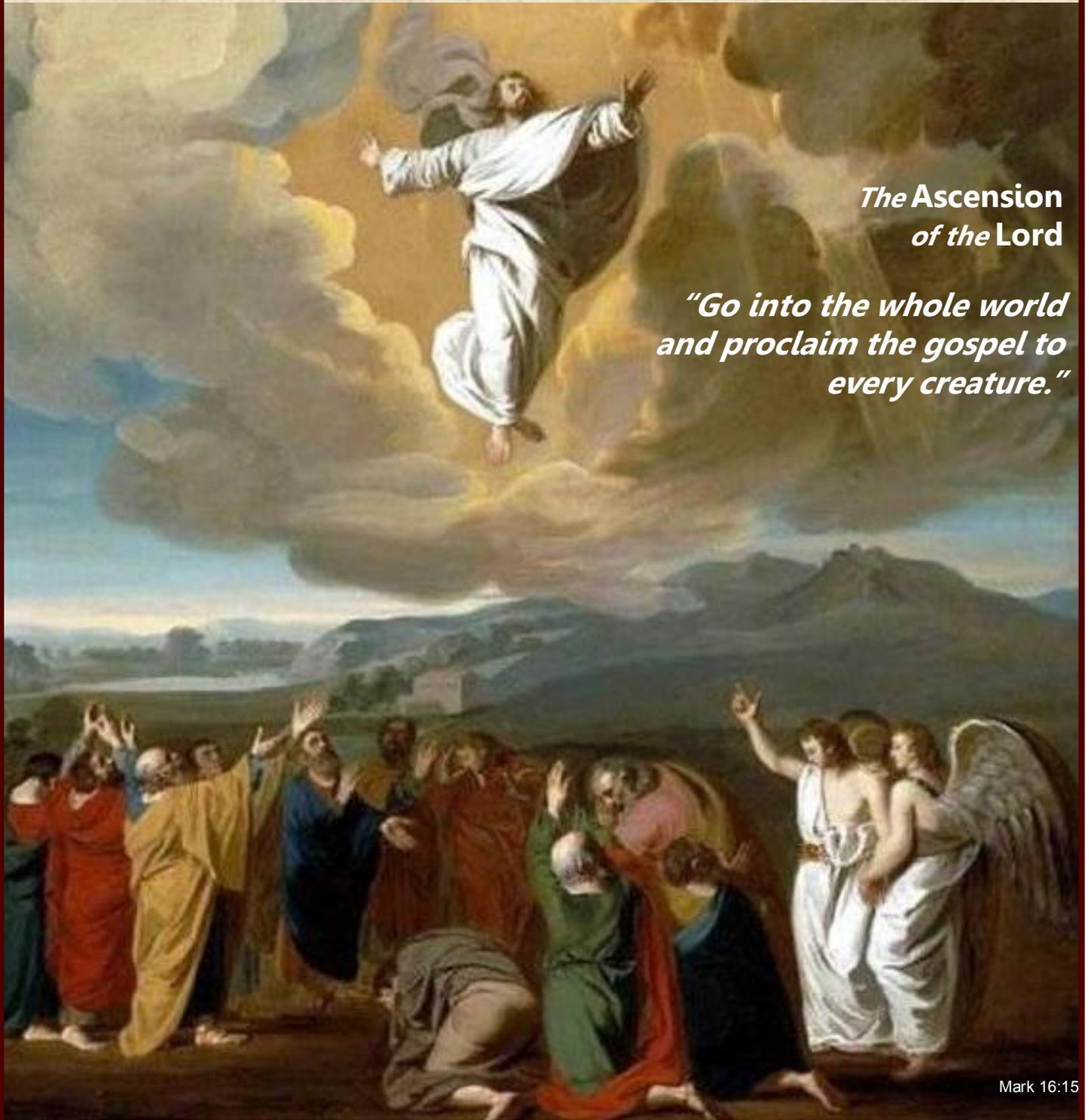


ST. LAMBERT PARISH  
May 9, 2021



*The Ascension  
of the Lord*

*"Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the gospel to  
every creature."*

Mark 16:15

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord*

# What's Happening **THIS WEEKEND**

*The Women's Center Mothers Day  
Flower Sale after each mass in the garage.*



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*Donations accepted for the Catholic  
Charities Mother's Day appeal.*



Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven



Front Cover: Jesus ascending into heaven 1775  
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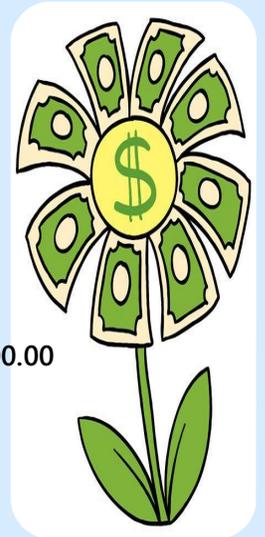
## Sunday Offertory Collection

### April 24-30, 2021

Sunday Envelopes: \$5,499.00  
 Sunday Mail In: 305.00  
 Loose: 448.30  
 GiveCentral: 1,085.00  
 Total: \$7,337.30

### May 1-7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes: \$4,825.00  
 Sunday Mail In: 253.00  
 Loose: 611.85  
 GiveCentral: 805.00  
 Total: \$6,494. 85



Ascension: \$95.00      Easter: \$200.00      Catholic Charities Mothers Day Appeal: \$200.00

Thank you for your continued support!  
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### Rectory:

