



# Ascension of the Lord

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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:30am-2:30pm

## All Are Welcome

### Mission Statement

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, Caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday .....5:30PM  
Sunday ..... 9:00AM  
Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday ..... 8:30AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday  
For private appointment please contact office.

### Baptism

You must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment.

### Religious Education

All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 am.  
[stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacemoneere@gmail.com)

### Marriage

By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, May 28**

5:30 PM †Marie Woods, Req. by Parishioners

### **Sunday, May 29**

9:00 AM **Deceased Members of Mitchell Family,**  
Req by Barbara Mitchell  
†Ronald, Randall, and Florence Mack, Req. by Family

### **Monday, May 30**

8:30 AM **Peace in Ukraine**

### **Wednesday, June 1**

8:30 AM †Roy Vestal, Req. by Short Family

### **Friday, June 3**

8:30 AM †Nicole Vestal, Req. by Short Family

### **Saturday, June 4**

5:30 PM †Jacob Messing, Req. by Family  
†Martin Baragan,  
Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez

### **Sunday, June 5**

9:00 AM **Birthday Intentions of Roberta Bogs,**  
Req. by Bogs-Haser Family

## Liturgical Ministers

### **Sunday, May 29**

#### **Lectors**

5:30 PM Jim Lehnerer  
9:00 AM Erwin Bogs

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 PM Dcn Mark Otten, Debra Ledford, Anita Otten, John Porpora  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Phyllis Huske, Cindy Marden, Paul Przybyla

#### **Altar Servers**

5:30 PM Makenzie Albano, Alison Porpora  
9:00 AM Clara Raftery, Lily Raftery

### **Sunday, June 5**

#### **Lectors**

5:30 PM David Schmidt  
9:00 AM Kathy Short

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 PM John Blazeovich, Camille Dancer, Rene Jurack,  
Christine Semanovich  
9:00 AM Dcn Mark Otten, Donald Domke, Colleen Domke, Anita Otten

#### **Altar Servers**

5:30 PM Makenzie Albano, Alison Porpora  
9:00 AM Sebastian Jaculbe, Athena Jaculbe

## Prayer of the Week

God of tender compassion, you desire that all may be one. By your grace, may we find harmony in diversity and unity in humanity. Grant this and all the prayers we make to you today through your Son, our Risen Lord and Savior.

## Please Pray For

Joy Baker  
Anson Bishop  
Evie Botta  
Maggie DeVires  
Veronica Galen  
Debra Guarascio  
Peggy Kase  
Louise Kopaczewski  
Peter Kramer  
Ruth Langland  
Joane Males  
Carol Nabzdyk  
David Peebles  
Maria Rakocy  
Barry Saidat  
Vicki Schmidt  
Bonnie Slyder  
James Sobczak  
RW  
Elia Zamora  
Ken Zohlfeld

***And the continued safety and well-being of our parishioners, all those sick, and those that go unnamed.***

## From Our Pastor

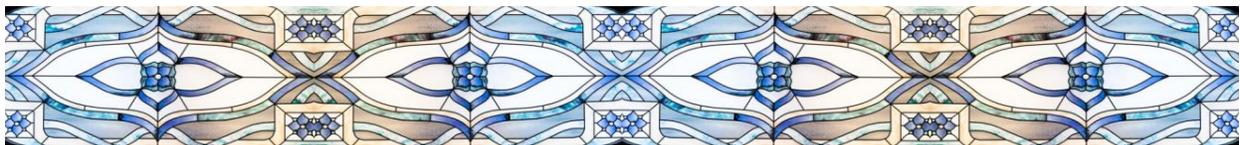


People often ask why God allows evil to exist in our world. The answer may be simple but not always easy to accept. I am thinking of the thousands and thousands of martyrs who faced the atrocity of their persecutors

who were evil and didn't want God to correct them. God didn't save them from the evil that others committed against them rather, he saved them from committing evil, from giving into the pressure and faltering in their faith. This teaches us clearly that what interests Christ most is not our comfort, but our fidelity. He wants us to stay true to our King and his Kingdom, and he will never fail to help us do so. Understanding that this is Christ's priority helps us make sense of a lot of things that happen in life - especially the bad things or things that hurt us. Jesus allows them, precisely because he knows that true happiness comes not through comfort, but through virtue. Jesus knows in the face of suffering we are able to exercise our fidelity. Love shows itself not on the honeymoon, but in the crisis. Jesus knows that suffering can actually become a stimulus to

salvation and holiness - it can open our hearts to the vision of glory, just as it did for those who offered their ultimate sacrifice for God.

