The poster features a central illustration of the Ascension of the Lord. At the top, a faint, glowing figure of Jesus Christ is shown with arms outstretched, appearing to rise into a bright, golden light. Below this, the title 'Ascension OF THE LORD' is written in a large, elegant script. The background is a soft, textured wash of yellow and green. In the lower half, there are silhouettes of a crowd of people with their hands raised in prayer or praise, set against a backdrop of rolling hills in shades of green and purple. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual elevation.

Ascension OF THE LORD

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Today is Ascension Sunday. We remember with gratitude that Christ is with us spiritually so that no matter where we are, our Lord is present. Joyfully we welcome all who have come to worship.

If you are visiting with us today, we are very glad you came. Interested in becoming a parishioner at St. Louise? Contact our office at 586.751.3340.

REFLECT

FIRST READING (ACTS 1:26)

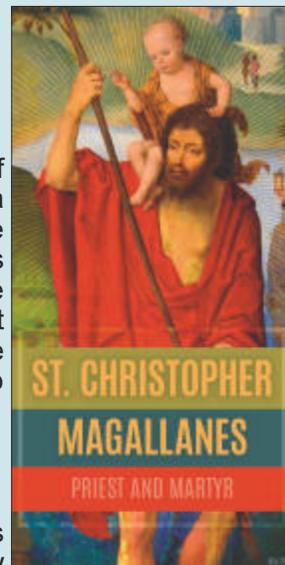
In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

SECOND READING (1 Jn 4:11)

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

GOSPEL READING (Jn 17:11b)

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?



ASSURANCE OF THE ASCENSION

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive "the promise of the Father (Acts 1:4, NRSV). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (v. 9).

The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow him to be.

Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.

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FROM OUR
PASTOR

THE CSA MAILING ADDRESS IS LEGITIMATE

After a possible scam alert was triggered last week, I establish and confirm with 100% certainty that the address in MINNESOTA, printed on the return CSA envelopes **is indeed legitimate, and so please use it to send your CSA donations.**

This is an address of the donation processing company the Archdiocese has been using for years, however this is the first year that donors are asked to mail their contributions directly to that company, as opposed to going through the “middle men”, which in this case would be the parish or the archdiocese. **This change wasn't clearly communicated to us ahead of time, and consequently resulted in confusion. My apology for that.**

As I explained from the pulpit, meeting 100% and even exceeding of our 2021 **CSA target is of critical importance to the well-being of our parish this year**, as the new budget going into effect on July 1 is so tight that we cannot afford to earmark any money to offset a potential CSA shortfall. **Please keep this in mind and be as generous as you can.**

I am appealing especially to those who have not been contributing to the CSA for whatever reason, as this group will be the “make it or break it” factor this year. Unfortunately, due to a commutation of many factors, notwithstanding the Covid impact, the rapid aging of the parish members and the scope of repairs to the property that is needed this year, SLDM's financial stability - and thus its future - is in jeopardy. But it is not too late to prevent the problem - and YOU can be the difference maker.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

The Ascension of Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter. It focuses upon the ascent of Christ into heaven shortly before Pentecost.

The Ascension is important to Christians because it reminds us that while Christ's human body could not be present everywhere, Christ's spiritual presence can be experienced universally. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us Christ's last words to his friends were “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20 NRSV). And so Christ is!

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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With Sympathy

The St. Louise de Marillac community offers its prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the families whose loved ones have entered into eternal life.

Janet Trabucci

Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, May 6

Marvín Warda

Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, May 7

James John Gross

Memorial Service was held Tuesday, May 11

We commend their souls to the Lord.
May the angels lead them into paradise.



This is CSA Weekend! Thank you to those of you who have already mailed your CSA pledge cards as this ensures we *Fuel the Mission* to witness Christ.

Jesus himself established the Church through which His presence, grace and teaching remain with us until the end of time and with our help continues to be extended to the ends of the Earth.

Your participation in the CSA campaign is of particular importance this year, as the parish struggles greatly to produce a balanced budget for the new Fiscal Year that starts July 1.

If we do not reach our CSA target of **\$65,690**, the shortfall becomes a debt that our parish must pay from its operating budget. This means even less resources to cover our day-to-day operations.

On the other hand, 100% of the funds collected above and beyond the target are returned to the parish to be used for our local needs. Each and every one of us is called with purpose and makes a difference. There are no bystanders in missionary discipleship. Please consider prayerfully how you can help and support the 2021 CSA.

Susan Young





HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION
Please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Mass during the week. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.
The rosary will not be said after the Masses on the weekends in order to allow time to properly clean the church for the next Mass.
In addition to reciting the rosary in church, consider offering up a spiritual gift for our country by reciting the rosary, or at least a decade, at 7 pm

Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of	05/09/21
Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,100
Weekly Offering Received (Weekly Offering Rec'd includes WeShare, Christmas, Holy Week & Easter Donations)	\$6,783
Capital Improvement/Utilities	\$1,194
YTD - Budget	\$316,916
YTD - Actual (YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus WeShare, Christmas, Holy Week & Easter Donations)	\$326,232

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Let the Children Come to Me"
Matthew 19:13-15



Online Registration OPEN NOW for 2021-2022

(<https://t.ly/RE-REG21> or use the QR Code Below)

- Classes Meet **TUESDAYS 5:15-6:45pm**
- First Day of Class: **Tuesday, September 14**
- Program Fees (Add \$50 for Sacramental Preparation)
 - * 1 child: \$75.00
 - * 2 children: \$120.00
 - * 3 children: \$150.00



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Current, Future, and Former Religious Education Families,

I am very excited to begin planning for our IN-PERSON Religious Education Classes for the Fall. Did your child miss a year or two or more and needs to get caught up? **No problem!** Just register and I will take care of all the details to help you put a plan together.

