



**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**May 16, 2021**

Wed.	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**Confessions**

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John  
 Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille  
 Saturdays 11:00am St Columbkille

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 19: 1-8 John 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 John 20:19-23

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$6960.00**  
**Loose - \$317.00**  
**Building Fund - \$670.00**  
**650 Parish Families**  
**(297 Family envelope holders)**  
**125 Envelopes used**

**Donations:**

In loving memory of Catherine Toth, by Carl & Louise Cluckey  
 In loving memory of Ted Steussnig, 6<sup>th</sup> yr. anniversary this month, by Margie Streussnig  
 In loving memory of a friend, Ken Krug, by Margie Streussnig

**Mass Intentions for Weekend of May 15 & 16**  
**Saturday St John: Good Shepherd Parishioners**  
**Sunday St. Joseph: + Marian Weltin**  
**St. Columbkille: + Mary McKnight**

**In this Sunday's Reading**

"Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God." - 1 JOHN 4:15  
 It is easy to talk about our Catholic faith at parish functions or with other Catholics. But, how do you react or defend your faith in situations outside of "church?" It is easier to stay quiet and not address questions or defend your faith? Pray for the courage to show your faith through your words and actions in all situations.



**Newly Baptized**

**Please welcome into our family of faith:**  
**Mason Stanley Peruski**  
**Son of Nathan & Alexandria Peruski**  
**And**

**Madison Kimberly Stacer**  
**Daughter of Michael & Melissa Stacer**  
**Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May you experience the Lord every day of your life.**

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### Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting on **Monday, Memorial Day**

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Center. Meeting

will be from @ 5:00-7:30pm.

Youth group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

### Rosaries

At 4:30 starting on May 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John Church

At St. Joseph Church @ 8:10am before Mass and prior to 10:30 Mass at St Columbkille on Sundays.



### Baby Bottle Boomerang 2021

Baby Bottle Boomerang kicked off last weekend.

Please take a baby bottle home and return it Fathers' Day Weekend. Fill it with your loose or spare change or a check payable to Huron Co. RTL.

Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Huron Co.

Right to Life & Positive Alternatives of Bad Axe.

Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

Thank you.

### New Lay Ministry Class

Is God calling you to do more? To let His light shine through you in service to others? To become a Commissioned/Missioned Lay Minister? Are you interested in learning more about Lay Ministry? From now until May 15, the Office of Lay Ministry will be accepting applications for those who wish to begin the program in September of 2021. It is a four-year formation experience designed for lay people who wish to expand their knowledge of Scripture and Catholic theology, deepen their relationship with God, and fulfill their baptismal call by serving others. To find out more, please contact Kellie Deming at [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or 989.797.6609.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

**May 17:** Barb Roggenbuck, Charlotte Baker, Shirley Piontkowski

**May 24:** Jeanene Schmidt, Olave Bukoski, Carol Beaudin

**Tuesday June 1:** Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

5:00pm Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> St. John

Lector: Coral Beaudin

EMHC: Judy Messing

Ushers: John Guigar, Curly Messing, Whitey Pawlosky

8:30am Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Bill Izydorek, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Val Fischer

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Ray Maurer



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gary Bismack Memorial Golf Tournament** sponsored by K of C, Ubyly Sheridan Council #12850 on Sunday, May 23rd at Ubyly Heights Golf Club - there will be a shotgun start at 11am with check in beginning at 10am. Four person scramble can be men, women, or mixed teams. Minimum Handicap 50 per team - Only 1 person 10 or under Handicap. Cost is \$50/person, Members \$40 person. Prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> place \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200. Entry fee includes greens fees, cart, hot dogs, and dinner after. Hole event prizes and door prizes included. Skins game, 50/50 raffle. For more info contact Ray at 989-550-8153 or Jeff Maurer 989-553-4224.

