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New Development: Little Church is open for prayer 8 am to 4 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Social distancing guidelines to be followed while in church.

Confessions welcomed by appointment and Saturdays 3:45 - 4:15 pm.

Baptisms Three months notice before baptism. Baptism are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Baptismal Preparation Classes are required and scheduled individually with parents (only). Call Chris at the office (913) 724-1665 to schedule a class time.

Weddings Contact Chris Brown nine months before proposed wedding date. Call the office to make an appointment, (913) 724-1665.

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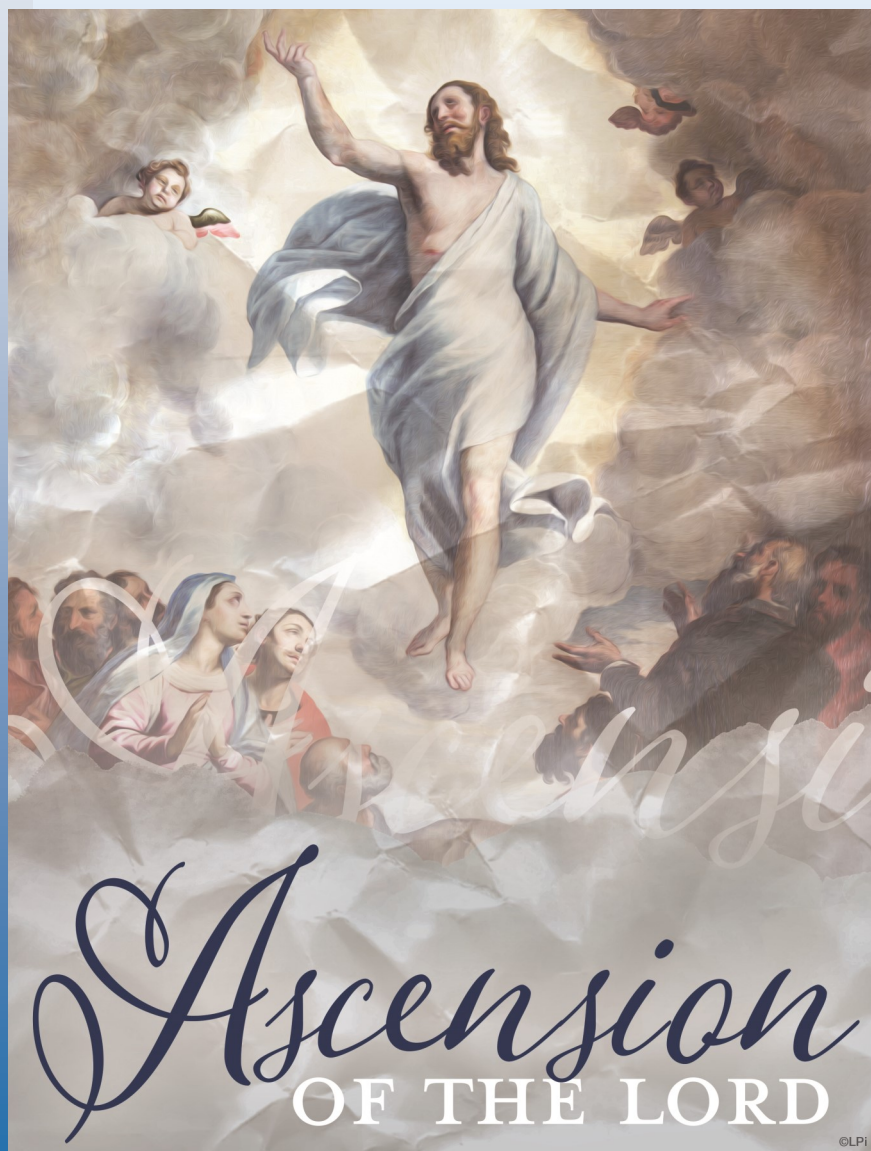
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Ascension Day, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Congregants of Holy Angels,

In one way, this particular Solemnity of the Ascension reminds me of a fabled one I read of in an autobiography, when it was still widely celebrated actually forty days after the Resurrection and hence on a Thursday, a work or school day. For hundreds of years Christian countries had that Thursday as a holiday, and children looked forward to being treated by parents or grandparents or other relatives to truly enjoy it as a holiday. In this autobiography to which I refer, the writer, a schoolchild at a boarding school, felt totally humiliated and excluded as he watched all the other boys being collected early in the morning for an exciting outing as he was left alone to stay at the school and not enjoy the day like others.

