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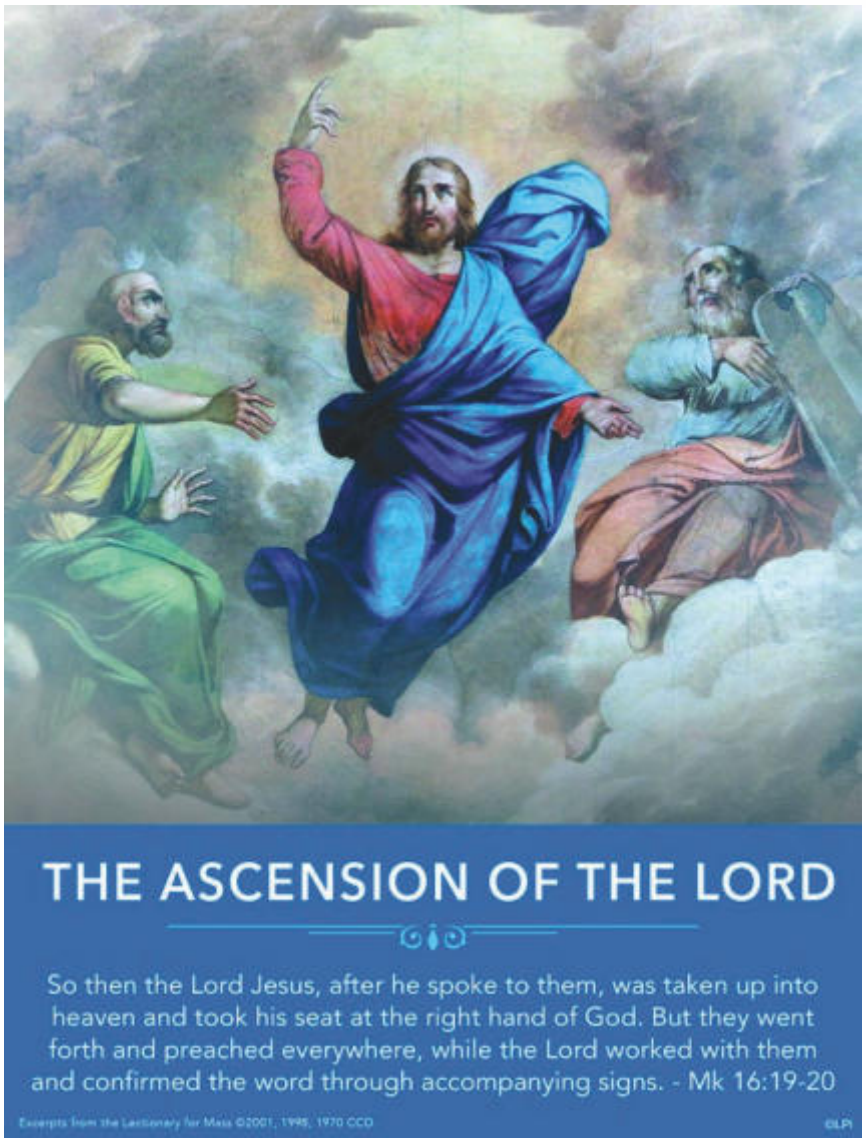
The Ascension of the Lord | May 16, 2021



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Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to your parish office before 4:30 pm on Mondays.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

Confession Schedule
Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm
Or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Holy Spirit Office Hours:
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday
7:00 am - 11:00 am Friday
Office is located in parish basement.

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 7:15 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession Schedule
Saturday: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 7:50 - 8:15 am
Or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Office Hours:
8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday - Thursday
Office is located in St. Mary's Rectory.

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St Mary's, Silver Bay

Parish News:

First Communion
Congratulations to Holly Belanger and Alexis Wartman as they receive Jesus for the first time today. May you grow in your relationship with Him forever. A big thank you to their parents and Joe & Paula Fredrickson for teaching them the beauty and importance of this Holy Sacrament.

Bible Study
We meet on **Sunday evening, 6:30-8 pm** in the Social Hall. We would love to have you join us!

Family Faith Formation
We will meet for our last night of Family Faith Formation on **Wednesday, May 19 at 6:15 pm**. Stayed tuned for some summer fun dates that will be announced soon.

