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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 16, 2021
Ascension of the Lord (B)
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13
Mk 16:15–20

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven "up there" along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today's readings also say that Jesus is seated at God's right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

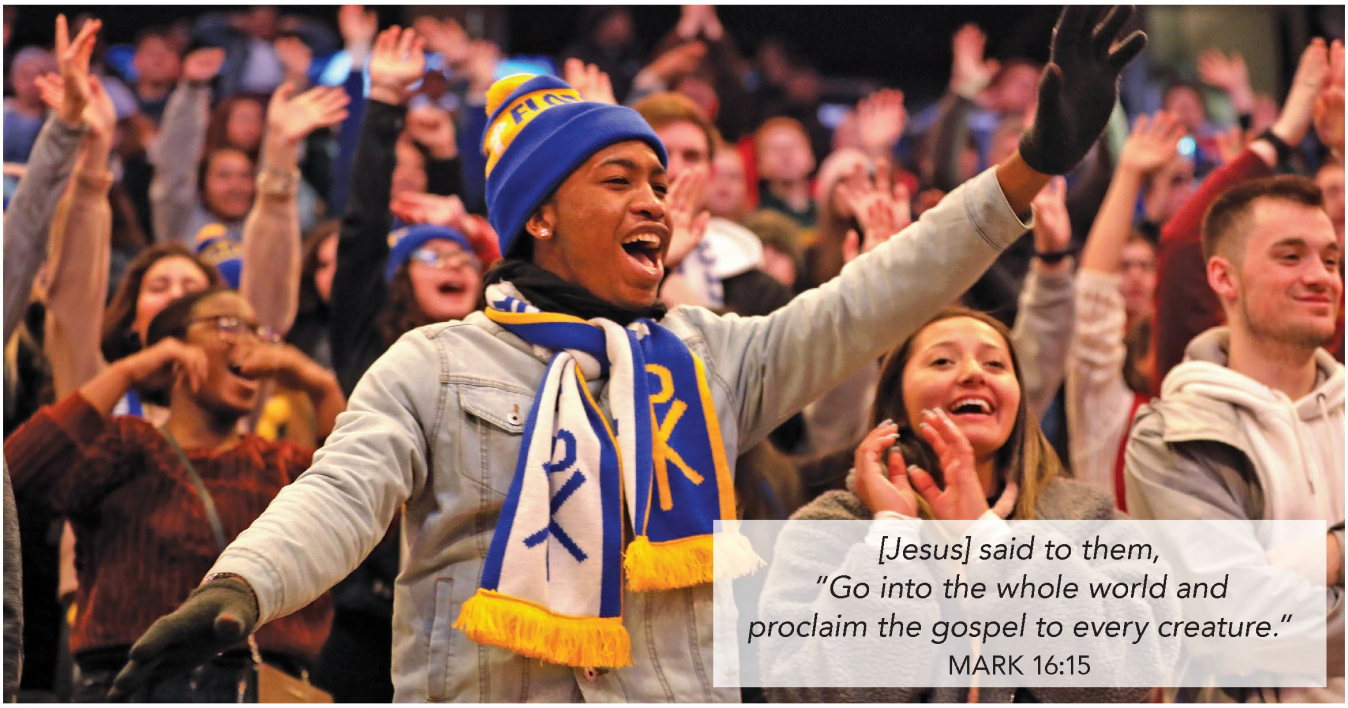
Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary's right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God's right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. "Throne" suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus' ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth's space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: "To be a witness…means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist." Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Thank God for people in your life who mirror God's generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.*
- *Think about ways you might mirror God's goodness to others.*



[Jesus] said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."
MARK 16:15

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St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish exist to nurture an intentional faith-filled Catholic Community which inspires and empowers all people to follow Jesus Christ. We will continue to "Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) by living the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments with meaningful worship, and calling one another to prayer, Christian Service, and fellowship rooted in the living tradition of a rich German-Catholic heritage.