It is certain that the Apostles, although with the Blessed Virgin Mary, felt totally desolate after the initial excitement of seeing the Son of God ascend into heaven. Although Jesus had triumphed over sin and death, had risen from the dead, He was now forever in this world physically absent from their lives. How could they not feel desolate as they sat in the upper room for nine days before the consolation, comfort and most especially the empowerment of the Holy Spirit given them? And with the coming of the Holy Spirit they had to appreciate more greatly how He remained truly with us all until the end of time, in the most holy Sacraments.

It was also that feeling of desolation when tens of thousands crowded into St. Peter's square fifteen years ago on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, and hundreds of millions across the globe watched on television, as St. Pope John Paul II lay dying and finally gave up his spirit. I felt it in northern Kansas: my spiritual father's life had gone out like a candle.

And now for many of us people, chafing at social isolation, we are showing signs of sad desolation like the Apostles, like those who feel abandoned by God. But we know He never abandons us. Not ever. He is not only in the Sacraments, and comes to us through the Holy Spirit but also in His Living Word in the Holy Scriptures and in the living, breathing last testament He gave on the Cross, in His

Bride, the Church. And the wonders that the Church supplies to those open to it. We are privileged this week to hear from Melanie Savner on ordinations and the patience of those who had waited sometimes eight years to be ordained even among the lockdown, from Ashley Toplikar on coming into the Catholic Church, and from holy Deacon of God, the Reverend Mister Keith Chadwick in reflecting on his ordination of just over a week ago.

All of you involved at Holy Angels should be especially heartened in this time of physical distancing—why, indeed, is it called social distancing and not what it is, physical distancing?—that we have been graced with a holy deacon of God, newly ordained, ready to serve the Bride of Christ, here at Holy Angels in his first clerical assignment. He is raring to get started. This is like so many of the other graces we are offered: do we take advantage of it or not? The Reverend Mister Luke Doyle has much to offer us in his two-month sojourn here.

I hope this gift of being in the presence of a newly ordained deacon and of learning from him, for some of us even of how to fall in love all over again with God, will cause all of us to give thanks for all the persons God puts in our lives and to never take them for granted. Is there a better time before Pentecost to reevaluate our Faith life in light of what God continually offers us all the time, even in the midst of pandemic, and despite physical distancing—His love and His protection in the Sacraments, His guidance through the Church and Her teaching, and His friendship, even through people we may never realize at the time touch profoundly our hearts, until we realize it sometimes so very much later.

I am so blessed that my convalescence continues apace. For myself, my doctor told me last Tuesday to continue to stay off my feet as much as possible and that only sometime in June, I may return to driving.

Thank you for the great meals — every one of them a masterpiece, and the desserts all phenomenal — that have aided as well the seminarian and deacon who have been assisting me. I cannot thank you all sufficiently for the prayers, the cards, phone calls and emails, all which have touched me profoundly.

I wish you all a blessed Solemnity and a great start praying the GREAT NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT in days before Pentecost.

In union of prayer in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Richard McDonnell



GIFTS FOR GOD

Weekly Collection Income Needed.....\$12,200.00
May 16/17.....\$15,583.00
Excess (Shortfall).....\$3,383.00

Other collections

Building Fund\$480.00
Ador. Chapel Sp. Gg.\$540.00

Our Sincere thanks to those who are doing their part!

**HEADPHONES AVAILABLE FOR THE HARD OF HEARING.
PLEASE ASK AN USHER OR GREETER.**

MASSES THIS WEEK



Saturday, May 30 Vigil of Pentecost

4:30 pm † Deceased Parishioners and family

Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

8:00 am Twila Heinen

10:30 am All Parishioners of Holy Angels

LITURGICAL ROLES

Liturgical roles for Lectors, EMHCs and ushers will be done by Signup Genius at this time.