Youth Bible Study for All Ages
Join us **Friday mornings at 8:45 am** (after morning Mass). Parents are welcome to join us too. If you have questions, call Jeff at 220-9720.

Knights of Columbus & Auxiliary Meeting
The Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary will meet **Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm**.

Rosary
The Rosary is prayed **before daily Mass at 7:50 am** and **before Saturday evening Mass at 6:50 pm**. Please join us.

Hospital Privacy Laws
Due to privacy laws, if you or a loved one are in the hospital, the hospital will not contact me to inform me that you are there unless you ask them to contact the Church. So, if you or a loved one are hospitalized for any reason, please let us know by contacting the parish offices or by calling me at 834-4313 so that I can arrange a visit. – *Fr. Steve*

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm.
All are invited to stop in to spend some time with the Lord in prayer. For those who can devote an hour, we have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to assure that there is always someone present during the time of Exposition.

Weekly Collection

General	$1,925.65
UCA	$1,094.81
Building Fund	$49.89

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers

- ✝ **Parishioners**: Don Stadler, Lyle Shepersky, Carol Youngberg, Don Seipke, Marge Jorgenson, Joe & Elaine Rollins, Gale Fredrickson, George Asmussen, Greta Stefanich, Lino Rauzi, Marge Swindlehurst, Jerry Downey, Mary Ann Stebbins, Elwood Youngberg.
- ✝ **Clergy***:* Deacon Fred Wright.
- ✝ **Relatives & Friends:** Robert Martinsen, Marc Huss Sr., Tammy Carter, Bill Crandall, John Grahek, Johnny Jerabek, Dennis Topp, Andy McBride, Mike Hartfiel, Jerry Pybas, Brad Hove, Dan Moudry, Crecentia Wolkenhauer.
- ✝ **Military**: Mason McClellan, Logan Scallen, Todd Curry, John Ferguson, Karen McGrane, Michael Seipke, Chris Grensing, Kris Topp.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday — **MAY 15**

6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Sue Gelatic* ✞
Cantor..... Rick Frericks w/guitar Accpt.
Reader ..... Emma Rohloff
Server ..... Hadlee Rohloff & Natalie Reineccius

Sunday — **MAY 16**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Cantor..... Rick & Wade w/guitar Accpt.
Reader ..... Susan Frericks
Plate……Cindy Rowlee
Server ..... Nicholas Swartz & Valerie Melander

Monday — **MAY 17**

No Mass

Tuesday — **MAY 18**

8:15 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Sue Gelatic* ✞

Wednesday — **MAY 19**

8:15 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for DJ Hodge*
9:00 a.m. **Adoration with Benediction at 3 p.m.**

Thursday — **MAY 20**

No Mass

Friday — **MAY 21**

8:15 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Jessalyn Hansen & Dawson Rowlee*

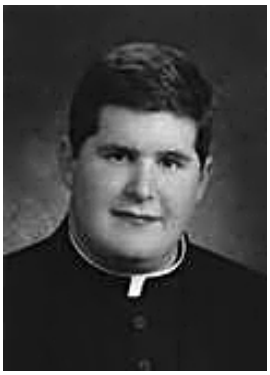
Saturday — **MAY 22**

6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Bishop Daniel Felton*
Cantor..... Patty Armstrong
Reader ..... Jeff Asmussen
Server ..... Zack Fredrickson

Sunday — **MAY 23**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Cantor..... TBD
Reader ..... Susan Michels
Plate……TBD
Server ..... Valerie & Wade Melander

From the Desk of Father Steve: Letting the Ascension of Christ influence our Daily Lives



"Christian, Remember your dignity!" *-St. Leo the Great (d. 461 AD)*

Today, the Church celebrates one of the great feast days in the calendar year, and one of particular hope to us who are still living on earth: The Ascension of the Lord. We recall and celebrate the fact that 40 days after His resurrection from the dead, our Lord Jesus, in plain view of His disciples, ascended into Heaven, returning to the place from which He had come, and taking His seat at the right hand of God the Father. This is an absolutely momentous and earth-shattering event! However, the problem is that too often, this event of the Lord's Ascension, like so many other events in salvation history, can be relegated to place of an interesting story among other stories, and "just what we do every year six weeks after Easter- we celebrate the Ascension." In fact, it is often my fear that we (and I very intentionally include myself here) too often allow the incredible and jaw-dropping realities and events that God has revealed and accomplished in human history to become watered-down routines and happy little celebrations that, while sentimental, do not accomplish in our hearts and spirits what they should- an event like the Ascension should shake our hearts and souls to their core!