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(closed Thursday; Friday)
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-1-4 p.m.
by appointment only
Closed Holy Days and Observed Holidays
All times Central Time

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY If you are in need of a priest due to severe illness or death at anytime, call the switchboard at the Archabbey, **(812) 357-6611.** Please leave a message with the attendant, including your contact information. Father Anthony will be contacted and will follow up as soon as possible.

PRAYER REQUEST

Make a prayer request, personal petition or add to the Prayer Wall.

(812) 357-5533 x123
www.sbcatholic.church/pray
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

SANCTUARY LAMPS
MAY 16, 2021
+Paul Cox
St. Boniface Parish
+Claude VanHoosier
St. Meinrad Parish

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

BAPTISM Parents are encouraged to contact the parish office before their child is born. Two sacrament preparation sessions are required for parents and godparents, a minimum of two months before the sacrament is celebrated. Complete online registration before the initial meeting.
www.sbcatholic.church/baptism
www.smcatholic.church/baptism

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are to contact the parish office a minimum of six months before the proposed wedding date to reserve the church and other parish spaces and to request an initial meeting with the pastor. Complete ***Getting Married? Start Here!*** online registration before the initial meeting.
www.sbcatholic.church/marriage
www.smcatholic.church/marriage

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Registered parishioners desiring to receive a blessing for significant marriage anniversaries at Mass contact the parish office a minimum of three months in advance at info@myparishfamily.church

MAINTENANCE REQUEST If you find a location or facility that needs attention, repair, have a safety concern, or items restocked, please notify a facilities & grounds coordinator by completing an online form.
www.sbcatholic.church/maintenance
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER
POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION
May 2021
THE WORLD OF FINANCE

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

SICK AND INFIRM

Joseph S, Chester S, Father John, OSB, Xyla A, Gene V, Walter T, Mary Ann T, Elizabeth "Betty" T, Frank R, Carole Lee S, Steve H, Ron B, Randy M, Robin H, Vernita D, Cash W, Ruth W, Chris S, Chris B, Mary D, Ruth W, Nicole, James M, Carl H, Gene H, JoAnn F, Don M, Philip M, Bo H, Steve K, Larry P, Dennis M, Joe M

IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne Logsdon, Timothy W. Fischer, Steve C. Boehman, Brother Angelo Vitale, OSB, Benjamin L. Werner, Sister Theresita Schenk, OSB, Joyce Eileen (Bradley) Gravatte, Joyce Ann (Aders) Murphy, Dennis Herman Kerstiens, Virginia "Jinny" Rosina (Werne) Aders, Donald "Don" Wayne Muth, Joseph Michael 'Joe' Daugherty, Alice A. (Buechlein) Niehaus, Alvera Graman *SPECIAL INTENTIONS*

For the sick, infirm and homebound members of our parish family and community; members of our parish family who are in the care of others; and for the names, prayers, and petitions written in our parish books of prayer and petition and received through our home page prayer request portal —for families caring for loved ones who are sick and infirm, for 2020-2021 high school and college graduates, for an adolescent in need of peace and self-esteem, for God's care, comfort, and protection of the sick, suffering, isolated and quarantined in our parish family; for young parents and their pain; the unemployed and underemployed and individuals who do not or cannot earn a just wage; for the protection of the unborn.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY: *ministries, programs and activities*

AS WE MOVE BACK TO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF MASS WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVESTREAM THE DAILY SCHEDULE OF MASSES.
www.sbcatholic.church/live | www.smcatholic.church/live
Ideally, the Mass is digitally cast "live" in real-time, as it is celebrated. Not all Masses and other sacred liturgies are livestreaming and recording for later viewing.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES
www.sbcatholic.church/mass-times
www.smcatholic.church/mass-times