I recently read a clever analogy for this. Suffering is like boiling water. It has a different effect on people, depending on how they choose to react. If you put carrots in boiling water, they get soft. That's like the person who has made comfort and pleasure the goal of life. When suffering comes his way, it drains him of all his zest for living. If you put an egg in boiling water, it gets hard. You get a hard-boiled egg. That's what happens to the arrogant and self-centered. When life gets hard, they also get hard. They clench their fists and lose their smile. They become angry and cynical. If you put coffee in boiling water, the water releases the coffee's hidden flavor. It fills the room with a delightful aroma and makes the water delicious. The soul that courageously trusts God in the midst of suffering, clinging to Christ's cross and staying faithful, learns to love like Christ, to be humble, to persevere in what is right. That person's life lets off the aroma of mature joy and is filled with the robust flavor of purpose and wisdom. In this fallen world, we will always have to face suffering. Christ permits it because he wants us to release our full potential.



## Today's Readings

**First Reading**—Acts 7:55–60 Stephen manifests love of Jesus to the end.

**Psalm**—Psalm 97 “The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.”

**Second Reading**—Revelation 22:12–14, 16, 17, 20 Jesus is coming soon.

**Gospel**—John 17:20–26 The Lord prays for us: May we be one, united in the love of Father and Son.

## Saints and Special Observances

29 Sun. World Communications Day

30 Mon. Memorial Day

31 Tue. Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jun. 1 Wed. Memorial of St. Justin

2 Thu. Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter  
Orthodox Ascension (Julian Calendar Ascension)

3 Fri. Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions  
First Friday

4 Sat. First Saturday

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

In the presence of his disciples, Jesus prays to the Father. He prays that all may be one as the Father and Son are one, not just he and his disciples, but also those who will come to believe in the future, so this includes us as well. Conscious of our hope in the Resurrection, we also pray that all may be one. May we be one with our Lord. May we be one with our family members and friends and neighbors, living and deceased. On this Memorial Day weekend, may we also be one with all those who gave their lives in service to our country. Beyond place and time, may we all be one as God is one.

## Reflection:

**Sign and Symbol:** Even parishes that are not celebrating the Ascension today are continuing the celebration on this next-to-last Lord's Day of Easter Time. The paschal candle remains in the sanctuary for the whole Fifty Days. It may be carried to the font in procession at the end of each Mass on Pentecost.

*What can I do for my neighbor to show the love God as for me?*



## Called To Serve

We are all called by Christ to serve one another. We come to church to be refreshed by His word and receive Him, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Why not become an active participant, beyond

being a member? We are in need of altar servers. Men, women, and children can serve at the Lord's table. In addition to the traditional children serving, we would love to have adults, couples, or parents/children participate together. The Holy Spirit is calling you to come closer. Will you answer the call?

A training class will be held June 7th at 6:30pm. Current altar servers should also attend as a refresher for them.

If interested in signing up, forms are available at the back of the church.

Please fill one out and bring it with you to the training class.



## Micro Pantry

A micro pantry is a small box where free food can be donated/taken. If you need some extra help with food supplies or have extra you would like to share you can stop by the pantry located at 698 Burnham Drive in University Park. When donating please remember must be non-perishable and no glass.

Finishing up this week as we are at the end of Easter Time and about to enter Ordinary Time, we focus on what the final apostles endured after Jesus was crucified, and eventually their own death. Thank God they had the courage and fortitude to continue evangelizing, as Jesus asked of them, knowing that not everyone would be open to their message. May we all ask God for these same traits in our own lives. This week: Thomas, Jude, Matthias, and Paul.

**Thomas:** was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the subcontinent.

**Jude:** was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

**Matthias:** the apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned, and then beheaded.

**Paul:** was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero of Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.



## Stewardship Thought

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the Good News of salvation (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 34).

### **Collection Summary • Week of May 22, 2022**

<b>Sunday Offertory</b> .....	\$ 1694.00
<b>Kids Envelopes</b> .....	\$ 2.00

We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to our parish.

***Next week we have a second collection for our Maintenance Fund***

Right in front of his disciples Jesus spoke tenderly to the Father, making the prayer that we hear today. He desperately desires that humanity know the intimacy between Father and Son. “You . . . are in me and I in you,” he says, asking that all may be one (John 17:21). The final words of his prayer—his final words before he walks out to the garden where he will be arrested (remember, this is at the Last Supper)—reveals his goal: “that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them” (17:26). When we love our neighbor in the way that God loves us, we share in that love between Father and Son and we can become one with our Creator and Savior.

## Joyful Again!

Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouses and who want to begin to start to live fully again. This self-help process toward healing is fostered by trained volunteers who have experienced the pain of loss themselves and have moved forward in their healing journey. A 2-day workshop and spiritual retreat will be held June 25-26, 2022 at Saint Julie Billiart Catholic Church / 7399 W. 159th Street/ Tinley Park, IL. More information can be found at: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).



Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day<sup>[1]</sup>) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

## Grandparents Mass

All grandparents are invited to celebrate mass at the diocese’ 2nd Annual Grandparents Mass on July 24th at 2:00pm at St. Raymond’s Cathedral celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Pre-registration is required by July 8th. Call 815-838-5334 or email [famlyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:famlyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org) to register.

### **World Communications Day 2022**

Each year on the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists, the Vatican releases a message from the Holy Father for World Communications Day (also called World Day of Social Communications). The 56th World Communications Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, 2022. This year's theme is "Listening with the ear of the heart".

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