Why? Because the Ascension is the goal being demonstrated, the proof being provided, the promise being fulfilled! As if it were not enough that Almighty God, chasing after His fallen, rebellious creatures, became a man like us in order to save all men, as if it were not enough that to do so, He was willing to suffer rejection by those He came to save, and a brutal suffering and death at the hands of whom He desired to redeem, and as if it were not enough that He then rose victorious over the grave, defeating the power of Satan and sin and death; God-made-man now returns to Heaven, victorious and triumphant, and breaks open the eternal goal that we have always longed for, but could never reach on our own- Jesus opens the gates of Heaven. In Jesus' ascension, mankind ascends; in Jesus' entry into Heaven, mankind enters Heaven; in Jesus' taking His seat at the right hand of the Father, mankind is seated in glory next to his Creator. It's like Neil Armstrong landing on the moon- because one of us has gone there, all of us have gone there! While only a handful of human beings have ever stepped foot on the moon's surface, it is perfectly accurate to say that ***we***, mankind, have landed on the moon. Just so, Jesus Christ, the God-man, has not only returned Home to Heaven today, but for the first time in human history, a man has entered Heaven's gate, and where He has gone, we hope to follow.

You see, my brothers and sisters? We are all part of an incredible story that is no mere legend, but actual reality! We are part of an incredible rescue plan carried out by God over the millennia since Adam and Eve fell, to bring us back to a place that is even better than where we began in the Garden of Eden. Today is a day of incredible victory for us because today, one of us has finally made it home! Jesus Christ proves through His ascension that eternal life in Heaven is not just a distant dream with no real connection to our daily lives- He proves that it is the ***goal*** of our earthly lives!

Sadly, many people in our world, surrounded as they are by this incredible unfolding of the Divine plan, never recognize it. They get so caught up in the pursuits, pleasures and possessions of this world that they become completely blind to the ultimate reality that makes life on this earth pale in comparison. We were made for Heaven! That is our goal, that's the reason that God created us in the first place, the reason that we are alive, the reason that God came to our world to save us through Jesus Christ, the reason for our existence! Where Jesus has gone today, we hope to follow! That's why it is so critical that we are continuously evaluating and looking at our daily lives- our actions, our behaviors, our decisions, our priorities, and asking ourselves this critically important question: will this help me get to Heaven, or make it more difficult for me to get to Heaven? Brothers and sisters, don't settle for anything less than what your souls require! It's Heaven or nothing, faith or nothing, God or nothing. Come, Lord Jesus!

God bless you! ~*Fr. Steve*

This Weekend - Special Collection for our sister Diocese, St. Vincent & The Grenadines: They are in the midst of terrible volcanic eruptions. Please be generous, so we can assist our brothers and sisters in this vulnerable area.

Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

Parish News

Change of hours on Mondays
On Mondays in May & June the church will open at 9 am.

Activity Bags
There are now activity bags in the vestibule for children to use during Mass. Take a bag before Mass & return it after.

We're listening
Our staff wants to remind you that your opinions and ideas matter. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, etc., please bring them to Father or the appropriate staff member.

Mom's group
Our last mom's night for the school year is on May 28th at 6:30 pm. More details in next week's bulletin.

Touring the church—the high altar continued
The wall extending from each side of the high altar is called a reredos. The purpose of the wall is to provide a walk-way behind the altar for those serving at Mass and others who may need to enter the sacristy. Instead of entering the sacred space of the sanctuary and/or disrupting those praying, the wall provides an un-noticeable passageway. You can see in old pictures that this sort of wall was in the same place, but it had doors built into it. In fact, the opening on the sacristy side that we made was already there but had been plastered over. While the original renderings did not include a reredos, after discussion with the staff, and desiring an increase in reverence, quiet, and distraction-free prayer for parishioners, Father Steve, after weighing different options, decided it was a necessary addition. Previously, there was only one way into the sacristy- a person had to walk up into and through the sanctuary to access it. This was especially disruptive when Eucharistic Adoration was being held and made access to the sacristy for staff impossible during the celebration of Mass. Now, there is a way for quiet and reverence to be kept in the sanctuary and the Church, while the practicality of accessing the sacristy for staff and volunteers is enhanced. In fact, the passageway has already been used to the advantage of reverence and practicality several times over.