SATURDAY, MAY 15			
11:00 a.m.	**SMC**	Graveside Service: Timothy Wayne Fischer	St. Meinrad Parish Cemetery
1:00 p.m.	**PO**	Formation Session: Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H
3:00 p.m.	**FSC**	The Fulda Sportsman Club will hold their annual fundraiser selling BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinners beginning at 3:00 p.m. Drive-thru service only. Dinners include ½ chicken or 2 pork chops, creek fries, baked beans, and slaw for $10 each.	
3:15 p.m.	**SB**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in confessional located at the south entrance of church)	
3:35 p.m.	**SB**	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
4:00 p.m.	**SB**	**Mass +Vivian Flynn**	
SUNDAY, MAY 16		**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**	
6:00 a.m.	**SB**	**Mass *Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"***	
8:00 a.m.	**SM**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in Room 1 - glass chapel located in southeast corner of church)	
8:05 a.m.	**SM**	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
8:30 a.m.	**SM**	**Mass +Virlee Zoglman**	
10:00 a.m.	**PO**	Formation Session: Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H
MONDAY, MAY 17			
4:15 p.m.	**SB**	**Mass +Marilyn Haefling**	
5:30 p.m.	**PC**	Cub Scouts - Crossover Ceremony	Parish Center: Room 001-004 102, 103, 104, 106
6:00 p.m.	**CBH**	Boy Scouts	Camp Black Hawk
6:00 p.m.	**PC**	Pastoral Council	Parish Center: Room 105
TUESDAY, MAY 18			
7:15 a.m.	**SM**	**Mass +John Wilson**	
8:30 a.m.	**SM**	Staff Meeting (Office Staff and Coordinators)	
12:00 a.m.		Tell City Deanery Monthly Meeting of Priests	St. Isidore the Farmer Parish
5:30 p.m.	**PC**	Girl Scouts	Parish Center: Room 103, 106
6:00 p.m.	**PC**	Service and Outreach Commission	Parish Center: Room 105
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19			
7:15 a.m.	**SB**	**Mass +Elmer Daming; +Marjorie Daming; +Josephine Daming (Anniversary of Deaths)**	
8:00 a.m.	**SB**	Church reserved for liturgical music practice until 10 a.m.—with the exception of Bereavement Ministries	
3:15 p.m.	**SM**	Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Hour for Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
3:30 p.m.	**SM**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in Room 1 - glass chapel located in southeast corner of church)	
4:05 p.m.	**SM**	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concludes with Benediction	
4:15 p.m.	**SM**	**Mass +Frank and +Aurelia Ruxer**	
5:30 p.m.	**SM**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in Room 1 - glass chapel located in southeast corner of church)	
6: 00 p.m.	**PO**	Formation Session: Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room G
THURSDAY, MAY 20		*PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, HOLY DAYS AND OBSERVED HOLIDAYS*	
9:00 a.m.	**SM**	Church reserved for cleaning and sanitizing until 11 a.m.—with the exception of Bereavement Ministries	
9:30 a.m.	**SHM**	**Mass** (Due to COVID-19, area care centers will not have guests for Mass until further notice.)	Scenic Hills at the Monastery
6:00 p.m.	**SM**	Church reserved for liturgical music practice until 9 p.m.	
6:00 p.m.	**PC**	Fulda 4-H Club: Club Meeting	Shelter House
FRIDAY, MAY 21		*PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, HOLY DAYS AND OBSERVED HOLIDAYS*	
7:15 a.m.	**SM**	**Mass +Kenny Aders**	
SATURDAY, MAY 22			
1:00 p.m.	**PO**	Formation Session: Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H
3:15 p.m.	**SB**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in confessional located at the south entrance of church)	
3:35 p.m.	**SB**	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
4:00 p.m.	**SB**	**Mass *Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"***	
SUNDAY, MAY 23		**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	
6:00 a.m.	**SB**	**Mass +Nina Mullis**	
8:00 a.m.	**SM**	Confession (sacrament celebrated in Room 1 - glass chapel located in southeast corner of church)	
8:05 a.m.	**SM**	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
8:30 a.m.	**SM**	**Mass +Richard Zoglman (Anniversary of Birth)**	
10:00 a.m.	**PO**	Formation Session: Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H

REMINDER

The deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to submit news and information to be featured in an upcoming edition of the weekly bulletin, "One Family In Faith," and request the creation of website listings and Flocknote messages promoting parish ministries, programs and activities. Send information to www.sbcatholic.church/info | www.smcatholic.church/info. The printing schedule for the paper edition is Wednesday.

