



The Ascension of the Lord

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATTHEW 28:19

05.24.20

Welcome New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!





Goal: \$32,700 Current Total: \$24,594.50 or 75.21% of our goal.

Holy Family Parish Goal: \$9,900 Current Total: \$4,940.00 or 49.90% of our goal.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME?

Please continue your weekly church contributions if you are able. We have a great online option you can utilize. Go to sjwhf.org and click on the green **DONATE NOW** button. You can also mail your contribution to us. Thank you for remembering your church!

Pentecost - ? or !

As of today, the Bishops of Minnesota have decided to give permission for the public celebration of Masses beginning Tuesday, May 26th. As you may know, this means that we will be able to celebrate Pentecost, the last day of the Easter Season, with a larger portion of our parishioners. No one will be obliged to attend Mass in person; the dispensation from that obligation continues for the foreseeable future.



However, there will be strict protocols for sanitation and social distancing, and a limit on attendance to one-third of each church's seating capacity. Please prayerfully consider whether you should attend; if you do, please cooperate fully with any procedures that are requested.

Last Tuesday the Joint Pastoral Council met and discussed the eventual return to public Masses. A "team" will be formed for each parish composed of parish staff and Council members to assist with implementing this step in opening up our churches. Some have remarked that it is easier to shut things down than to open them up again. We are dealing with issues of sanitizing, proper signage with clear instructions, liturgical music, preparation of items needed for Mass, possibility of overflow arrangements (gym at SJW & parish hall at HF?) and "traffic" flow. Please be patient with us as we begin and cooperate with the directions given. I have never had to deal with this before in my (almost) 38 years as a priest, but we are trying to learn from the knowledge and experience of others who have already begun this process.

Whether you prefer a question mark or an exclamation point in the title of this column is strictly up to you. I respect your perspective on this decision if you question, strongly affirm or have mixed thoughts and feelings about it. My hope and prayer are that we remain united during this process of moving toward full participation again, and this decision not be framed as a political one. The Minnesota Bishops initially placed these restrictions with a heavy heart because of the health concerns we faced and are now modifying them out of concern for our spiritual health and wellbeing. As your pastor, I am looking forward to celebrate this great feast with more of you present because it gives me hope for the future and will enable me to see and celebrate the Eucharist with more of you. If you are not able or do not yet wish to worship publicly, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, especially when I stand at the altar. No, I don't have your photos in the pews, but your faces on my mind and in my heart. Surprise, surprise ... I kind of know where you usually sit in church!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Tim Reken

PARISH OFFICE OPEN - The Parish Office is now open. We ask that you respect the social distancing guidelines when entering our building and please do not visit us if you are at all feeling ill. We also would request that you wear a mask when entering our building. We are still happy to assist you with anything you might need over the phone or via email, contact us at 388-3766 or office@sjwhf.org. Bulletins will always be available online as well as printed copies at the churches. We will continue to update you as we make decisions regarding Mass, please see Fr. Reker's column above for the latest. Thanks!



Intentions & Weekly Readings

Tuesday, May 26: SJW 12:05pm - †Rich Hoelmer Wednesday, May 27: SJW 8:00am - †Doug Tacheny Thursday, May 28: HF 8:30am - †Marvin & Betty Grams Friday, May 29: SJW 12:05pm - †John Keefe Saturday, May 30: Pentecost: SJW 5:00pm - †Robert Meurer Sunday, May 31: Pentecost: HF 8:30am - †Alvina Krebsbach SJW 10:30am - For the Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	Acts 19: 1-8 Ps 68: 2-3ab. 4- 5acd. 6-7ab Jn 16: 29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20: 17-27 Ps 68:10-11.20-21 Jn 17: 1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20: 28-38 Ps 68: 29-30. 33- 35a. 35bc-36ab Jn 17: 11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30 and 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 and 7 Jn 21: 20-25
Sunday:	Gn 11: 1-9 or Ex 19: 3-8a. 16-20b or Ez 37: 1-4 or Jl 3: 1-5/
	Ps 104: 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30/ Rom 8: 22-27/ Jn 7: 37-39.

