul. Hence that His absence might not be an occasion of forgetting Him, He left to His spouse the Church, before His departure from this world, this most holy Sacrament in which He Himself remained, wishing that between them there should be no other pledge than Himself to keep alive the remembrance of Him.





# St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

O Lord, You are as truly present under the sacramental species as You are in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. Because I have and possess this great wonder, I do not long for, want, or desire any other.

# St. Teresa of Avila

How could I, a poor sinner, who have so often offended You, dare to approach You, O Lord, if I beheld You in all Your majesty? Under the appearance of bread, however, it is easy to approach You, for if a king disguises himself, it seems as if we do not have to talk to him with so much circumspection and ceremony. If you were not hidden, O Lord, who would dare to approach You with such coldness, so unworthily, and with so many imperfections?







Congratulation to our High School Graduates! And to our Blessed Sacrament 8th graders who are moving on to High School! Our prayers are with you as you begin this new adventure!



# Year of the Eucharist

**DURING THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO** 

# Corpus Christi Novena

Saturday, June 11 - Saturday, June 18, 2022 7pm Nightly at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Join us each evening for beautiful ligurgical music and a sermon featuring different diocesan priests.





### Sunday, June 19 at 3pm

Celebrate Corpus Christi with the diocesan procession at Blessed Sacrament. We will begin in the Church, with the procession taking place around our campus.





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Join us Sunday, June 12 as Fr. Ty celebrates the 9am Mass. A reception will follow in Bishops Hall.

#### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Our

mission is to keep all parishioners actively involved in parish life regardless of type, severity or age of onset of a disability. If you have needs that require special accommodations to participate fully in the liturgy of the Mass and/or parish activities, please contact the parish office at 316.682.4557 or parish@blessedsacramentwichita.com. SOCIAL MEDIA: If you have any exciting parish news/photos, please send to: socialmedia@blessedsacramentwichita.com **THE BULLETIN DEADLINE** is Monday at Noon; please send information to: mfoley@blessedsacramentwichita.com Information will be printed as space allows. VIRTUS learn more at virtus.org **Diocesan Child Abuse Report** Information Line: 316.440.1757

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION: Please

prayerfully consider spending an hour with our Lord.

Adorers Needed:

Sun. 2-3am, 4-5am, 7-8am, & 1-2pm Mon.3-4am, 12-1pm, 1-2pm Tues. 2-3am, 3-4am Wed. 2-3am, 3-4am, 7-8am Thur.1-2pm, 2-3pm Fri. 4-5am, 9-10pm, 10-11pm Sat. 7.8am, 9, 10am, 1, 2pm, 8, 9pm

#### Sat. 7-8am, 9-10am, 1-2pm, 8-9pm

Questions?Please contact Kathy Burrus at 316.393.6765 or adoration@blessedsacramentwichita.com

Sunday: John Hammans, 209-7588 Monday: Beth Hogan, 680-7212 Tuesday: Amy Rishell, 390-1700 Wednesday: Steve Freach, 619-7486 Thursday: Renee Riter, 683-8539 Friday: Peggy Suniga, 737-3618 Saturday: Pat Harter, 633-0546 **Consistency Saves me Every Time** 

Samantha Ridder-Parish Life Coordinator

*"Prayer is a vital necessity.* Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us we fall back into the slavery of sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him?" (CCC 2744)

The Spirit is always working! As I shared my struggles last week, I feel it's important to share the greatness of God and how He is constantly pursuing us.

The Catechism asks, how can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him? How do I remain close to Him, even when I struggle in my spiritual life? It's a good question, and as I reflect on the past couple of weeks, two things come to mind: confession and consistency.

There needs to be consistency, with an element of accountability. Yes, I can visit the Adoration Chapel anytime. It's perpetual. It's wonderful. Yet having an Adoration hour means being held accountable for consistently visiting at least once a week. I participate in a weekly scripture study. It creates weekly accountability for reading and studying scripture. These are consistent times of prayer where the Holy Spirit consistently reaches out to me because it is whe I regularly seek the Lord.

The Catechism also tells us that if we do not allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, we will fall back into sin. Thus, Confession is an important step. When I reflect, times of grace usually follow a trip to the Confessional. After the sacrament, I more clearly see the Spirit working. While He is ALWAYS working, the grace of the sacrament allows me to see what sin keeps hidden.

In preparing for Bible study this week, I came across this in the commentary, "The Lord in this prophecy passed judgment on Israel for its excessive sense of self-sufficiency." What a condemnation. How often do I fall into the trap of self-sufficiency? Getting overwhelmed by life and then believing I have to find the answers, I have to figure everything out. In that trap, I isolate myself from God and the solution.

Our God is loving and merciful! When we avail ourselves to His grace through the sacraments and consistency in prayer, He will NEVER leave us.

Paragraph 2744 of the Catechism ends with these two quotes:

"Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy... For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin." -St. John Chrysostom

"Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned." -St. Alphonsus Liguori

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