Collection Counters:

May 26 - Eileen Dreiling, Janice Gaspers & Bill Loechler

June 1 - Beverly Brown, Linda Land & Jennifer Loechler

The Journey Home

By: Ashley Toplikar

"When you approach the tabernacle, remember that He has been waiting for you for twenty centuries." – St. Josemaria Escriva

My journey into the Catholic faith has been anything but ordinary. I grew up in the Lutheran faith and attended church with my family. As I grew older and reached high school age, going to church became less of a priority. While I never stopped believing in God, my relationship with Him wavered.

My faith in God was transformed when I met my future husband, James. We began attending Sunday Mass together in the spring 2016 and my eyes were opened to the truth and beauty of Christ's Bride, the Church. As my relationship with James progressed, I got to know his family better and their faith and devotion was such an inspiration to me. From nightly rosaries to always making Sunday Mass a priority even while out of town – I began to realize that their particular love of Jesus was something I had not experienced before. It was a void in my life and I longed to know more. James and I were married in October 2018. During the nuptial Mass as I knelt before the altar with my new husband and watched him receive Our Lord in the Eucharist, I had a deep longing in my heart to receive Him too.

As a newlywed, the Holy Spirit continued to stir within me. Through personal reflection and prayer, it finally seemed as though the past several years of my spiritual journey had put me on God's path to salvation. I knew this is where I was meant to be.

In the fall 2019, I began attending RCIA classes in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Everything I was learning further validated what I felt in my heart. God had a plan for everything. I had to remind myself of this as we drew closer to Easter. With public Masses being suspended due to the pandemic, my entrance into the Church was also put on hold. Though disappointed, I remained hopeful. My longing to receive the Body of Christ continued to grow.

I was overjoyed upon receiving the news that the day I was to enter the Church had finally come! At last, my next chapter is about to begin. My journey home has been filled with people who have helped prepare me for this moment. I would especially like to thank Chris and Glenn Brown, Father McDonald, my sponsor - Theresa Hake, and my loving and supportive husband, James. Without these people in my life, I would certainly not be where I am today. They have been such a great example of what it means to live a Catholic life.

Every time I come to Mass, it amazes me how good and holy the liturgy is, even after 2000 years. It has truly withstood the test of time. I am reminded each time at this remembrance of Calvary how much Christ loves us and that He gave His own life to save our souls. I pray that we will never take this Holy Sacrifice for granted.

Easter Greetings in the Risen Lord!

It is with great joy that I can say that I was ordained a deacon last Saturday, the 16th of May. I am very grateful to Holy Angels for all of the prayers and support that you have given me over my last 8 years in seminary! Holy Angels has always been a home away from home for me. Since I am from Bonner Springs and so close to Basehor, I often found myself coming to Mass at Holy Angels if I wasn't at my home parish.

I have assisted at Midnight Mass for Christmas for several years and I had the distinct pleasure of being the Master of Ceremonies for the blessing and the dedication of the Adoration Chapel with Archbishop Naumann October 13, 2018, and I was a server for the opening of the chapel when Bishop Conley did the simple blessing December 31, 2017. Your Knights of Columbus have always very generously supported me. Thank you!

I look forward to being able to come and assist soon as a deacon. I have been assigned just down the road to St. Patrick's in Kansas City for the summer. I am also very happy for you at Holy Angels; my classmate, Rev. Mr. Luke Doyle, will be assigned here for the summer! He will be a wonderful addition to this great community!

This month of May is of course dedicated to our Blessed Mother. One of my favorite devotions is the May Crowning. Unfortunately, due to the virus, many parishes were unable to do a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary statues with a congregation. Although this has been very sad to not have people attend the May crowning, it is a beautiful opportunity to invite each family to do a May Crowning of their own in their homes to proclaim Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth!

