

# Saint Clare CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“Love God, serve God, everything is in that”*



## May 29th, Ascension Of The Lord



### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” - Jn 17:22-23a*

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### WELCOME

*A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.*

*If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon.  
For your convenience, we have blue “Let Us Know” cards in back of church.*

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor**  
Deacon TJ Wild

Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

### MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
Monday — Friday 8:00 AM

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

### Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

### Prayer Chain Contacts

Joyce Willis 629-2573 or  
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Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're

right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.



When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opened its doors as the nation's first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, regardless of whether their parents could afford to pay. That promise still holds true today.

The generosity of the faithful made Cardinal Glennon a reality in 1956. Still today, the faithful uphold our Mission of faith-filled services: *Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.*

Please join us in helping make miracles possible by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 4-5, online at <https://glennonsunday.org/faith>. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30th  
9:00 am

At the St. Clare Cemetery

Continental breakfast at K of C Hall  
following Mass.



## 2nd Thursday Card Party

June 9, 2022

At the Knights of Columbus Hall  
204 S. Commercial, St. Clair, MO

\$5.00 to play

1:00 pm till ? pm

Beverages, Snacks, a dessert, prizes  
and a 50/50 drawing.

More info call 636-629-4223

Sponsored by the  
Daughters of Isabella Circle #1082



**Starting on June 4th & 5th, there will be someone in front of church selling raffle tickets and asking for help with Fatima Days on June 24th & 25th.**

Lector schedules are available in the back of church.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Donation Report

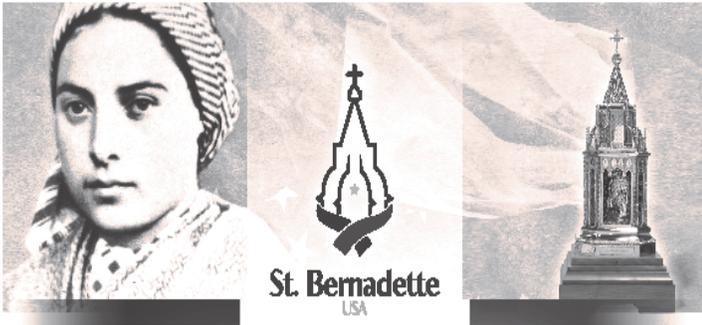
**Thank you** to everyone who have returned their ACA Pledge Cards! If you have not made a pledge yet, there is still time with forms available in back of church. Even if you cannot help donate this year, please take the time to return your card. Otherwise, you will receive another letter and/or phone call for a follow-up. Below is the latest information that we have on the returned cards.

### Report Detail (as of May 20)

2021 Published Goal	\$16,330
New Donor Goal	14
Total To Date	\$10,935
Total Parishioners Base	334
Returned to Date	55
# New Donors	6
#Increased Contributions	28
Net Increase	\$ 1,325
#Maintained Contributions	15
#Decreased Contributions	2
Net Decrease	\$ -20
Signed Refusal Cards Returned	4
Pledges Percent	15%
Prior Year Pledges Percent	32%
Cards Returned Percent	16%
Matching Gifts Cards Returned	0
Matching Gift Total	0

*Please pray about what you can do to help build the Church!*

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Bernadette Relics at  
 Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France  
 St. Louis, Missouri  
 Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

## Save the date

### Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France  
 The Old Cathedral,  
 209 Walnut Street | St. Louis, MO 63102

For veneration times and other  
 information, please visit:

[www.oldcathedralstl.org](http://www.oldcathedralstl.org)

### Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Cardinal Rigali Center,  
 20 Archbishop May Drive | St. Louis, MO 63119

For details about the  
 2022 US relic tour, please visit:

[www.stbernadetteusa.org/StLouis](http://www.stbernadetteusa.org/StLouis)

### Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France  
 The Old Cathedral



## Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* — Evangelization

Every Christian, through their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Gospel message. Jesus didn't just give the mission of evangelization to the Apostles or to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the right hand of the Father.

Jesus reminds His disciples, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that the repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Jesus reminded them that they would begin this mission, but each generation that follows is called to do the same. Not everyone is called to mission trips to far-away places. It begins within our own hearts and minds.

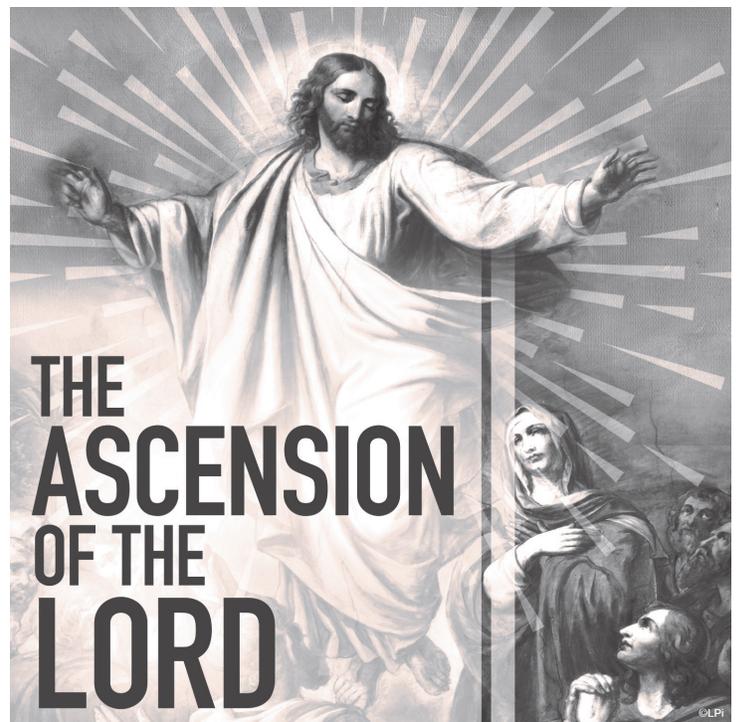
We can strive to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, so we can share our experience with everyone we meet. During this week before Pentecost, we can spend some time in prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for guidance to know the individual mission God has given us and the strength and courage to accomplish it.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:

- Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army,*
- SGT Ian Ives — US Army,*
- SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,*
- Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,*
- Jason Burton — US Navy,*
- Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,*
- SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,*
- SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,*
- Clay Fisher — US Marines,*
- James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,*
- Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,*
- Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.*
- MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF*
- Dalton Roller—US Navy*



# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon	5/30	9:00 am	Mass at Cemetery
Tues	5/31	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	6/01	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	6/02	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	6/03	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	6/04	3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	6/05	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

### *Readings For The Week*

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25



**May 28<sup>th</sup> — June 5<sup>th</sup>**

### WEEKEND MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

SAT. 4:30 PM † FRANCIS OVERSCHMIDT

SUN. 8:00 AM † OSCAR GEBKEN

10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

### MONDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM † DECEASED MEMBERS OF PARISH

### TUESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

8:00 AM † STAN SCHILLING

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

8:00 AM † LARRY HOFFMAN

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

8:00 AM † BLANCHE MILLER

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

8:00 AM † LUCILLE HANNEKEN

### WEEKEND, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>

SAT. 4:30 PM † CHARLES CIKOVIC

SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

10:30 AM † ENID DONNER

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
6/04 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Jenny Via	—
6/05 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Juanita Perkins	—
6/05 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Wild Children	—	Michele Geatley	—

**6/05 Collection Counters: — Sharon Freeman, Juanita Perkins**

## Everyday Stewardship

### God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# STEWARDSHIP

## Week of May 21st

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$ 1,610.00
Loose Collection .....	150.06
<b>Total Money For Operating Capital</b>	<b>\$ 1,760.06</b>

### Restricted Funds

Cemetery Care .....	60.00
Parish Improvements .....	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 14,578.55

May Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

*Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!*

***"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)***

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



## WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

**May God Provide Health and Comfort to:**

### May

John Veasman, Leslie George, Joyce Phillips,  
Brenda York, Joe Reed,  
Walt Bruns, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor,  
Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

### April

Jim Ellert, Lisa Hults.  
Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter),  
Leona Collins, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder,  
Josh Garrett, Sgt. Ian Ives,  
Mark Hoffmeister, and Lori Mayer

### March

Letha Holts, Fr. Joseph Diep, Gary Merkel,  
Tom Osterkamp, Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters,  
Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna,  
Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan,  
John Evans and Dalton Via.



# ST. CLARE PARISH SCRIP ORDER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip \$	QTY	Total \$
<b>Restaurants/Food Items</b>				
APPLE BEE'S	8%	\$25		
BOB EVANS	10%	\$10		
BURGER KING	4%	\$10		
CHEESECAKE FACTORY	5%	\$25		
CRACKER BARREL	8%	\$25		
DOMINO'S PIZZA	8%	\$25		
JACK IN THE BOX	4%	\$10		
PANERA - St Louis Bread Co.	8%	\$25		
PIZZA HUT	8%	\$10		
RED LOBSTER/SEA GRASS/STRAWBERRY	8%	\$25		
SH-OP N SAVE	4%	\$25		
STARBUCKS	7%	\$25		
STEAK & SHAKI	8%	\$10		
TACO BELL	3%	\$10		
<b>Automotive</b>				
EXXON/MOBIL	1.50%	\$250		
SH-EL	2%	\$50		
BP	1.50%	\$100		
<b>Shopping</b>				
ACE HARDWARE	4%	\$25		
AMAZON	2.50%	\$25		
BEST BUY	4%	\$25		
DICK'S SPORTING GOOD	8%	\$25		
JC PENNEYS	5%	\$25		
JOANNS FABRIC & CRAFT	6%	\$25		
KOHL'S	4%	\$25		
MARSHALL'S	7%	\$25		
MICHAEL'S	5%	\$25		
PAYLESS SHOES	18%	\$20		
PETSMART	5%	\$25		
ROSS DRESS FOR LESS	8%	\$25		
SEARS	4%	\$25		
SHOE CARIVAL	5%	\$25		
T.J. MAXX/MARSHED TOMCOKERS	7%	\$25		
TARGET	2.50%	\$25		
TOYS R US	3%	\$20		
ULTA	4%	\$25		

Walmart \$25



We have in stock: \_\_\_\_\_, BP Gas \$50,

if you would like to order scrip not listed above, please write your order below:

SCRIP NAME      SCRIP \$      QTY      TOTAL \$

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