

### Notes from Barb!

† Today's special collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Please put your envelopes in the regular collection. (Envelopes are at the church entrance.)

† Next week's special collection is for the Education of Future Priests. This, also should be put in the regular collection.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

† The parish office will be closed on May 29 for Memorial Day.

† All are invited to Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at Sacred Heart on Thursday June 1 6-7pm.

### Parish Council/Finance Committee News

The proposed budget for 2023-24 has been approved. If anyone wants a copy, let Barb know.

The Vendors' Fair raised \$360 as well as \$80 for VBS from the lemonade stand.

We are looking toward an outreach program to assist families and communities going through difficult times. We need those who might be interested to contact Sue Heck to explore how we can move forward with this project.

We have 3 spots to fill on the Parish Council and another 3 on the Finance Committee. Please let Barb know if you can serve in either of those roles. Commitment is 6 meetings a year.

### The Ascension of the Lord

#### *Ephesians 1:17-23*

#### Power Source

Nations build up their power through politics, weapons and wealth. Strong leaders can unite their people to promote a cause. Mighty arsenals can overcome enemies. Money can buy influence and technology. Nations feel secure when they hold power.

As citizens, we sometimes take false hope in the security of our nation. It is nearly impossible to guard against every attack, to control every enemy, and to protect our national treasures. It is tempting to rely on the standards of national power: politics, weapons, and wealth.

The Letter to the Ephesians takes another view of power. It assumes that all power belongs to God, not to people, and that God has assigned authority to Christ, "raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens." God put all things beneath the feet of Christ "and gave him as head over all things."

But Jesus is no politician. He owns no weapons. He possesses no earthly wealth. His dominion differs from that of temporal rulers. Believers of every nation put their trust in Christ. They follow his teachings. Most importantly, they believe he is the victor over death. Jesus has conquered death, the enemy of every human. With Jesus as our head, we enjoy unparalleled freedom and release from all our fears.

Those who follow Christ put their trust in other forms of power—perfect love of God and neighbor.

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May 21, 2023  
The Ascension of the Lord



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#### Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

#### Reconciliation


Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.


We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	May 21	May 28
Lector	Caleb Fleschner	Chris Mangia
Gift Bearers	Scully Family	Smithson Family
Ushers	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey	Matt Breneman & Charlie Cummins
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Norris & MaryLu Thralls	Carol Cummins & Bonnie Warn
Counters	Bob & Patty Kane	Flo Callahan
Cleaners	Off week	Sheila Stultz & Linda Dubois
Coffee & Donuts	Off week	Off week


**Mass Intentions:**  
 May 21 Bill Mars  
 May 28 Georgianna Callahan  
 If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00.  
**We are wide open for mass intentions after June 4!**

**Birthday Blessing to:**  
  
 David Marrs 5-23  
 Molly Rohrbach 5-26

**Prayers Please for:**  
 Louise Arnold, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, Doug Hand, John Finley.



If you have people on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb to update her on their conditions.



Thanks to Jena and our catechists for a wonderful religious education year! We are looking for new catechists for the 2023-24 year. Please let Jena know if you are interested.

**Vacation Bible School** is July 24-28!  
 Let Jena know if you can help.

**Fundraising**  
 Thanks to all who supported the Vendors' Fair!  
 We are still taking donations for the Gift Card Raffle. You can help by donating a gift card (preferably purchased from our SCRIP program, or getting businesses to donate cards. Final prizes will be set by the end of May. Raffle tickets will go on sale in June.

Finance Report			
	May 14	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday Collection	\$2378	\$2308	
Galvin Fund Donations	\$ 125	\$ 115	

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven is a mystery rooted in history and spoken of in Scripture. It is the completion of the Easter mysteries of Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection, and it is the final step before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

There are two things to remember about this mystery. First, in a very real way, Jesus' ascension into heaven is the goal for each one of us. He goes before us, and we are to follow Him there. In the Ascension, the domain of God's glory is opened to us, and Jesus, in His glorified humanity, takes His rightful place at God's right hand. It is a privilege for all of us that one of our own, a man like us in all things but sin, has been so glorified. Not only that, he is calling us and interceding for us always so that we will one day join him.

The second thing to remember about this mystery is that Jesus will come back. When that day comes, we should be ready. He has asked us to be his faithful disciples, living in a vital friendship with him. This is not magic, however. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit, whom each of us receives in baptism and confirmation. It also takes a lived relationship with God in prayer. Finally, Jesus expects us to be open, available and ready to cooperate with him in the mission he calls us to.

In Matthew's Gospel, the last injunction is similar: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (28:19-20). If we live out that mission from Christ, and truly make disciples of all nations, then his presence is with us despite his bodily absence. First and foremost, Jesus is with us in the Eucharist and in the liturgy of the Church. Jesus also is present spiritually when we pray in his name.

Jesus' work on earth is now complete, but the task of bearing witness to Him and making disciples is never done, not until he returns at the end of time. That task is not just theirs; it belongs to all of us.

Adapted from: <https://www.simplycatholic.com/two-things-to-know-about-christs-ascension-into-heaven/>

