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The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

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Wednesday
Friday

St. Joseph

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Mass Saturday 4:00 PM

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Mass Sunday 11:00 AM
Thursday Noon

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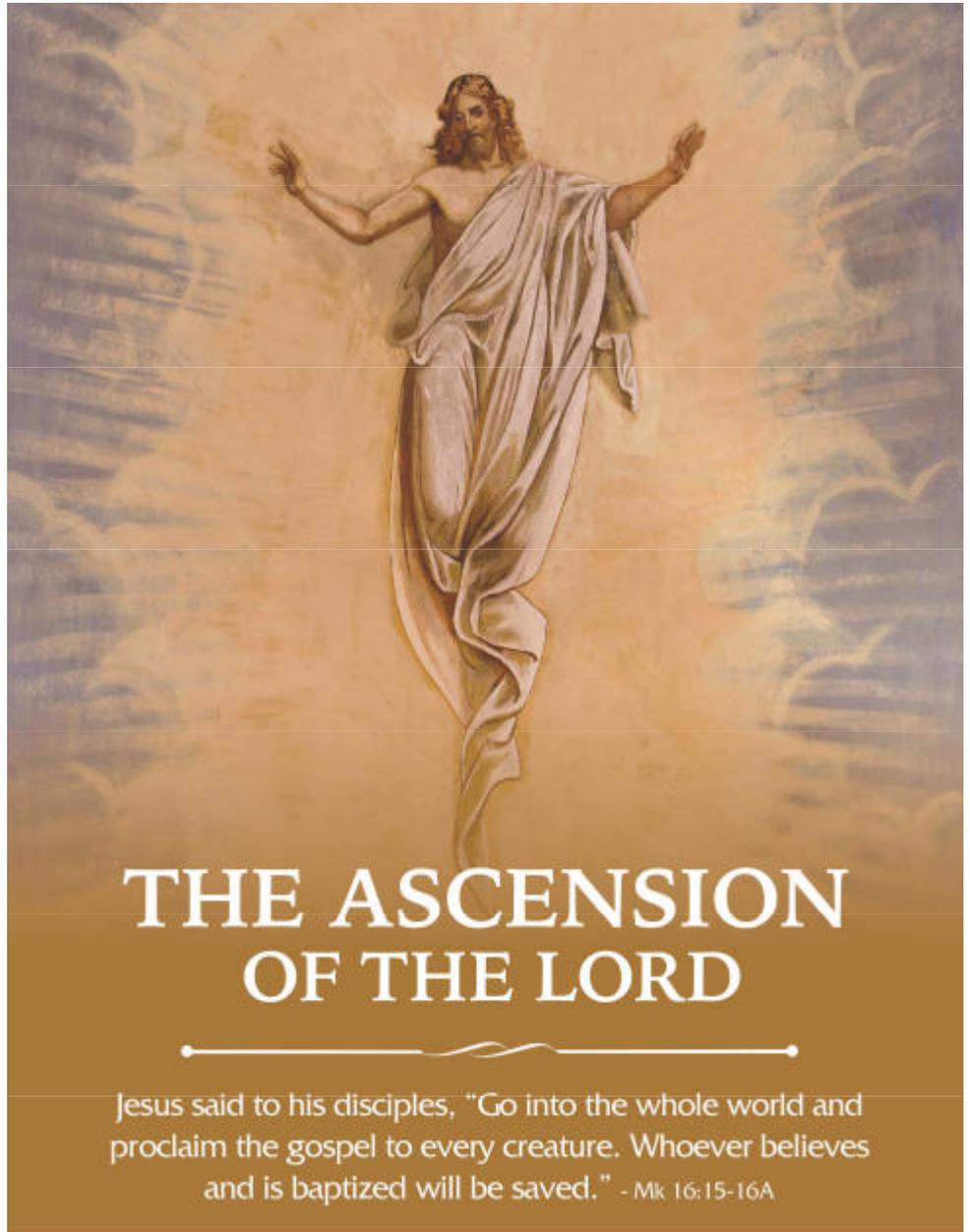
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**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes
and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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May 17—23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i> No Mass Ordination of 10th Bishop of Duluth	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	<i>St. Isidore Armed Forc- es Day</i> 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	<i>Pentecost</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		

Mass Intentions

Giving the gift of a Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions in the lives of your family and friends.

You are able to submit Mass intentions through our online giving portal. Go to our parish websites listed on the front of the bulletin and click on online giving and follow the directions. You may also submit Mass intentions by dropping in the collection basket or mailed or emailed to the office.

The white imprinted Mass intention envelope available at the church is for the mass stipend and information pertaining to the Mass. Mass Cards are available for you to send to the recipient of the Mass intention if applicable. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

CCW Rummage Sale

Our spring rummage sale netted over \$1,500! A great big thank you to everyone who donated items to sell, help set up the sale, worked the sale and cleaned up. And we can't forget the shoppers too! It was one of our best rummage sales to date. The monies raised help to fund our Council of Catholic Women's good works. These include preparing and serving funeral lunches, monetary donations to individual and families in our communities that experience emergencies or hardships, as well as donations on local, national and international levels. We recently donated \$500 to assist the work being done on the building across the street from St. Mary's. This will be the Deer River location of New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you and God bless you.

