



AS HE BLESSED THEM  
HE PARTED FROM THEM  
AND WAS TAKEN  
UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

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## CONTINUING JESUS' MINISTRY

The celebration of the Ascension of our Lord occurs distinctively this year, when the two most detailed descriptions of the event, both written by Luke the evangelist, are brought together in today's readings. We hear both the concluding verses from Luke's Gospel, the first volume of his work, and the first verses of Acts, his second volume. For Luke, the Ascension is the hinge of his two-volume work. The evangelist apparently thought the story of the Ascension was important enough to tell twice. While his first telling emphasizes the meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the second telling shifts to how the community of his followers are commissioned to continue this same ministry. Now the apostles, and by implication all who follow Jesus, will bring healing and hope to a world that desperately needs them. Luke reminds us that we the Church are also summoned by Jesus to participate in his work.

## ABSENCE AND PRESENCE

Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. This is partly because of the mystical features of Luke's two descriptions, and also the lack of description in the other Gospels. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost.

The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now "at the right hand of God," and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity, and holds us accountable.

## WITNESSES

In the descriptions of the Ascension in today's readings, Jesus tells the disciples "You are witnesses" or "you will be my witnesses." The image of witness evokes a legal proceeding, where a person affirms the truth of an event. Sometimes physical evidence, such as a DNA test, serves as witness to the truth. This same word is used again and again in Acts, as the apostles witnessed to the Resurrection, or to the whole story of Jesus. We are called to witness the truth of the Gospel.

We might witness in at least three ways. In dialogue with others, we can speak the witness, by explicitly sharing the biblical story and what it means for us. We can do the witness, by aligning our actions and lifestyle so as to share love for others. We can be the witness, in our fundamental openness and faithful response to God, and in our grace-filled personal presence with others. We are the best evidence of the truths of our faith.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Luke 24:46-53

## Mass Intentions For the Week

### TUESDAY, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
5:15 pm Michael Rosewicz †

### WEDNESDAY, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr  
7:00 am Michael Graue †

### THURSDAY, June 2

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
7:00 am Fr. Colby J. Elbert

### FRIDAY, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs  
7:00 am Deacon Thomas M. Brewer †

### SATURDAY, June 4

4:30 pm Fr. J. Fergus Monaghan

### SUNDAY, June 5

8:00 am Lee & Martina Lawrence †  
10:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;  
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

## OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut:  
when swimming and when angry.

—Anonymous

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## This Week in Our Parish

### MONDAY, May 30

Parish Office Closed

### THURSDAY, June 2

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)



## Prayer For All The Faithful Departed

O God,  
the Creator and Redeemer  
of all the faithful,  
grant to the souls  
of they servants departed  
the remission of all their sins;  
that through pious supplications  
they may obtain the pardon  
which they have always desired  
who lives and reigns  
world without end.  
Amen

## May Income Report

May Income	Week 3 (14th-20th)	May Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	29,002.00	70,083.34	Needed 5,528.84
Plate	227.00	666.67	Needed 13.67
Maintenance Estimated	2,278.14	3,000.00	Needed 759.36
Utilities Estimated	3,075.00	4,100.00	Needed 1,025.00

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Please remember in prayer the families of Michael Graue (son of Dick Graue) and Henry Schluter (father of Maria Timpe) who recently returned to the Lord. May they rest in God's everlasting peace.

## *Please Pray For...*

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## March and April Report

Cases 117  
 Persons Served 222  
 Volunteer Hours Served 291

### Assistance Given

Types of assistance given:

Rent / Lodging— (48) \$8,218.00

Utilities— (29) \$4,722.94

Public Transportation— (24) \$647.64

Medical/RX— (4) \$222.70

Auto Upkeep (2) \$223.45

Services/Documents—(15) \$321.00

Household Upkeep (1) \$157.00

**TOTAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN—\$14,512.73**

### Donation Totals:

Pink Envelopes— (95) \$10,005.25

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Other—(1) \$5,343.25

**TOTAL INCOME—\$15,481.83**

March and April were very active months, both in terms of income and assistance provided by the Society. Requests for assistance with utilities were up, along with requests for assistance with rent and lodging. We've seen a steady increase in requests for help in admitting people to several half-way houses in the area (which we classify as lodging assistance), which addresses both homelessness and substance abuse issues.

The Society is so grateful for the generous support we receive from our donors. There are very few agencies in the area which provide the kinds of assistance we make available for our clients, and several of those have been experiencing funding shortages recently. However, our Society is very fortunate to have such caring supporters allowing us to provide continued assistance to those in need. Your gracious assistance to the Society is the key to our being able to carry out the charge given to us by Jesus... "As you do this for the least of My people, you do it for Me."

