

May 21 – Feast of the Ascension

I AM WITH YOU ALL DAYS
TILL THE END OF THE AGE.

Jesus, when you ascended,
you took all your (and our) humanity
into the fullness of the divine being.

All is holy now. We belong to you.

We ask you to give us the “new ways of
thinking, acting, living, loving and being.
A new way of being human.”

We need your love, courage, understanding,
knowledge, and your wisdom.

Be with us all days.

Let your Spirit never leave us alone.

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Where Are You Looking

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so, they were asked: “Why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus’ ascension. However, today’s understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus’ ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God’s right hand, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” with “all things beneath his feet” (Ephesians 1:21–22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: “Watch what is going to happen.” Instead, he told them to go out: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don’t worry, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Look where you are going, not where I went. (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

May 21 – Donna Hoover
May 28 – Anna Walke
June 4 – Harriet & Allen Kunz

MASS INTENTIONS

May 20 – Richard and Dolores Wagner
May 21 – Charles and Lucille Simon
May 27 – Allie and Anna Walke
May 28 – Lucille Simon

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – May 27 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Sam Simon

Lector: Terry Harmeyer

Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan

EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – May 28 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Julie Stephens

Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl

EM: Amanda Schutte (Hall), Scott Simon, Kevin Tunny

Saturday – June 3 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

EM: Terry Harmeyer (Hall), Judy Steuri, Beth Simon

Sunday – June 4 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Kevin Tunny, Susan Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2470.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 24.45
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 310.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2804.45
Capital Improvement	\$160.00
Rummage Sale	\$25.00

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH EVERY GOOD GIFT!

*"We must ask the Lord...to grant us the gift of wisdom,
that wisdom of God that teaches us to see with God's
eyes, to feel with God's heart, to speak with God's
words. And so, with this wisdom, let us go forward, let
us build our family, let us build the Church."*

~ Pope Francis

WELCOME – We extend a warm welcome to Father John Kattattu, a member of the Vincentian Congregation. A second collection will be taken up to assist his community in their missionary activities. This is one small way you can help to evangelize.

REST IN PEACE – We extend sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of **Dorothy Stier**, who died on Friday, May 12. Her Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Thursday, May 18. May she now enjoy an Eternal Dance with her God!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Summer Religion Week is scheduled for June 5 to June 9, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. **Children in our First Communion class are required to attend.** The First Communion Mass will be celebrated on **June 11, 1:30 PM.**

175 YEARS – From 1957 through 1974, Fr. Michael Djubasz was pastor of St. Maurice. His work included the organization of the ladies' N.C.C.W. group and construction of the parish hall in 1960. He also introduced the congregation to liturgical changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council: celebrating Mass in English while facing the congregation and having lay people (server boys) as lectors. Fr. Djubasz was responsible for the 1963-64 major remodeling in church when the white spired altars were replaced with natural maple altars and sanctuary adornments, and the floor was carpeted.

When Fr. Mike retired at the end of 1974, St. Maurice was without a resident pastor. Msgr. Joseph Brokhage, who was then the archdiocesan personnel director for priests, became the parish administrator. He continued to live and work in Indianapolis and traveled to Napoleon for the weekend Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and meetings. In 1977, Benedictine Sister Mary Cecile Deken was hired as pastoral associate and director of religious education. Msgr. Brokhage organized a Parish Council and Board of Education and introduced concepts like ecumenism, adult education, lay ministers of the Eucharist, and coffee and donuts after Mass. He encouraged the parish to repair and remodel the old school building and the rectory. Msgr. and Sister Mary Cecile worked hard to train lay catechists and build up the CCD program for the children on Monday evenings and teenagers after Sunday Mass. They worked together among the people of Napoleon until 1991.

Mark Your Calendars!
SISTER SHIRLEY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM MASS.
This will be a pitch-in dinner, with meat provided by the Mary and Martha Circle. Come and show your gratitude, love, and support for Sister Shirley for all she has done for each of us and our parish!

175TH ST. MAURICE ANNIVERSARY
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATES
Saturday, June 24: Sr. Shirley's Retirement Celebration in the Parish Center following the 4:00 PM Mass
August 1: Blood Drive
August 3, 4 & 5: Church Pictorial Directory
September 9: Feast of St. Maurice Celebration
Possible Outdoor Mass - Picnic - Campout & Inflatables
September 16-20: Parish Mission by Fr. Rhinehart
October 6-7: Fall Rummage Sale
November 11: Fall Smorgasbord
December 3: Archbishop Charles Thompson
175th Anniversary Mass at 10:00 AM, with a catered luncheon celebration following in the Parish Center

MASS GREETERS

May 27, 4:00 PM – Dennis Wagner, Eric Busch
May 28, 10:00 AM – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny






RIPLEY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY – Last Wednesday, a check for **\$1,621.96** was presented to the Ripley County Food Pantry – a wonderful gift for those in need. Thank you, children and all donors.

MEMORIALS – We received **\$1,071.00** in memory of Mary Scholle. This money will be placed in the Cemetery Fund. Let us remember Mary in prayer. She loved this church and parish. Eternal Love now be given to her!

RUMMAGE SALE – **\$4,926.21** was made from the Rummage Sale. Thank you, ladies!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards." (Benjamin Franklin)

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Preparing for Rummage Sale RE Classes 6:45 PM Mass and May Crowning 7:00 PM	Preparing for Rummage Sale	 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - Noon Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon Mass 4:00 PM Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM Last RE Class 8:30 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pick Pockets BP Checks Donuts & Coffee			Last RE Class 6:45 PM Attendance Awards Program in Church 7:20 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sixth Sunday of Easter SENIOR GRADUATION MASS 10:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY Donuts & Coffee			Catechist Meeting 7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Missionary Priest ARMED FORCES DAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Mass - 10:00 AM Missionary Priest Donuts & Coffee		Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM				VIGIL OF PENTECOST Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass - 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee	 Memorial DAY		VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH  For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.		