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The Ascension of the Lord* • May 16, 2021

Sunday Gospel: Mark 16:15–20

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he asked us to do something. He wants us to share the Good News—he was born, lived, died, and rose again to save us from our sins. We call this the *Paschal Mystery*. Jesus wants us to tell and show others how much he loves them.

Visit **www.usccb.org/bible/readings** to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Notice when the priest or deacon lifts the Book of the Gospels before he proclaims the Gospel. Remember, God is present to us through the inspired words of the Gospel.

Question of the Week

How can you proclaim the Gospel to others?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to spend time reading your Word in the Bible. Strengthen us to share it with others. Amen.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Antes de que Jesús ascendiera al cielo, nos pidió hacer algo. Él quiere que compartamos la Buena Nueva, es decir, que él nació, vivió, murió y resucitó para salvarnos de nuestros pecados. A esto le llamamos el *Misterio Pascual*. Jesús quiere que les digamos y mostremos a los demás lo mucho que él los ama.

Visita **www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas** para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la iglesia

Noten el momento en el que el sacerdote o diácono levanta el Libro de los Evangelios antes de proclamar el Evangelio. Recuerden, Dios está presente mediante las palabras del Evangelio.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes compartir el Evangelio con tus familiares y conocidos?

Oración en familia

Señor Jesús, ayúdanos a comunicar el Evangelio en nuestras acciones y nuestras palabras. Amén.

*The Archdioceses of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, Philadelphia celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 13. If you live in one of these locations, go to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

MAY 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

Today, we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord!

On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

Today's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Help our local communications projects! Fifty percent of funds raised stay here in the diocese. The other fifty percent support projects across the US and in developing countries. #1church1mission

Solidarity with Seafarers as Key Essential Workers

Each year, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT) launches a campaign to raise awareness of forced labor in the fishing industry. This year, due to the global pandemic, a new humanitarian crisis has emerged that is severely impacting all men and women who work at sea. Thus in 2021, CCOAHT - together with Stella Maris and the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA) - are urging Catholics and all people of good will to pay witness to the life of the seafarer and to leverage their voices as community members and consumers to uphold the safety and labor rights of one of the world's most invisible group of essential workers.

Join us in urging Walmart to acknowledge their reliance on seafarers for the healthy functioning of their business model, and to show concern for seafarers' wellbeing by signing the Neptune Declaration.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: *celebrating the sacraments and serving one another*

KEY:	[1] Thursday Afternoon Assemble Bulletins for Distribution and Postal Delivery	[2] Saturday Morning Replace Sanctuary Lamp with Assigned Luminary	[3]		[4]	[5] Close South Interior Door during Opening Hymn (SM)	[6] Record Mass Count sbcatholic.church/record | smcatholic.church/record
		May 16, 2021				**May 23, 2021**	
Floral Arrangements in Sanctuary							
Seasonal Arrangements in Sanctuary							
Plants throughout the Church							
Funeral Floral Arrangements to Care Centers							
Prepare Bulletins[1]							
Bulletins to Sacristy							
Bulletins to Care Centers							
Sanctuary Lamp[2]							
	4:00 p.m.	**6:00 a.m.**	**8:30 a.m.**		**4:00 p.m.**	**6:00 a.m.**	**8:30 a.m.**
Porter[3]							
Pre-Mass Sacristan							
Sacristan for Mass							
Livestream[4]							
Rosary							
Cantor/Ensemble							
Organist/ Accompanist							
Hospitality							
Hospitality							
Usher for Seating[5]							
Usher for Seating							
Principal Celebrant	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB		Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB	Father Anthony, OSB
Concelebrant							
Deacon							
Acolyte of the Altar[6]							
Acolyte of the Word							
Crucifer							
Candle Bearer							
Candle Bearer							
Proclamation of the Word (R1)							
Proclamation of the Word (R2)							
Proclamation of the Word (PF)							
EMHC							
EMHC (Loft)							
Sacristan (Post-Mass)							
Check Pews, Straighten Missalettes, Lift Kneelers							
Sanitize							

PADRE'S POST
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Fifty days have passed since the Lord's Resurrection. In today's gospel, Jesus makes his disciples, now apostles to preach the gospel, the good news. In this great commissioning, Jesus promises them special signs for their protection while ministering here on earth. He charged them with going into the whole world to proclaim the gospel to every creature. With incredible gifts comes great responsibility.