***Bishop Gruss encourages us to sign this petition to stop our tax dollars from going to abortion; sign it here: [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)***

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# Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

## Will you quench His thirst? --- Fr. Nate's Update

*(Congrats to our newest parish family members, Mason Peruski, below, Madison Stacer, top right, and Moxen Heleski, bottom right, all baptized recently at our parish! Lord Jesus, help their parents, godparents, AND fellow parishioners to be examples of love for You!)*

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy May, the month of Mary!



### **First, some humor:**

\*\*\*Pastor: What's this

fly doing in my soup? Waiter: Praying. Pastor: Very funny. I can't eat this. Take it back. Waiter: You see? The fly's prayers were answered.

\*\*\*The new minister was driving on an unpaved country road and had a wreck. A farmer in the parish stopped and said, "Reverend, are you okay?" The minister said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer took a long look at the car and said, "Well, Reverend, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."

**Catholic Church Tour:** The dove: "The dove is a white bird often depicted in the Catholic Church as

flying gracefully before a shining aura of light. Sometimes, the dove is carrying an olive branch in its beak... The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit." When Christ was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on Him "like a dove", according Matthew 3:16 and Mark 1:10. The olive branch in its mouth is a symbol of peace and of forgiveness, reminding us of the dove that returned to Noah, telling him the flood waters were receding.

-<https://owlcation.com/humanities/catholic-symbols>



**Praise Report:** At every daily Mass during the Easter Season, we light the Paschal (Easter) Candle. This past week, after Mass at St. John Church, I noticed that the Easter Candle was dangerously close to a



willow branch decoration in the corner. I immediately moved the candle away from the branches, and placed it by the ambo, as is appropriate during the Easter Season. Thank you Jesus that the branch did not catch fire! *Please send me "Praise Reports" to share in bulletin/facebook page such as short descriptions of answered prayers, blessings you did not pray for such as spiritual, physical, emotional healing, or any experience of God.*

**Marathon of Prayer:** Pope Francis has called for a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May to appeal for divine assistance in bringing about an end to the COVID pandemic. Marian shrines around the world have been chosen by the Holy See to lead the rosary each day of the month. In the United States, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will lead the rosary Monday, May 17. Cardinal Wilton Gregory, archbishop of Washington, will lead the rosary at 12:00 PM ET that day for the special intention of world leaders and the heads of international organizations as they work to combat the pandemic. The faithful are invited to join online at: [www.nationalshrine.org/mass](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass). -Office of Public Affairs, USCCB

**Watch Your Words!** I am deeply disturbed when I see signs/flags such as "F\*\*\* Biden"; "My Governor is an Idiot", etc. or hear people calling politicians names. Questions to think about: are these signs and words based in charity and love? Do they follow Jesus's command to love and pray for our enemies?

Someone recently told me they went to confession and confessed their criticizing of someone, and it helped change their attitude towards that person. This person told me it helps her whenever she remembers that God made this person and that Christ died for her.

Here are some scriptures to guide us:

- -James 3:6, "And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself."
- -Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."
- -1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another."

**10 Year Anniversary Open House:** Sunday May 16, 12:00-2:00pm: Stop in the tents by the parish center to celebrate Fr. Nate Harburg's 10 Year Ordination Anniversary! Food graciously provided by Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers. Lawn games. Etc. *Lord Jesus please pour out your Holy Spirit upon Fathers Marcel Portelli (Gladwin/Harrison), Edwin Dwyer (Ithaca), Bob Schikora (retired), and Nathan Harburg (Ubly) as they celebrate 10 years of Your priesthood, which they share in!*

**Pentecost Novena:** Bishop Gruss sent the Novena to each registered parishioner. Please pray it daily, or another one you can find online, even if you begin it late! Come Holy Spirit!!

**Let Us Pray:** *(Pope's May Intention): That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Lord hear our prayer!*

*God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg*

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Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 |  
Mk 16:15-20

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, “was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today’s feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits “at the right hand of God,” Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God’s love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today’s readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of “farewell party” for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus “left” the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today’s Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus’ words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” As Catholics and Christians, that’s our bottom line. I read somewhere that “proclaim” goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God’s love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

**PRAY** Today’s feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a “spirit of wisdom.”

Proclaim  
The Gospel