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Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM • Saturday: 5:00 PM • Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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PREP: Grades 1 through 8 • Confirmation: Grade 9
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During a Mass or Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM.
Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.
Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

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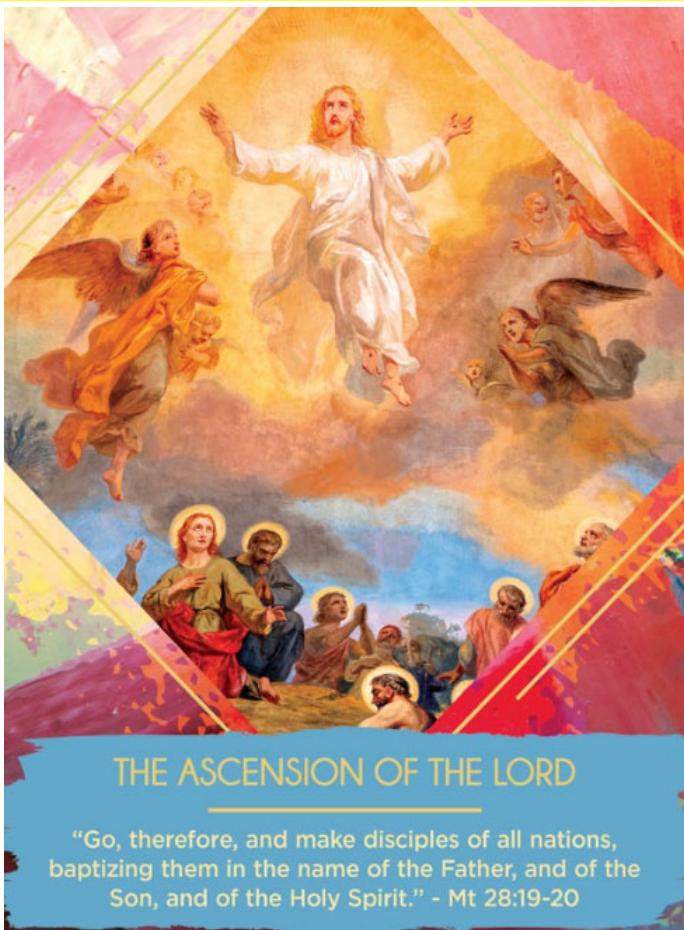
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The Ascension of the Lord - May 21, 2023



GLORY

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

JOHN 17:1

Just before His ascension, Jesus commanded His disciples to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This statement is called the Great Commission, which is also recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. His exhortation applies to us today just as much as it did to the original disciples.

Jesus calls us to spread the gospel to everyone. In fact, at the end of every Mass we are sent out to bring Jesus to the world. Recall one version of the dismissal at Mass: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or, another more common version, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Yet, we can't give away what we don't have. What then is "the gospel" that we are to proclaim? The word "gospel" means "good news."

What is the good news?

Simply put, it is Jesus Himself. Jesus is God in the flesh. God became man in order to bring about salvation from sin. All that Jesus did and taught was good news. But even more so, the death and resurrection of Jesus are the center of the gospel.

Without Jesus' death and resurrection the rest would be meaningless. He died to take all our sins to the grave and He rose to bring us new life and prove victorious over sin and death. As a result, we can have salvation from our sins and communion with God. Now that is good news and it's worth sharing!

Who will you share it with this week?

Mass Intentions

Monday May 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
Francis McHugh

Tuesday May 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
Barbara Tumolo

Wednesday May 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. Donald Gaus

Thursday May 25, 2023

8:30 a.m. Donald Gaus

Friday May 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intention of Johanna DeStafney

Saturday May 27, 2023

5:00 p.m. John Iwasyk

Sunday May 28, 2023

7:30 a.m. Parishioners
Mary Ellen (Harris) MacKanich
9:30 a.m. Lisa Kirk
11:30 a.m. Irene and Alex Dureiko
Joshua Higgins

In your charity, please pray for all who have gone before us and all the deceased of St. Mary of the Assumption.