I can remember years ago when my pastor proclaimed this gospel. It was the Solemnity of the Ascension. It was like it was yesterday sitting in the pew that my family often frequented. After the priest proclaimed the gospel, a dramatic pause, seemingly 10 or 15 seconds, eternity to a young teen: the paschal candle extinguished. The pillar of fire that had been burning since Easter morning is now gone. I believe I was in junior high at the time. I remember hearing the phrase "to every creature." It was striking me in a way that it had not before. I remember thinking to myself, how in the world would one do such a thing. Every creature, an impossible task, I thought to myself. I had thoughts as early as in the third grade of becoming a priest. I, a pragmatic realist, was already stressing how anyone might complete this impossible task in a single lifetime.

Yet, as time has gone on, the Lord provided. So I would discover the gift of hospitality and, in later years, the Rule of St. Benedict or, as we monks would say, the Holy Rule. The way we encounter people through the gift of hospitality is a language unto itself. Our care for others, the earth, nature defined through its seasons, the way we care for ourselves can indeed fulfill what Jesus had charged his disciples to do in his name moments before the Church was born at Pentecost. As Jesus was taken up into heaven, taking his seat at the right hand of God, he reminded his beloved apostles just precisely what they were to do next. The task to share the good news in word and in deed wherever you find yourself. A tremendous responsibility and privilege at best. So, we do know our call, our vocation as a Christian, no matter the decade, century, or millennia.

As Saint Paul once shared with the Ephesians in chapter 4 of his letter, "we are to hope in God, who is our strength. And with Christ as our head, we his people will receive the gift of wisdom and insight."

In the first chapter of Acts of the Apostles, Luke reminds the community in Acts what they have seen with their own eyes. This recounting is an essential fact for us today; he recounts what has happened. It was not a dream. It happened. Through Christ's passion, death and resurrection, what he did while on earth in the days after his resurrection is what in the end gives credence to what he spoke. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles. As he made this promise, he ascended into heaven. What a sight to see! The man crucified rose from the dead, living among them, before their own eyes, now ascending to where our human nature had desired to be from the beginning. How we make this desire a reality, we live as Christ called us to live in unity with him and in him through the Church. So, the next time you find yourself searching for an Unknown or Unseen God, or in vain trying to see Christ in your own genius or art or the genius of another's own creation take some well-deserved time to open the Bible and reread the first four chapters of the Act of the Apostles. God was able to open the hearts of the first disciples humbly. Why would you presume that your sin, story, suffering, or glory is so unique that God can not relate to you? As Luke writes in Acts, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons that the Father has established by his own authority."

We are not to know about the times and seasons. This message may be a hard reality to come to know and accept. For some, a battle until taking their last breath allotted for their precious earth-centered life. In faith we live with the times and seasons of our lives and by the Holy Spirit renewed in Christ through the Church. I pray that the days ahead are life-giving for you and that you may have the courage to share the gift of faith to all the world by the way you choose to live. We can help build the kingdom or tear it down. Be open to the Spirit's presence in your life. One way you can encounter Christ is through the ministry of hospitality. See what you can discover for yourself when Christ is working in and through you in the gift of the Holy Spirit. God bless your week, and I look forward to celebrating Pentecost Sunday. Come Holy Spirit, Come.