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 Phone: (847) 673-5090

**E-mail:** [saintlambert@aol.com](mailto:saintlambert@aol.com)

**Sunday Masses:** (5 pm Sat)  
 8am, 10am, 12pm

**Confessions:** Saturday at 3:30 pm

St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

**Pastor:** Rev. Richard Simon

**Rev. Know-it-all:**  
[reverendknow-itall.blogspot.com](http://reverendknow-itall.blogspot.com)

**Deacon:** Mr. Chick O'Leary

**Music Director:**  
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Gina Roxas  
[youthchurchred@gmail.com](mailto:youthchurchred@gmail.com)

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## **A Mother's Day plea: Respect parents' right to protect their minor children by notifying them before a girl has an abortion**

*The instinct to protect our children is almost primal in its ferocity, and the love between parent and child is a primary foundation of our society.*

May 4, 2021

By Contributor, Amy Gehrke

I'm a mother. I can't help but want to protect my child. I want to be there to provide help and support, no matter what. The current effort to repeal Illinois' Parental Notification of Abortion Act is a deliberate attempt to undermine my right to do so.

I want to protect my child. I need to do so. I have both a right and responsibility to do so. This is something that I learned during my first pregnancy, when at only 20 weeks' gestation, I went into labor.

The terror was unimaginable. Less than a month earlier, my husband and I had learned this tiny baby was a little girl, who we had already named Kendall Elizabeth. We rushed to the hospital where, thankfully, the labor was stopped. I spent the next ten weeks on heavily restricted bedrest while taking a daily cocktail of drugs to prevent labor and speed Kendall's development

Although I hadn't yet seen her face, I now knew I would have done anything to protect our tiny, preborn daughter.

The drugs and bedrest kept labor at bay until I was 30 weeks along. On July 10, 1997, Kendall Elizabeth was rushed into the world via emergency C-section. After a quick peek at her thick black hair and huge blue eyes, she was whisked away to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, her home for the next month.

Being separated from little Kendall was one of the most difficult experiences of my life. It was an exhausting month spent sitting by an incubator while a cadre of nurses and doctors helped her grow stronger. Leaving the hospital each night without her was heartbreaking

Despite the difficulty, we would have done anything to help our precious newborn, Kendall.

Today Kendall is a healthy, happy, 23-year-old. Raising a girl can be a rocky road, as any parent of a daughter will tell you, but despite that, I wouldn't trade a single second of it.

From the time I felt those first labor pains all those years ago until today, some things haven't changed: I would do anything to protect my daughter. I will always be by her side to guide her, and I

will always have her best interests at heart.

The instinct to protect our children is almost primal in its ferocity, and the love between parent and child is a primary foundation of our society. This fundamental truth makes the effort by abortion advocates to usurp and trample the rights of parents so particularly egregious.

Current Illinois law requires that, 48 hours before a minor girl has an abortion, a parent or legal guardian be notified. They do not have to give their permission; they just must be notified. Realizing that families are imperfect, some to the point of being dangerously abusive, young women may also receive a judicial bypass instead of notifying a parent.

Minors must have their parents' permission before getting their ears pierced or going on a field trip. They cannot rent a car, buy cigarettes or purchase alcohol. There is a very good reason for this.

According to *American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology*, our brains are not fully developed until well into young adulthood. Because of this, teenagers often act in dangerous, impulsive, or irrational ways. They are less likely to consider the consequences of their actions.

A teenage girl facing an unplanned pregnancy needs the protection and support of her parents, the ones who will deal with the psychological and physical aftermath of an abortion.

Repealing the existing Parental Notification of Abortion Act is an issue that transcends the pro-life/pro-choice debate. To remove the fundamental right of parents to protect their minor children and be involved in their lives, is something that no parent wants, regardless of their beliefs about abortion.

An undeniable majority, 72%, of Illinois voters polled in March 2021, oppose repealing parental notification. More than half, 58%, of those who identified as "pro-choice" also oppose repealing Illinois's parental notification law. The numbers opposed to removing parents from the process were even higher among people of color.

This Mother's Day, it is incumbent upon Illinois legislators to do better — to honor that sacred need for parents to protect their young. That's the will of the voters, which should carry more weight in Springfield than the desires of a profit-driven abortion industry that is willing to put the health and safety of our minor girls at great risk.

Illinois parents and their daughters deserve better than to be victimized by a repeal of the Parental Notification of Abortion Act. The legislators of this state cannot be allowed to rob me of the right to protect my child.



*Amy Gehrke is the executive director of the Illinois Right to Life and a member of the [Parents for the Protection of Girls Coalition](#).*

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**CATHOLIC PARISH**  
Skokie, Illinois



## **Food and Fresh Produce for Skokie residents and Surrounding Community.**

*St. Peter Parish along with Catholic Charities*  
Drive-Through or Walk-Up Food Distribution

**WHO** Open to anyone who needs the support!

**WHEN** Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**1:00pm** – **3:00pm**

**WHERE** St. Peter Parish Parking Lot

8116 Niles Center Road – Skokie, IL 60077

Enter on Niles Center Road

**\* Be sure to clear out your trunk or  
bring a cart to take your food box home!**

**Food distributed FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVE basis, until  
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*For more information about additional food resources in the community, contact the  
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*For additional Social Services in our community, please contact Catholic Charities North Regional Service  
Center at 1717 Rand Road - 847-376-2100 or call their Suburban Cook County Call Center at 877-426-6515*

## The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

"Do not be afraid, I will not harm you. I am from heaven."

- Our Lady's words to Sister Lucia  
(Sunday, May 13th 1917)

**May 13**  
THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF APPARITIONS OF  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

## Reflection

The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000, document explaining the "third secret."

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church's teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.

# Love One Another



Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?

1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?
3. What can you do for your grand-parents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?



When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!

Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!  
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9th, 2021



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What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?  
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!