Lisa Ann Keller
Sister of Parishioner, Georgiana Hoffman



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,
together with some women,
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
(Acts 1:14)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in
the land of the living. (Ps 51)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are
you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.
(1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify
you." (Jn 17:1)

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Saint of the week

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

In the midst of the folly of war, your servant, Chaplain Emil Kapaun, spent himself in total service to you on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, until his death at the hands of his captors. We now ask you, Lord Jesus, if it be your will, to make known to all the world the holiness of Chaplain Kapaun and the glory of his complete sacrifice for you by signs of miracles and peace. In your name, Lord, we ask, for you are the source of peace, the strength of our service to others, and our final hope.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.FatherKapaun.org)

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.

Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm



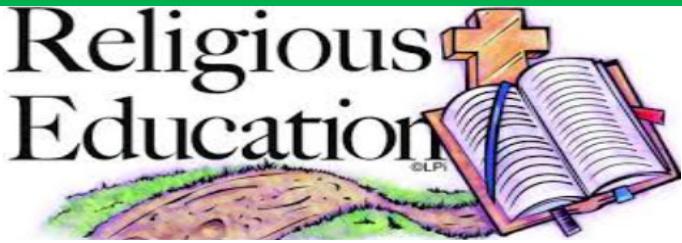
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All three of our in-person sessions need catechists! Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to share your faith with the young people of our parish.

We will train you, give you materials and support.

Three different sessions:

1. June Session:

June 20th - 23rd and June 26th-29th
6:00pm-8:00pm

2. August Session:

July 31st - Aug. 3rd and Aug. 7th - 10th
9:30am- 11:30am

3. Monday Session:

Monday evenings through the school year
6:00pm – 7:15pm

Call Sandy in the Parish Office or email
PREP@smachurch.com

LEGION OF MARY

Thinking In Christ

"The Christian," says Olier, "is properly speaking Jesus Christ living in man." There is no more extraordinary idea than this one of the Mystical Body, whereby Our Lord has placed Himself in the position of a genuine dependence on His members.

We are His present-day means of action and expression. Through us He continues to lead His life on a far wider scale than He did long ago in Judea, His native land. It follows that by His own law He is constrained to utilize us fully.

So He requires that we should play the part of which we are capable in our salvation and in our sanctification.

-from Gems of Wisdom by Frank Duff
Submitted by the Legion of Mary



SMA invites your child, grades Pre-K—5th, to attend VBS Church Camp this summer!!!

July 17th—July 21st; 9:00am—12:00pm

Registration is available at:
www.smachurch.com/youth

Please consider volunteering.
This can only happen if we have enough volunteers!



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

Divine Will Prayer Group
April 25, 2023
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

What is the Gift of Living in the Divine Will?

“The work is already done. There is nothing left except to make it known, so that, not only you, but also others may take part in these great blessings.”

“It behooves you to know that acts done in My Will Form the pathways that will serve to admit souls to live in My Will, and they are not so very necessary that if heroic souls do not first come forth in order to live in it and form the principal pathways of its kingdom generations, not finding those pathways, will not know what to do to enter into My Will. Do you see how necessary these pathways?”

“I told you many times that the mission of calling a soul to live in My Will is the greatest one; it is the highest and most sublime call. There is no other call that can match it.”!!!

Deacon Formation Information Nights

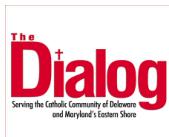


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The Week Ahead

Monday **May 22, 2023**
8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
11:00 a.m. Finance Council Meeting (J)

Tuesday **May 23, 2023**
8:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Divine Will Group Meeting (CF)

Wednesday **May 24, 2023**
8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:00 a.m. Sages Committee Meeting (CF)
10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild Meeting (M)
5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Benefits (M)
5:30 p.m. Preschool Graduation (C)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (C)

Thursday **May 25, 2023**
8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop meeting (H)

Friday **May 26, 2023**
8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

Saturday **May 27, 2023**
3:30 p.m. Confessions (CP)
5:00 p.m. Mass (C)

Sunday **May 28, 2023**
7:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
9:45 a.m. OCIA Mystogogy (J)
11:30 a.m. Mass (C)
12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)

Please send all articles for the bulletin
2 weeks in advance.
Send information to: office@smachurch.com

Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help.

Contact, John Ryan, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-507-7915.

For St. Mary's Ministry Contact list please visit our website:

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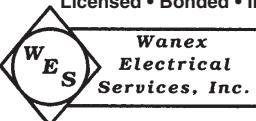

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