We have a lot of wonderful things planned for next year and hope you will be part of it. In an effort to evangelize friends and neighbors, please feel free to share this information and invite them as well. **If you have a child entering grades 1 – 8 this fall, you can register online.**

I promise you that our program will be one of the best in the area. You can go anywhere for your child to receive their Sacraments or you can keep your children here where they will not only learn their faith, but grow to love their faith and their Savior, Jesus Christ. At Baptism, you made a promise to raise your children in the faith. Let us help you keep that promise by walking alongside your family toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

If this was sports, music, or dance, you would look around for the best program to help your child master the art not just the easiest one, right? I am confident that the E.A.G.L.E. leveled learning program that I developed and authored accomplishes that goal and truly develops life-long disciples of Jesus Christ.

I am happy to let you know that many parishes across the country have also begun to implement this program. Getting kids out from behind the desk and giving them the opportunity to encounter Jesus is the goal. Let's put this on your calendar before anything else this fall and make it your priority.

If you have any questions, please contact me. You are welcome with open arms.

Again, I am looking forward to a "normal" year and hope you will be part of it.

May God be with you and your family.

In the Potter's Grip,
Greg Crachiolo

Director of Children's Religious Education
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Community Prayer List

Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:

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| Rebecca Alagar | Al & Pat Mandel |
| Virginia Bialy | Barbara Mezzapelle |
| Joyce Buehner | Penny Molony |
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| Terrie Cervera Family | Ted Niedbala |
| Jim Crepeau | Julia Nowicki |
| Kevin Crepeau | Rita Olano |
| Jim Dodge, Jr. | Evelyn Osepchuk |
| Rita Dodge | Mark Paterson |
| Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong | Priscilla Podowski |
| Gloria Dycoco | Deiter Profit |
| Tony Fachione | Glecy Quendangan-Angeles |
| Tony & Roseann Farchione | Teodocia Quendangan |
| Jelka Gern | Msgr. Thomas Rice |
| Aurora Grafilo | Olivia Rokicki |
| Elvira Grafilo | Juanito Romano |
| Aiden Hassig | Maria Fe Romano |
| Myrna T. Hernaez | Robert Shelepets |
| AJ Jimenez | Jan Skarb |
| Leonila Jimenez | Janet Trabucchi |
| Gloria Kelly | Mary Ellen Tyszka |
| Zoë Kinsella Johnson | Helen Walczak |
| Cindy Kolar | Eleanor Weathers |
| Pete Laudicina | Mary Wisneski |
| Steven Laudicina | |

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, May 18, 2021**
12 Noon Mary Niklas by Susan Messina
- Thursday, May 20, 2021**
12 Noon Jean Kolar (8th Anniv) by Husband
- Friday, May 21, 2021**
12 Noon Anna Wilamowski by Marlene Rokicki
- Saturday, May 22, 2021**
4 pm For those Ordained to Priesthood Today
- Sunday, May 23, 2021**
9:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Louise
11:30 am



Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Monday, May 17, 2021**
No activities planned
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021**
No activities planned
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021**
No activities planned
- Thursday, May 20, 2021**
No activities planned
- Friday, May 21, 2021**
No activities planned
- Saturday, May 22, 2021**
Reconciliation 9:45 - 10:30 am
- Sunday, May 23, 2021**
No activities planned

REMINDER

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.



In Our Prayers

Almighty Lord,
Cover your children with your sovereign hand, bring restoration and healing to their bodies.
In Jesus name, Amen.



An angel says . . .

... there's only one real way to attain success, and that is to be in the will of God.



There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

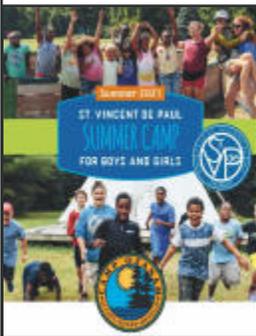
If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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LOOKING FOR CAMPERS



St. Vincent de Paul is offering a "Camp" experience to children ages 8-14 at Camp Ozanam, located on the shores of Lake Huron, 85 miles north of Detroit. Camp Ozanam is a wilderness adventure where kids can participate in activities like swimming, arts & crafts, sports, camp fires, and so much more. There is no cost to the camper. They have put Covid 19 protocols

in place. Information and registration are online, www.svdpdetroit.org/campoanam or call the parish line at 586-751-3340 ext. 309.

Emergency preparedness is important. The following website offers a guide:

community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/emergency-financial-first-aid-kit

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