PAX - Fr. Anthony, OSB.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Father John's health continues to be a challenge for him. On Thursday, April 29, Archabbot Kurt shared with the monastic community that Father John had fallen in his cell twice on Wednesday. From those falls, he is experiencing some pain in his leg and shoulder with some dizziness. He was admitted into the monastery infirmary for observation. This week moved to Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center in Jasper for further observation with hopes for a concrete plan for care and recovery. Thursday, May 13, is his birthday. Cards and well wishes: **Father John McMullen, OSB, 400 West Pleasant View Drive, Jasper, IN 47546-1546**. At this time, no visitors, please.

KEYS MISSING! $300 CASH REWARD

Thanks to parishioners and neighbors who shared information with me about the incident during the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 25. It was brought to my attention by three individuals present for Mass on Sunday, April 18, that an individual entered the north sacristy shortly after the offertory and exited again through the north entrance. The three people independently provided the exact description of the individual entering the sacristy. The individual is between 5'8" and 5'10", thin build. On both occasions, the Caucasian individual was wearing dark pants and a grey or light blue hooded sweatshirt. The tightened hood exposed rust or copper hair along the face line. The individual was not working alone. After reviewing video surveillance, three individuals were seen waited at the PSC substation as early as 8:50 a.m. Two individuals approached the church property between the Lutz and Ippoliti residences. They quickly crossed the street, making their way along the north side of the parish office through the carport area. They wait for a cue while standing in the corridor between the office and the church. Both individuals were wearing hooded sweatshirts. A single individual entered the vestibule of the church, accessing the north sacristy shortly after 9:00 a.m. The assigned Eucharistic Minister, going to the sacristy to sanitize for the Communion Rite, noted that the door at the top of the steps leading to the sacristy was closed. Before Mass begins, the sacristan routinely props the sacristy door open, with the doorstop in the down position.

I ask that you share this information with your family and neighbors throughout the town of St. Meinrad. If you were outside your home on Indiana 62 and can recall a caravan of antique cars traveling eastbound shortly after 9:00 a.m. on April 25 you would have seen these individuals loitering for over 20 minutes near the substation. After two of these individuals sprinted from the parish property returning to the substation they headed west on 62. I do not know if they were traveling on foot or by vehicle.

I as reported, the safe in the sacristy is locked during Mass as protocol. After further inspection, there are three deep scratch marks on or near the safe. One red empty zipper money bag sitting on the counter in the center of the sacristy to be used when collecting the votive candle offering is missing. Also missing is a round gold pyx about 1" tall with a hinged lid used to transport the consecrated host to the choir loft. I am still missing personal items that were in the right pocket of my parka including my vehicle key and an heirloom item attached to the ring clearly marked with my name and "if found" contact information.

Before I move forward with this information, did you or anyone you know see anything out of the ordinary between 8:50 and 9:12 a.m. on April 18 or April 25? If you know anything about this situation, please contact me directly at the parish office (812) 357-5533 or the Spencer County Sheriff's Department (812) 649-2286. The items may be mailed to the parish office at PO Box 8 or deposited through the after hours mail slot located at the east door of the parish office. A cash reward of $300 with an in-person return of items. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Please join me in praying for a practical and peaceful solution to this situation. PAX - fa

Weekly Bible Reflection on Stewardship for the ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - *1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *local church and local community*

Parish Leadership

Cub Scouts
Mike Gudorf

Boy Scouts
Scott Gries

Girl Scouts
Kathy Seckinger

Summer Picnic

Fall Picnic
Nancy Graman

Ladies Sodality (SB)
Brenda Kleiser

Men's Society (SB)
Jim Gogel

Ladies Sodality (SM)
Cindy Sitzman

Knights of Columbus #5599 (SM)
Rodney Vaal

AREAWIDE YARD SALES MAY 14 –15

The annual areawide yard sale days for Fulda and St. Meinrad, located in Spencer County, Indiana, are scheduled May 14-15, 2021. During the time of areawide yard sales, no permit is required. Registration has begun, and participants may contact Caroline Mullis before noon on Wednesday, May 12, to be included on the list and to receive a complementary map. Maps will be available at the Village Hut in Fulda and through the parish website. In the search box at the top of the homepage, type Yard Sales, after Wednesday. For more information about the areawide yard sale days contact Caroline Mullis at (812) 357-2152. All times are Central Time.

