

ST. JAMES

the Greater Catholic Church

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



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Memorial Day Mass

On Monday, May 25, our country will celebrate Memorial Day, honoring our loved ones who have gone before us in faith, in particular remembering the men and women of our military services.

We will celebrate Mass, for all these individuals in the Church. Mass will begin at 9:00 am.

*In God
We Trust*



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 25 @ 9:00 am

**Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am**

**Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm**

**Sunday
8:00 am & 10:30 am**

Confessions

**Wednesday - Friday
7:30 - 7:50 am**

**Saturday
4:00 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment**

St. James Catholic Church Directory

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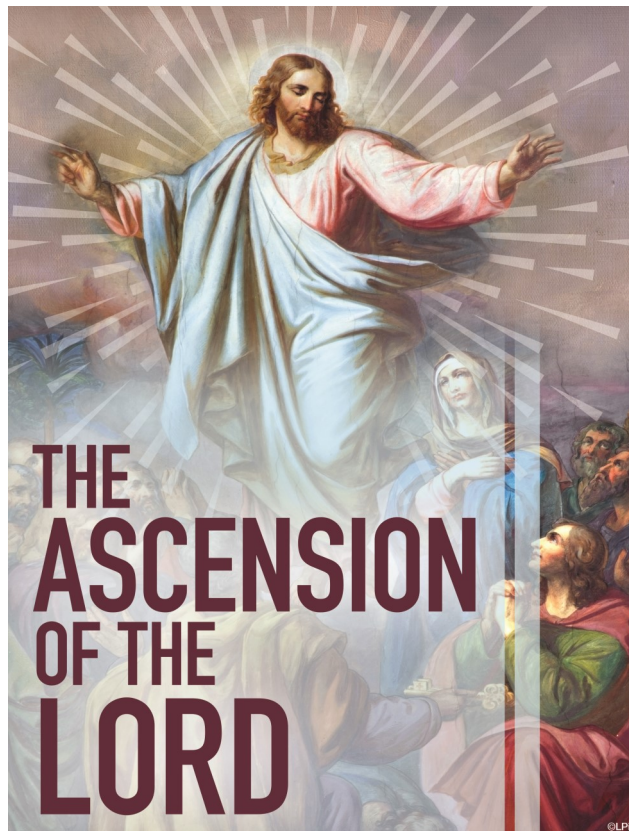
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 25	9:00 am	†Deceased members of St. James Parish
Tuesday, May 26	8:00 am	†Beth Markley by Karl & Theresa Winter
Wednesday, May 27	8:00 am	For the intentions of St. Joseph
Thursday, May 28	8:00 am	For Father Sam Pinkerton by Marie Zipprich
Friday, May 29	8:00 am	For America's Religious Freedoms
Saturday, May 30	5:00 pm	†Jacque Hoefgen by Hoefgen Family
Sunday, May 31	8:00 am	†Kenny Williams by Dan & Sheryl Setter
	10:30 am	People of St. James

Fast Before Communion?

Question: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before Holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume. ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Family

I am looking forward to an empty nest. It isn't that I do not love my children or that I will not miss them. I am simply looking forward to catching up on life. I look forward to times when there is no one else there except for my wife. It will be a time to ourselves that I hope will be time well spent. I look forward to the days when my children will visit (with grandchildren, I hope!). There will be occasions we visit them as well (to see grandchildren, I hope!). The truth is, even though we will not be living in the same house, we will never be too far from one another. We belong to each other no matter what.

That is how it is with family. When we become disciples of Jesus Christ, we belong to him. We are family. Our greatest gift to give is our very selves to one another. Jesus gave all of himself to us. Even though he ascended to his Heavenly Father, he remains with us in love and grace, especially in the Holy Eucharist. He has shown us how to love and how to be family. Even when we cannot see him, Jesus remains with us. Hopefully, we can follow in that example and give of ourselves fully and be there for those we love whenever they need us, especially if they need us to watch the grandchildren. (It is a ways away, but I want to plant the seeds now!)

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Let us pray the Hail Mary for the end of the pandemic.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

Blessed art thou among women and

blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Weekly Tithe (May 17)	\$13,776.93
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Monthly Tithe (March)	\$69,463.71
Needed each month	\$76,937.00
Year-to-date (under)	-(\$56,017.70)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Advisory Committees

Parish Council Chair

Rick Heise 316-644-6905

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Anna Barringer 720-951-1391

**3 EASY STEPS
TO KEEPING YOURSELF
& OTHERS HEALTHY!**



WASH YOUR
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE

Meetings & Events

All activities and events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.



**Church
Cleaning**

Thank You!

St. Elizabeth Guild #3 to clean Church the weekend of May 30/31.

Guild Leaders:

Michelle Poore @ 841-4986 or

Dorothy Plummer @ 775-3866

Liturgy Assignments

Saturday, May 30 5:00 pm

Hospitality: Bob Hirschfeld,
Alan & Susan Schneider, John McEwen

Sunday, May 31 8:00 am

Hospitality: Robert Reid, Harry Funke,
Diana Burress, Jay & Michelle Poore

10:30 am

Hospitality: Joan & Steve Reichardt,
Dustin Razey

The Ascension of the Lord/May 24, 2020 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

RCIA: Candidates & Catechumens

Candidates:

Ashley Evenson
Jason Kolb
Jordan Kolb
Wendy Stambach
Mina Weston
Troy Wilson

Catechumen:

Mina Weston

**Congratulations as they will be welcomed
into full communion with the Catholic
Church on May 31.**

Be Aware

**Please be aware there is texting
&/or email scam going around.**

*It looks like it is from Father John Hay
and says he needs a favor from you, etc.
I am going into a meeting now with
limited phone calls, text me back as
soon as you get this message. Fr. John
N. Hay. IT IS NOT FROM FR. JOHN.*

**PLEASE IGNORE THIS
MESSAGE AND
DO NOT RESPOND**



Red Cross Blood Drive

St. James will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive
on Friday, June 5, 12:00-6:00pm. THE RED CROSS
HAS SPECIFIC GUIDELINES WE WILL BE FOLLOWING WHILE
THE DRIVE IS HERE. If you are interested in helping with the check-in, escorting the
donors or serving the sandwiches at the canteen, please call the church office @
775-2155 or Vickie @ 650-2100 to sign up for a shift.



**Mowing
Church grounds:
May 28 - 30**

Elmer Simon
Dane Pletcher
Rick Heise
Jason Renville
Jeff Goering
James Glowaski

Thank You!

Augusta Community Caring Center

St. James is responsible for the week of May 25, 2020
(Wednesday & Friday)

Wednesday, May 27: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 29: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

*If you are able to work, call
Susan @ 775-7946 or Angie @ 775-3067*

We need two or three volunteers each day from St. James. We could use help from
anyone, older teens, college students or people who may currently not be working as
well as the usual workers! Put on your mask, a full apron if you wish, along with the
gloves we provide and volunteer to help sort donations at the Caring Center. Here is
the scoop as to how this is going to work to keep everyone safe and still have clothing
and household items for those in need: Times for sorting will not be when people
come to shop. THANK YOU to all who can help. You are much appreciated.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are
present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I
desire You in my soul. Since I can
not now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. As though you were already
there, I embrace You and unite
myself wholly to You; permit not
that I should ever be separated
from You.

Amen

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