"LIFE IN THE SPIRIT" VIRTUAL SEMINAR: Dates: May 30th 8:30 AM-Noon & May 31st 3-5 PM. Follow up meeting- June 7th 3-4:30 PM. This online adaptation of a "Life in the Spirit" seminar will awaken the hearts of all those that participate to God's love and transforming power. The seminar uses material from the popular series, The Wild Goose, along with praise, prayer and witness talks. Parishes and all that receive this flyer are encouraged to invite all who want to go more deeply into living a Spirit-led life. All are welcome. To learn more and to register please contact : Dcn. John Hust (diocesan liaison to Catholic Charismatic Renewal, (deaconjohn@felixagnes.org), Nancy Hust (nhust@aol.com), or Scott Schwalbe (scttschwlb@yahoo.com) (cell 507 208-0877). **Register via e-mail or phone. Information about the seminar, along with the details on how to attend this free virtual seminar will be sent out a week before to all that are registered.

> Congratulations to Dean Rengstorf, the "301" winner of \$100 for May 16!



Phone: 388-0600, Website: lovolacatholicschool.org Adam Bemmels PreK-12 Principal

Loyola Catholic School is closed amid the COVID-19 concern until further notice. While our building may be closed, our community remains strong! Loyola has shifted from traditional learning on campus to distance learning at home, as of March 23. Over the past couple of weeks, our students and teachers have used several different tools to stay connected such as virtual check-ins, video conferencing, and various messaging platforms.

We are praying for our friends, families, alumni, and each of you affected by this crisis. Thank you for your support during this difficult time for us all! Throughout the coming weeks, Loyola Theology teacher Alex Nuy will be continuing his Friday prayer service online. You can find it on Fridays on Loyola's Facebook page, or on Alex's Youtube channel. We welcome you to join us!

Kindergarten Roundup, originally scheduled for Thursday, March 19 has been postponed. Watch for more information.

Interested enrolling for the 2020-21 Contact in school year? acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 for more information.

LUCKY 20 RAFFLE - UPDATE: New drawing date: June 30, 2020. In every crisis, there is an opportunity to come together and persevere. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, please consider asking those you are connecting with to support Loyola. Loyola depends on the income from this fundraiser, more now than ever. Raffle details: Twenty chances to win! Grand Prize Winner \$10,000, one \$5,000, one \$1,000, two \$500, and 15 \$200 winners. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Need not be present to win. Tickets \$100 each, can be purchased by asking your favorite Loyola student or by calling 507-382-8089. Due to the stay at home order, no physical turn in or drop off of tickets/money until lifted. You may still mail your stubs/checks to: Loyola Catholic School 145 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

THANK YOU to all who send us Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts. Loyola no longer processes Campbell's soup labels.

SJW MEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT:

To bring together men of all ages to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. With the direction of our Priest, encouraging each other to be servant leaders in our Church.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Office Phone		
Parish Email	office@sjwhf.org	
SJW Prayer Chain	Joan: 388-5986	
HF Prayer Chain	Margaret: 317-4785	
Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com		
Calvary Cemetery	Terry Miller: 387-5784	

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy T. Reker - Pastor Nicole Hermer - Director of Parish Activities Glenn Barnette - Bookkeeper Connie Wallin - Director of Religious Education Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.



Dennis Owen, Richard Johnson, John Allen, Jerry Schultz, George Larson, Tom B.

Bulletin Brought to you by:

LIVE THE SPIRIT Attend St. Joe's Men's Club 9:00 a.m. Every 1st Sunday Monthly - Auditorium

Email bulletin notices to office@sjwhf.org by Tuesday at noon.



(SJW) Items Needed this Week: Boxed Main Dishes. You can still food shelf drop your items in the door #7 entrance.



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