

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

In today's readings, Christ leaves his "corporation," the church, and trusts the "employees," his disciples, to run things in his absence. Considering the two-thousand-year history of the Church, many might question the wisdom of his decision! Yet, Christ knew that the Spirit would always guide the Church in continuing his messianic mission.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MAY 14, 2018

Monday, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle
NO MASS-Liturgical Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, St. Isidore
8:15AM Brian Petrowske by Roger & Ruth Petrowske
Wednesday, May 16
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, May 17
NO MASS
Friday, May 18, St. John I
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Saturday, May 19
5PM Cleo Gross
Sunday, May 20
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MAY 13 THRU MAY 20

Sunday	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9AM Mass K of C CLOSED
Monday	NO MASS/Liturgical Committee Meeting 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Brats/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (All School) NOON West Vicariate Meeting at Todd's Mill Principal's AR Luncheon Last Day of 8 th Grade Attendance
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off Last Day of Student Attendance 2:50PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE
Friday	8:15AM Mass 10:30AM
Saturday	5PM Eighth Grade Graduation Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: On this feast we are given the ultimate vision and mission statement for the Church. It goes something like this: Christ is now working with and for us "at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are to be Christ's witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We seek to do so by "proclaiming the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) and "building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God" (Ephesians 4: 12-13).

TITHE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,041.00
\$801.00 Cemetery Fund; \$329.00 Sr. Anne; \$70.00
Improvement; \$1.00 Child Env.; \$6.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithes: \$6,679.25
Fiscal Year Week: 45
YTD Actual Giving: \$300,566.00
YTD Budget Need: \$315,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$14,434.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$320.76)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for May 19 & 20: 5PM, Grace Welborn, Jack Heffernan, Nate Maes; 9AM, David Grau, Nolin Crain, Connor Wolff

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Think about the presence of Christ in your life. How does he awe you?

CONGRATULATIONS to our Kindergarten graduates. They are Aubree Farrar, Alivia Korando, Kevin Korando and Jackson Powell.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY is in need of peanut butter, canned meats & canned fruit. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet in the rectory on Wednesday, May 23, at 7PM.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE: St. Mary's PTO will rent spaces in the SMS Gym for Saturday, June 2. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Dainelle Powell via Facebook, dpowell43011@gmail.com, or 618-559-0555. Pre-payment is required.

2018-2019 SMS REGISTRATION will be held on Wednesday, June 6, from 10AM-5:30PM for kindergarten through 8th Grade. Please contact the school office (826-3120) to arrange a meeting on a different date if you are unable to attend this registration.

OLD FASHIONED QUILTING BEE will be held at Immaculate Conception, Columbia, on Tuesday, June 5, through Thursday, June 7, from 8AM-5PM. For more information contact Carlene Kisro (281-5888) or kisro@htc.net.

A QUILTARAMA will be hosted by Mary Help of Christians, Chester, on Tuesday, June 12, at the K of C Hall from 8:30AM-3:30PM. Surrounding parishes and several Christian communities in the area have been invited. We are asking the ladies of our parish to bring casseroles, salads, desserts, and attendance prizes. Also, assistance with lunch that day would be appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Todd (618-340-5013) to say that you'll donate a dish or help with lunch.

INTERPARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at St. Mary of the Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove, on Monday, July 9 through Thursday, July 12, from 6-8PM. This program is for Kindergarten-5th Grade students from St. Boniface, Evansville, St. Mary of the Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove, and Mary Help of Christians, Chester. Contact Gina Bleem (853-4196), Deb Hoelscher (763-5766 or 618-559-4384) or Cheryl Gross (826-2526 or 853-2678). Registration is due by Saturday, June 30.

MEET ME AT THE MUNY (AGAIN)! We had so much fun last year that we are trying it again! On Wednesday, July 11, we will travel to see "Jersey Boys". Tickets are \$35 for parishioners (guys-this includes you too). Seating will be approximately in the same area as last year. Other guests will need to pay an additional \$15 bus fee. We will stop at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher for a Fried Chicken Dinner. Additional stops can be made along the way for boarding. Departure time will be announced closer to the show date. Donna Ritter (826-3706) will need all monies by Wednesday, June 13, to confirm your seats. For additional information, please contact Donna Ritter.

STILL GOING. STILL BAPTIZING. STILL SAVING: Jesus is lifted up to the right hand of God. Jesus, however, is both in heaven and in our midst. Ascended, surely. But still with us, absolutely. So, what does that mean for us? Baptism makes a big difference in earthly life. It claims us in Christ and claims us for heaven. Because we now look like him, we are charged to act like him. What mercy work will fill my words and deeds this week?