



Ascension
of the Lord

Ascensión
del Señor

Feast of the Ascension

Fr. Fabio and Fr. Richard were away this past week on retreat with all of the priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. In lieu of Fr. Fabio's weekly article this reflection is made possible by The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), a nonprofit association that provides networking and formation opportunities for pastoral musicians across the United States. For more information about NPM, visit npm.org.

After the continued joy and glory of the Easter season, we might ask what is the purpose of this particular feast of the Ascension within the Easter season? Isn't it simply a retelling of a historic event?

Centuries ago, St. Leo preached profoundly about the Ascension in two important sermons. First, Leo affirmed that Christ's human nature is now enthroned at the Father's side: "The ascension of Christ thus means our own elevation as well," says Leo. In the second sermon, he asserts that "what formerly had been visible in our Redeemer now took the form of sacred rites..." On the visible scene, the Redeemer is replaced by sacramental signs, which is how we now encounter Christ. Unless Christ departed from us, first having been glorified, we would not have the sacraments. Each Sunday we participate in that presence in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, made present among all of us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Ours is the human task to reinforce that "making present" in the words we sing, drawing our Easter communities ever more deeply into the call of the Gospel of Matthew, hearing what we ought to do: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

"All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne." (Psalm 47: 2, 8b-9)

May the spirit and faith with which we "shout to God with cries of gladness" inspire our assemblies to go forward with great joy to do the work of Easter.

Mary Jo Quinn, SCL, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula, Montana



Our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for the year is \$84,189 and 100% participation. Many families in our parish have contributed \$44,907. Thank you for helping to educate the seminarians who will service our parishes for many years, and for supporting all the diocesan spiritual, pastoral, educational and charitable programs and services offered by the Diocese of Kalamazoo and from which we will all benefit. We need to raise \$39,282 more to reach our goal and we hope to do so by Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Payments can be made over ten months. Remember, no amount is too small or too large! Please contact the office if you need a pledge envelope.

St. Basil Church Replica

These beautiful 6" color wooden replicas of our church celebrating our 2023 centennial are available for purchase, \$25. Come see us during our business hours and pick up this one-of-a-kind remembrance.



Special Collection

This weekend we will take up a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes are available for your convenience on the bulletin shelves, or you may deposit your contribution in the baskets during our second collection after Communion. Thank you for your generosity.

Pentecost

May 27-28 Weekend

We invite you to wear red to Mass on this special day which marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. Wearing red signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community, and our unity in Christ.



*God mounts His throne to shouts of joy,
oh sing your praises to the Lord*

Summer Mass Schedule Begins May 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. in Spanish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Monday, May 29 8:00 a.m. Mass



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 14

Sunday	Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious 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	Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Centennial Celebration June 11

In just three weeks we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church. Our Knights of Columbus and Women's Service Guild will be providing the food and beverages for a celebratory picnic on the bluff following the 11:00 Mass that day.

Copies of the 2017 Parish Directory will be available that weekend if you'd like one, as we prepare to put together a 2023 directory this summer. Please help yourself to one at the table on the afternoon of June 11.

Pictorial Directory 2023

Over the next several weekends members of our Women's Service Guild will be handing out information regarding the 2023 Pictorial Directory. With our parish centennial happening this year, it's a great time to refresh our photos and update the directory! Plus, it's a wonderful opportunity for you to have a family portrait taken.

Photographers from Universal Church Directories will be here the week of **July 11-15**, the weekend of **August 14-15**, and one more day in September for your convenience.

If you're a part of this parish we hope you'll participate!

Religious Education

Congratulations to Mayra Saucedo who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 29. On



Wednesday, May 10, another two of our Confirmation candidates were also presented by Fr. Richard Altine to our Bishop, the Most Reverend Paul Bradley. Julius Filbrandt and his sponsor, Charles Umbanhowar, and Ruby Peterson, with her sponsor, Carol Unites, (by proxy, Margie Little), received the Sacrament of Confirmation. These three individuals are

now fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Let us congratulate them and pray that they may always be blessed with God's grace and goodness. May they always trust in the love of Jesus, and may the Holy Spirit guide them in their life of faith.

The remaining 14 candidates will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they complete their preparation and receive Confirmation on Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20

5:00 p.m. † John Paitl

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. † Charlotte Hennis Koestner

11:00 a.m. † William Murphy

Monday, May 22 No Mass

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 a.m. † Intention of the Allen family

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 a.m. † Larry and Ginger Allen

Thursday, May 25

9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m. † Harry Meltzer

Saturday, May 27

5:00 p.m. † Hilde Molter

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. † Richard Zelasko

9:30 a.m. † Chuck Maitland

11:00 a.m. † William Murphy

St. Basil Catholic School

Students traveled to Hopkins High School for a friendly track and field competition against three other Catholic schools: St. Stanislaus, St. Therese, and St. Mary's Visitation. Our students did well, bringing home a bag full of ribbons! And for their efforts, we stopped for ice cream on the way home. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed spending time outside.



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Saint Basil School is Enrolling!

We have openings for students in preschool through 8th grade. Please contact the school as soon as possible to secure a spot, especially if you have a preschool aged child (we can take children as young as 2 1/2 years old as long as they are potty trained). Please contact Camille DeLano or the school for more information, or go to our school website, www.saintbasilcatholic.com, to enroll for next fall. Come be a Bear, a Basil Bear!

Faithful Finances

Monday, June 5 Upper Level 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Offered by parishioner John M. "GB" Richmond

Do you control your money, or does your money control you? Is debt an issue? How about college planning? Or leaving a legacy? Do your finances cause STRESS in your life? What does the Lord have to say about these things? Goodbye Money Stress has ALL these answers, plus much more. Come join a fun, entertaining, education, and Scripturally– based financial adventure.

Learn

- why you are the way you are with money,
- your connection between your needs, your emotion, and money,
- why develop a plan,
- why budget, and
- how to integrate Scripture and prayer in your finances.

Can You Help?

Food Pantry Drop-off

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy.,
Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Flowers on the Altar

There are many dates available to arrange for flowers on the altar. Please call the parish office to schedule a date, 637-2404, and then contact your favorite local florist to make the arrangements.

Spring Cleaning Time!

Our WSG Rummage Sale will be here before you know it, August 2-4. If you're spring cleaning, consider saving your give-away items for our sale, such as clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, linens, sports equipment. We cannot take books, toys, furniture, tvs, or computers.

Call Mary Lou at 269-767-1850 with any questions, or to volunteer to help.

WSG Meet 'n Greet

Monday, May 22 3:00 p.m.

We will meet at our beautiful Grotto. If you have some flowers in bloom, please bring a bouquet to honor our Blessed Mother. We will enjoy light refreshments and a brief meeting in the Upper Level.



Pancake Breakfast This Sunday, May 21

*Sponsored by
St. Basil Knights of Columbus
at the American Legion, 129 Michigan Ave.*

Bake Sale Coming Soon!

It's time to preheat your oven! All parishioners are invited to contribute baked goods for the Women's Service Guild Bake Sale after all Masses on Memorial Day Weekend. Please deliver your items before you attend the Mass of your choice that weekend.





Our Stewardship

May 14

Envelope Offering (67)	\$ 4,425.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 2,771.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,741.12
Total Collection	\$ 8,937.12
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 10,096.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,158.88)

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

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269-692-5142

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Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic

Ministry.....Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)

Sunday.....9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and
Friday 9:00 a.m.

No Mass on Monday

Confessions

Saturday3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick. Please refrain from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.