



# Bulletin

*Making disciples of Jesus as a university Catholic church*

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## Mass

Mon - Fri: 12:15pm | Sat: 9am

Sun: 9am and 7pm

## Confession

Mon - Sat after Daily Mass

## Building Hours

Mon - Thurs: 10am - 4:30pm

Fri: 10am - 1pm

## Reflection from Fr. Jake

May 27, 2022

Dear Friends of St. Lawrence,

“Many people consider the Ascension a mere pit-stop on the way to Heaven.”



This was recently said to me by a priest friend of mine when we were speaking about the importance of the Ascension. Perhaps the Ascension does tend to be both overshadowed and misunderstood in the Christian life—overshadowed by the resurrection of Jesus (Easter) and Pentecost; misunderstood in that it is not immediately intuitive why Jesus reports, “it is better for you that I go” (Jn. 16:7). After all, when has the seeming *absence* of something good been better than the *presence* of something good? Here are just two key points to bear in mind:

**Our ultimate destination is not “heaven on earth” but “the earthly in heaven.”** While it is true that we pray in the Our Father, “your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven,” this world is not the ultimate destination for our humanity. Because Jesus (fully God and fully man) ascended into heaven, this means this is our true destination. Jesus does indeed go “to prepare a place for you” (Jn. 14:3) and he does this in His sacred humanity. Sometimes people mistakenly say things like, “Well, they are a little angel in heaven now” (referring to someone who has died). This is false, we don’t turn into angels; rather, God so respects our humanity that we will retain our humanity in heaven.

## WHAT'S NEW?

**Monday, May 30**, the building will be closed in light of Memorial Day. Mass and Confessions will **NOT** be available on this day.

**Monday Night Volleyball** *will be played* as usual on Memorial Day at 8pm in the parish gym. If you have questions, please call John Hagen at 612-623-0908.

Due to low registration numbers, the CSU Alumni Retreat has been **anceled**. Please stay connected for future alumni events at [umncatholic.org/alumni](http://umncatholic.org/alumni).

The next **Builders, Men’s Night**, will be **Wednesday, June 1st at 7pm** in the Gathering Space. Men who are grad students, young adults, and parishioners are invited.

Join us in welcoming Jon Knorr, who will be serving as our new Business Administrator beginning **Monday, June 6th**. We look forward to having him aboard.

We wish many blessings to our current Business Administrator, Rochelle Shirk, as she retires at the end of June. Her last day will be **Thursday, June 30th**. As One Spiritual Family, we thank her for her many dedicated years of service here at St. Lawrence Newman Center.

The Archdiocese launched a survey to collect feedback from “all the baptized,” as Pope Francis encouraged when announcing the Vatican Synod on Synodality in spring 2021. The survey can be found at [archspm.org/vaticansynod](http://archspm.org/vaticansynod).

## Reflection from Fr. Jake cont..

“Our savior’s visible presence has passed over into the Sacraments” (St. Leo the Great). Consider that when Jesus was physically on earth, in His humanity, he was for the most part limited by space and time. In the time before the Cross and resurrection, He largely spent most of his time in about ten square miles. Now through the Ascension, His sacred Presence has “passed over into the Sacraments.” What this means is that people all over the world have access and intimacy with the living God through the Sacraments.

My hope is that we at St. Lawrence Newman Center continue to be a community that lives in great gratitude for being able “to be in your Presence and minister to you” (Eucharistic Prayer II) and also to keep our eyes on our ultimate goal, which is heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Jake

## NEWS CONT...

Take a look at our financial update found [here](#) or on our website at [umncatholic.org/financial-update](http://umncatholic.org/financial-update)

Stay connected with any news and updates at [umncatholic.org/st-lawrence](http://umncatholic.org/st-lawrence)

There are many ways to serve here at St. Lawrence Newman Center. A few opportunities include becoming a lector, sacristan, usher, serving donuts and coffee, and many more. Contact Br. Gary Davis at [brogary@brohope.net](mailto:brogary@brohope.net) to hear about our volunteer opportunities.

Do you have a prayer intention? We have a place to collect your prayers [here](#) or on our website. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

We are grateful to our generous supporters for contributing to the mission here at St. Lawrence Newman Center. Consider giving a gift today at [umncatholic.org/donate](http://umncatholic.org/donate) or contact Joe Geiger at 612-261-2811.

### Mass Intentions

Sun. May 29: 9am: + Souls lost in Texas | 7pm: For Our Parish | Mon. May 30: No Mass (Memorial Day) |

Tues. May 31: + Dr. John Hagen | Wed. June 1: + Dr. John Hagen | Thurs. June 2: + Tom Schommer |

Fri. June 3: + Linette Schmitt | Sat. June 4: + Mike Kruchten

### The Ascension of the Lord | May 29 - June 4, 2022

## Ministries and More at St. Lawrence Newman

#### CSU

Join our email list found at [umncatholic.org/weekly-email](http://umncatholic.org/weekly-email) for the most up-to-date information.

Summer UNITE: **June 2nd** at 7pm in the Social Hall!

For more information, contact Br. Matthew at [bromatthew@brohope.net](mailto:bromatthew@brohope.net).

#### Prayer Requests

- For the Holy Spirit to guide the conclusion of the Archdiocesan Synod
- Pope Francis' monthly intention: For faith-filled young people
- For all graduates

To request a prayer, visit [umncatholic.org](http://umncatholic.org)

#### Young Adults

Come check out the St. Lawrence Young Adult Group. This group is targeted at those 22-32 years old. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Social Hall. For more information, please contact [youngadults@umncatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@umncatholic.org)

#### Women's Group

The Women's Group provides opportunities to share experiences, wisdom, and hold fundraising events. Email President Jacqueline Dekker Travis at [jdekkertr@aol.com](mailto:jdekkertr@aol.com) to learn more or visit [umncatholic.org/womens-club](http://umncatholic.org/womens-club)

**Victim Assistance Program:** (651) 291-4475



#### Women's Book Club

June 27 - 7pm: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

July 25 - 7pm: *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee and David John

Call Izabella Frederiksen, Communications Coordinator at 612.261.2806 to receive the zoom meeting number. All are welcome.