## For Your Information...

June 6-10 is the Annual Priests Retreat. During that week no priest will be available. In case of an emergency, call Stephanie. Mass will not be scheduled that week. Adoration on Thursday will be opened by Stephanie around 8:00 am.

## This Weekend's Ministry Schedule *May 28 – 29*

### 4:30 pm Mass

#### Altar Servers

*Volunteer  
Volunteer*

#### Eucharistic Minister

*Jim Kastler  
Linda Mobley*

#### Lector

*Charlene Campbell  
Ivan Johnson*

#### Usher

*Denis Desmond  
Michael Teeter  
Sy Werner  
Volunteer*

#### Guitarist

*Terry Guinn*

#### Cantor

*Terry Guinn*

### 8:00 am Mass

#### Altar Servers

*Volunteer  
Volunteer*

#### Eucharistic Minister

*Russ Kennedy  
Patty Wheeler*

#### Lector

*Bob Schroer  
Volunteer*

#### Usher

*Chuck Crandon  
Martin O'Toole  
Fred Wheeler  
Volunteer*

#### Organist

*Ben Borgmeyer*

#### Cantor

*Jill Stamps*

### 10:00 am Mass

#### Altar Servers

*Edie Nolan  
Kayden Williams*

#### Eucharistic Minister

*Chris Perrey  
Volunteer*

#### Lector

*Betty Houser  
Donna Londo*

#### Usher

*Pam Black  
Warren Black  
Andy Ostmeyer  
Volunteer*

#### Organist

*Ben Borgmeyer*

#### Cantor

*Mary Castleberry*

**NOTE:** Eucharistic Ministers hand sanitize and wear a mask if you believe it necessary.

## Totus Tuus

is coming to St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Carthage, June 19 to 24th

### 1. What is Totus Tuus?

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for *Totally Yours*) was the papal motto for Pope St. John Paul II who dedicated his life totally to Jesus Christ through Mary. Totus Tuus is also the name of our *fun faith filled* summer youth program for all children in elementary, middle school, and high school. The week long program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, music, activities, Eucharistic worship, and more. Not only will the youth learn more about their Catholic faith but they will return home excited to live it and share it!

## 2. How is Totus Tuus Structured?

The TOTUS TUUS **Grade School Program** is designed for children **entering first through sixth grades** in the upcoming school year. The children will meet Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24, from 8:30 am to 2 pm each day. Four college age young adults and seminarians are hired and trained by our diocese to come to our parish as a missionary team. They will lead times of instruction in the faith, music, and fun activities, as well as participate in Mass (each day at 10:45 am) and Adoration (Thursday 1-2 pm). Through their enthusiastic example of love for Jesus Christ and the Church, the missionaries inspire the young participants to seek a closer relationship with Christ as well.

The same four missionaries offer an **evening program for junior and senior high school youth who will be entering the 7th through 12th grades** in the upcoming school year. These grade levels meet each night Sunday, June 19th, through Thursday, June 23, from 7:00-9:15 pm. The missionaries will be sharing their own witness of faith with the youth as well as leading a time of instruction, small group discussions, prayer, fellowship, and fun. This is a great opportunity for teens to encounter older peers who are on fire for their faith!

For more information, or to register, please contact Heidi Gilligan 417-388-2365 or Heidi.gilligan@sbcglobal.net or <https://dioscg.org/totustuus/>



## RECRUITMENT AND REFRESHER FOR USHER /GREETERS

The First Step in Welcoming is a Smile and an Open Door.

As St. Mary's becomes a Welcoming Parish after the pandemic, we need to resume and improve our Usher/Greeter Ministry.

We will have a RECRUITMENT/ REFRESHER Ministry session for all current and potential Usher/Greeters. This is an excellent entry level ministry for any Parishioner, High School Age or above interested in increasing their faith life and involvement in our parish family.

We will have a brief meeting after each of the Masses the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to go over: the basic functions; proper attire; time to arrive; passing the collection basket; location of the emergency Alert Button and Key to the School Storm Shelter; and any other questions that come up. We want to recruit you for the Mass you usually go to.

## St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes

### May 17, 2022

**Present:** Father Joe, Kristy Buccieri, Patty Wheeler, Karen Long, Jim Mobley, Wayne Wilmes, Tracy Borgmeyer, Rick Metsker, Scott Lone, and Margie Black. Stephanie Elbert recorded the minutes.

**Absent:** Denis Desmond and Steve Williams

The meeting began with a prayer led by Margie Black

The Council recited the Parish Mission Statement

The March 15, 2022 Minutes were approved as written.

#### **Finance Report:**

Denis Desmond wasn't at the meeting to present the financial report. He sent a summary sheet for March and April. Council members read through it. The following was noted: March collections were below budget by \$3,743; March expenses were below budget by \$4,663; April collections were below budget by \$11,738; April expenses were \$4,757 below budget; due to anticipated budgeted deficits for May and June it will be necessary to transfer \$10,000 to \$20,000 from the Vision account to the general checking account. Also worth noting, \$13,092 was collected for Ukraine.