BBQ CHICKEN AND PORK CHOP DINNERS AVAILABLE MAY 15

The Fulda Sportsman Club will hold their annual fundraiser selling BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinners on Saturday, May 15, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in Fulda, Indiana. The proceeds benefit the care and maintenance of the Fulda Sportsman Club. Drive-thru service only. Dinners include ½ chicken or 2 pork chops, creek fries, baked beans, and slaw for $10 each. For more information, contact club representative Jackie Deom at 812-357-5139. All times are Central Time.

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MAY 6 - 12, 2021

ST. BONIFACE PARISH		ST. MEINRAD PARISH
$228	ONLINE GIVING	$1,308
$1,195	OFFERTORY	$1,197
	FY 2020-2021	
175	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	221
426	# OF SOULS	463
	MASS COUNTS	
IN-PERSON	MAY 9, 2021	LIVESTREAM
52	4:00 p.m.	12
50	6:00 a.m.	17
NA	8:30 a.m.	15

May 1 Asian and Pacific Island National Heritage Month Begins
May 1 Foster Care Awareness Month Begins
May 2 Monte Cassino Pilgrimage Talk
Our Lady of Monte Cassino Revisited
May 8 Sacrament of Marriage
Shantai R Rickelman and Aaron M Cochenour
May 9 Mother's Day
May 9 Monte Cassino Pilgrimage Talk
The Bruges Madonna: Another Michelangelo Masterpiece
May 15 Graveside Service: Timothy Wayne Fischer
St. Meinrad Parish Cemetery
May 15 Armed Forces Day
May 16 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 16 Catholic Communications Campaign Collection
May 16 Monte Cassino Pilgrimage Talk
Mary: Our Relatable Mother
May 22 National Maritime Day
May 23 Pentecost Sunday
May 23 Monte Cassino Pilgrimage Talk
She Pondered These Things: Mary's Memories of God's Glories
May 24 World Communication Day
May 30 Monte Cassino Pilgrimage Talk
Mary's Question as Our Question
May 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
May 31 Memorial Day

CEMETERY MOWING

Please remove all decor from the ground around headstones by the last Monday in March, so crews can safely mow and trim around stone bases. Throughout the year cemetery decor is to be attached directly to the monument and not placed in areas obstructing mowing, trimming, and general maintenance. Objects that block general maintenance are regularly removed. Suggestion - use a small dab of silicone to attach items to the elevated base or the headstone.

Thank you for your cooperation!

June 5 Feast Day of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
June 6 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
June 6 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Meinrad Parish for Corpus Christi
June 11 World Day of Prayer for Consecration of Priests
June 16-18 USCCB General Assembly
June 20 Father's Day Blessing at all Masses
June 20 World Refugee Day
June 22-29 Religious Freedom Week

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BETTY JEAN "JEANNE" LOGSDON

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Jean "Jeanne" Logsdon, of Santa Claus, IN. Jeanne died peacefully in the Lord on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in hospice care at Scenic Hills at the Monastery, Ferdinand, IN. Arrangements in care of Boultinghouse Funeral Home, Rockport, IN.

TIMOTHY WAYNE FISCHER

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy Wayne Fischer, formerly of Saint Meinrad, IN. Timothy died peacefully in the Lord on Sunday, November 4, 2019. Graveside service will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021, at St. Meinrad Parish Cemetery. Arrangements in care of Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home in Louisville, KY.

STEVE C. BOEHMAN

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Steve C. Boehman, formerly of Saint Meinrad, IN. Steve died peacefully in the Lord on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Arrangements in care of Beanblossom-Cesar Funeral Home in Corydon, IN.

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, "Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

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We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday
MAY 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday
MAY 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday
MAY 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday
MAY 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday
MAY 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday
MAY 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday
MAY 23
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Gal 5:16–25
Jn 20:19–23
or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
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