Office Transition

Reenie is retiring and Elana Evans will be replacing her. During this time of transition office hours may vary. New office times will be listed in the bulletin soon.

Holy Father's May Prayer Intention

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heart-warming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! ©LPI

Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-TALK

Mass Intentions May 17—23

Mon Private Mass	Fr. KK	
Tues. 8:30	Dean Villeneuve Family	SM
Wed. 8:30	Joe Melin †	SM
Thur. Noon	No Mass	SC
Fri. 8:30	Dan Villeneuve Family	SM
Sat. 4:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Victor Williams Sr †	SM
Sun. 11:00	Frank Zentek †	SC

Diocesan Emergency Second Collection

Since April 9th, over 32 volcanic eruptions have caused the displacement of 20,000 people, major destruction of crops, water & food rationing, property and infrastructure damages estimated at \$350 million.

Much of the destruction has been concentrated in the farming belt – "...essentially, agriculture has been wiped out on the island," Prime Minister Gonsalves said.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in St. Vincent and please respond generously during the second collection this weekend.

United Catholic Appeal

The 2021 mailings for UCA have been sent out from the Diocese of Duluth. If you did not receive one we do not have your current address. Please let us know. Your UCA donations may be given to the parishes as usual or you may mail to the Diocese directly. We will continue to have a monthly second collection (basket) for UCA. Donations may be given at any time. Just make sure to mark your envelope "UCA". Our 2021 assessments for UCA are:

St. Charles	\$12,838
St. Joseph	\$ 5,630
St. Mary	\$12,670

Our annual assessment from the Diocese is based on our ordinary income. Ordinary income is your weekly contributions through online giving, envelopes and plate collections. Second collections, except UCA, designated donations and bequests, mass intentions, etc. are considered extraordinary income and not included in the configuration of our UCA assessment.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

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1. Go to our websites listed on the front of the bulletin. Click on the Online Giving link.
2. Select the collection you wish to donate to and click to make a donation.
3. Enter your payment information.



St. Charles Prayer Requests

Ray Abuan, Gloria Beaudreau, Bev Benson, Rod Benson, Charles Bush Jr., Michele Frazer, Beulah Holstein, Bob Karbowski, Don Karbowski, Darwin Kingbird, Bradley Kurtzell, Maria Patton, Ken & Evelyn Perrault, Christine Stenger, Connie Suchon, Deana Thomas, Ken & Sharon Vogel, Susie Finn White, Ruth Wittner

Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's: Prayer requests may be submitted to our prayer chain by calling Elaine at 218-246-8099.

Diocese of Duluth Engaged Weekends

Upcoming Weekend for the Engaged Dates
We are restarting in-person Engaged Weekends. Engaged Weekends are part of the preparation for couples as they prepare and approach the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please register for one of these upcoming date at [Marriage, Family and Life | Diocese of Duluth \(dioceseduluth.org\)](#) or call the betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111:

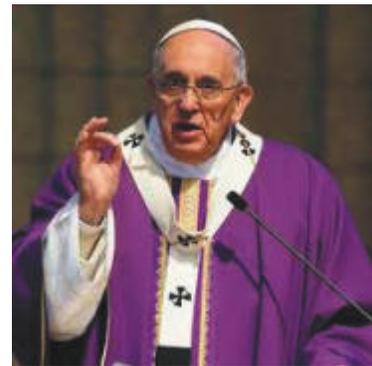
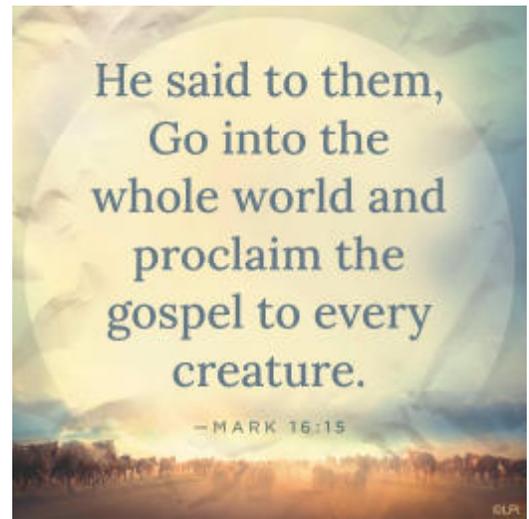
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Duluth/Cathedral of Our Lady-June 5th and June 6th

Duluth/St. Benedicts-June 12th and June 13th

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“We join together in prayer with all the sanctuaries spread throughout the whole world, with the faithful, and with all persons of good will, to entrust into the hands of our Holy Mother the whole human race, sorely tried by this period of pandemic. Every day of this month of May we will entrust to You, Mother of Mercy, the many people who have been touched by the virus and continue to suffer its consequences; from our deceased brothers and sisters, to families who experience the pain and uncertainty of tomorrow; from the sick to doctors, scientists, nurses, engaged in the front line in this battle; from volunteers to all professionals who have given their precious service in favor of others; from people in mourning and grief to those who, with a simple smile and a good word, brought comfort to those in need; from those – especially women – who have suffered violence at home due to forced closure, to those who wish to resume the pace of daily life with enthusiasm. Mother of Help, welcome us under your mantle and protect us, support us in the hour of trial and kindle the light of hope for the future in our hearts.”

Pope Francis

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