#### **Ministry Committee Reports:**

Men's Bible Study The men are studying the Gospel of Luke.

Women's Bible Study The women are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Both study groups meet on Monday morning and evening.

PCCW Patty Wheeler presented this report. Since the March 15 parish council meeting: Three PCCW members attended the Diocesan Spring Assembly in Cape Girardeau. They presented a \$200 check to the Mother's House in Hayti to help mothers with young children in need. About 60 people attended the PCCW Lenten Soup and Bread Supper with a member leading the Stations of the Cross afterward. PCCW donated \$250 to the JACS auction. Thirty-eight ladies attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon. Annette Thurston from Ronald McDonald House Charities was the guest speaker. A check was presented to her in the amount of \$300. The First Communicants were presented with gifts from the PCCW. Upcoming events include a Memorial Mass for the deceased women of the parish since May 2021 with a small reception to follow, and The Family Sock Hop on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. Prizes, food, music, and fun is on the agenda.

**Parish Council Nominations and Elections:** Several people were asked to consider being on the Council, unfortunately, no one was interested. Currently there are 11 members. According to the Parish Council By-Laws the Council shall be composed of nine members. Fr. Joe commented that if a couple of members needed to go off the Council, they could step down.

Patty made the suggestion that a representative from a different group or organization be invited to a Council meeting each month to share what they have been doing and what their plans are for the future.

**Pastor's Time:** Bishop Rice would like to have a Vocation Team in every parish to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and consecrated marriage. The team will be led by a parishioner. Council members agreed that the team would benefit by having a male leader. A couple of names were mentioned. Tracy Borgmeyer volunteered to meet with Father Joe to further discuss the new program.

Bishop Rice will be here on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to preside at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Diocesan Endowment Fund. A meal will follow which will be catered by Club 609.

Father Joe would like to have a Healing Mass on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. He feels there is a level of cynicism in the world, largely stemming from the internet and social media, that pulls people away from God. There are a number of issues that have contributed to a decline in attendance at Mass on the weekend. Some may have had a negative experience at a Church. Some may have gotten out of their routine due to the pandemic. Some have other priorities. We need to work at spiritually moving ourselves and those around us. We need to work on community and bringing people back to church. We need to learn more about the Holy Spirit who is always with us. Some of these observations were discussed at the Synod meeting on May 3, 2022. PCCW will provide refreshments following the Mass

Patty Wheeler summarized the notes from the Synod meeting. A report will be sent to the diocese, who will then send a report to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The USCCB will send a summary to Rome.

Father announced that he is planning to have knee surgery in August.

Kristy Buccieri closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next Council meeting will be September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm



## **FAMILY SOCK HOP**

***Saturday, June 11, 2022 ... 6pm-9pm***

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### Summer Fun 2022

St. Mary's summer school is always a big hit, and this year's classes are going to be fun and enriching experiences for any area child who is entering Advanced Learners (3 yrs. old preschool) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Many of our classes are filling up, and we don't want your child to miss out on the fun! Class size is limited to 16 students for most classes, and classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Your enrollment form and \$15 registration fee will hold your child's spot. Please reach out to the school office at (417) 623-1465 or to Joanne Lown at [jlown@jacss.org](mailto:jlown@jacss.org) if you have any questions or need more information.

### JACS Auction

Thank you to everyone who helped make Derby 2022, our Annual Auction event this year, a great success! There are a few donations still coming in and the event's totals will be announced soon.

To help with planning for the 2023 Auction we are asking that you complete this **brief survey** (<https://www.jacss.org/news/jacs-auction-survey/>) so we can continue to improve the auction each year. Thank you for completing the survey and thank you for your continued support of our school!

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-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am

Tuesday—5:15 pm

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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents are to be registered in the Parish. Call for an appointment and visit. Preparation classes are required. Schedule will be given at appointment time.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Arrange for a date at the Parish Office at least 8 months prior to your wedding. All diocesan regulations must be fulfilled.

**RCIA:** For adults inquiring into the Catholic faith, to learn more about being Catholic, or interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Those that are preparing for surgery, suffer from a chronic illness, an addiction, or the effects of aging may receive this Sacrament by calling the Parish Office.

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All bulletin articles must be e-mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office by Noon on Monday for the following weekend's issue. Holidays subject to longer lead times.

Please e-mail bulletin articles to:

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### Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. ALL ADULTS, 18 YEARS OLD AND NO LONGER IN SCHOOL, MUST REGISTER IN THEIR OWN NAME.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ # in FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

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New Phone

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