I kindly invite each family here at Holy Angels together in your home sometime in this Month of May to crown a statue or an image of Our Lady and pray to Mary acclaiming her as Queen. Her protection of the family is invaluable always, but especially in this time of pandemic! She will always point you to her Son, reminding you, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5) May we always take Mary as our loving patroness and follow her example of humility. May we, like her, be humble servants of the Lord always eager to follow God's holy will!

Under the Mantle of our Blessed Mother, I remain,

Rev. Mr. Keith Chadwick



Ordinations, the Pandemic, and Trusting the Lord

During this pandemic, so many things that should be joyfully celebrated in community have been lost. Many families have missed celebrating birthdays, graduations, 1st Communions, Confirmations, school sports tournaments, and more. You may not realize there are some young men who celebrated one of the biggest moments in their life - almost alone. They are the three seminarians who were ordained transitional deacons May 16, and two who will be ordained priests May 23. Instead of a packed church, only the bare minimum clergy and servers will be there. Their parents can attend, but that may be all, unless guidelines change. They have spent up to eight years preparing for this moment. Normally they look forward to sharing their happiness at the rehearsal dinner, the beautiful liturgy with the people who have supported them, and a joyful reception with friends, family, and those they have met while serving in the Archdiocese. New priests are humbled to give their first blessings to those waiting in lines at their reception. Keith Chadwick, a seminarian supported by the Knights at Holy Angels for eight years, is one of the three who will be ordained a deacon on May 16. Luke Doyle, who is coming to Holy Angels for his summer assignment is another.

Working with them over the years has been such a joy, and I am sorry I will be one of many to watch these ordinations from home on my laptop. But then I thought, this is a very tangible example of what they are called to do - give their lives to the Lord and follow not their plan, but Christ's. A priest is living a spiritual life, whereby his focus is not on his plans, but willingly releasing control to the Lord. If we're honest, we are called to do the very same thing - love and trust enough to give control to the Lord, who loves us and has a great purpose for us. An empty Cathedral isn't what any of them ever envisioned on their ordination day, but they are accepting it, confident the Lord will bless them and shower them with grace.

Melanie has been a parishioner since 2005 and has worked since then in the Vocation Office at the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Update Membership Information

The new Guide Book Directory will be coming out this summer. Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for the annual Guide Book & Directory.

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in **YOUR** family over the past year.

If you do not want information published, you must inform the parish office.

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know as soon as possible. The Church Office number is 913-724-1665. Thank you for your help!

Did You Know...

That angels sometimes assume human bodies?

It's true; we see it again and again in Sacred Scripture that an angel assumes a human body to carry out God's plans. In human form, angels are more easily perceived by us.

Taking human form is exactly what the Archangel Raphael did in the Book of Tobit, in the Old Testament. His mission on behalf of the Lord to Tobiah and his family was one of both physical and spiritual healing as well as travel protection, love, and joy.

As with all angels, his name reflects his mission - "Raphael" means "Medicine of God" or "God has healed"; he is invoked as "physician, guide, and joy of souls, companion of wayfaring mortals..." who ministers to wandering men the tenderness of the Father, the healing of the Son, and the gladness of the Holy Ghost..."

Here is a prayer to St. Raphael in his mission as Angel of health:

Saint Raphael, of the glorious seven who stand before the Throne of Him who lives and reigns - Angel of health, the Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven to soothe or cure our pains. Heal or cure the victims of disease, and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways. Amen.+

The Word Among Us issue for June has arrived. If you would like to pick up a copy, they will be out if you are attending Mass. Or you may come by the parish office to pick one up.



REST IN PEACE

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gary Eddy, uncle of Dana Brandenburg

Louise Lisac, mother of Gerry Stitt



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the following people listed on the prayer chain...

Judy Bowker, Jacki Cahill, James Cope, Jim Davis, Serena Gagliardi, Gaylynn Green, Warren Kearney, Herschel Keithline, Joe Kennedy, Leo Kreutzer, Louise Leavitt, Ernie & Judy Leihsing, Cooper Long, Frank Lovitch, Steve Mulcahy, Reva Ohler, Joyce Oswald, Michael Reibel, Ernie Rodina, Steve Tanner, Caroline Wennemann, Bill & Debbie, Caitlin, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Renee, and special intentions.

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