Additionally, the two "sidewalls" that make up the reredos came directly from the previous reredos, on which the crucifix was held, and which was constructed many years ago by a parishioner. This is another way we were able to incorporate our past history into the new space. The new reredos was constructed by Scott & Louis Button and decorated by Brian Henning, however, is not yet complete. It will be further decorated with fleur de lis to grace the top and finials will be placed on the pillars. The goal is that the reredos will look like an extension of the altar.

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

† **PARISHIONERS**: Margie Murphy, Lyle Shepersky, Florian Burger, Don Cavallin, William Fosness, Ed Gudowicz, Joan Hungerford, Noreen Jackson, Fran Magnuson, Bonnie McGregor, Verna Rafn, Joe Seeber.

† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Julie Burns, Daniel Guiney, Rose Mascarenas, Dick Eimer, Luci Mischel, Jean Frank, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Brian Hoffman, Joseph Hoffman, and Robert Linn.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL**: Nate Berger, Christopher Uremovich, Brandon Madsen, James Mickle, Maddison Zavoral and Sophia Zavoral.

SACRED HEART CANDLE: All Parishioners.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday — **MAY 15**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Lector: Mary J.
Server: Kennedy G.
Usher: Jim G. & Jayme U.

Sunday — **MAY 16**

11:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Jim Vukelich* ✞
Lector: Gina L.
Server: Anthony L. & Kenneth J.
Usher: Nancy O. & TBD

Monday — **MAY 17**

No Mass

Tuesday — **MAY 18**

5:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Dick Phillips*

Wednesday — **MAY 19**

No Mass

Thursday — **MAY 20**

8:15 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Wayne Bentler*

Friday — **MAY 21**

7:30 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:15 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Dave & Jeanne Battaglia* ✞
9:00 a.m. **Adoration**
3:00 p.m. **Benediction**

Saturday — **MAY 22**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Lector: Liz S.
Server: Needed
Usher: Mike A. & Needed

Sunday — **MAY 23**

11:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Mike & Treasaigh Anderson*
Lector: Linda H.
Server: Noah M.
Usher: Tom S. & Needed

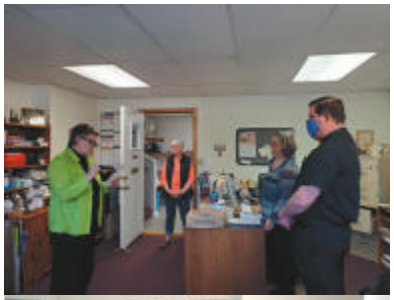
Weekend Collection

General	$3,323.36
Building Fund	$570.00
UCA	$1,915.00
Restoration/Rose Window Funds	$100.00
St. Vincent & The Grenadines	$100.00

Thank you, Father Steve!

Real Presence Radio surprised Father Steve again last week with a dozen donuts and a sweet message submitted to them by a parishioner, Lois Bentler, as part of a program the station does to honor our priests. Here's what she had to say:

"Fr. Steve Laflamme is working so hard to get people to return to the Sunday Mass. He is such a caring person and is working so hard to get the second half of our church restoration done. He is a beautiful reflection of God's love and reminds us of how much God loves us and how important the Eucharist is for us. God bless Fr. Steve!"



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.
When we come to this world we are sinful, the greatest as well as the least.
And the hand that makes us pure as angels is the beautiful hand of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness, their dignity stands all alone;
For there in the stillness of morning, ere the sun has emerged from the East,
There God rests between the pure fingers of the beautiful hand of a priest.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin,
'Tis the hand of a priest will absolve us—not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress;
What can a poor sinner do better than ask Him, He Who chose thee to bless?
When the death-dews on our eyelids are falling, may our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised o'er us in blessing, the beautiful hands of a priest.

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