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The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: GONE BUT STILL PRESENT

Before Jesus left his apostles, he said to them, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live" (John 14:18-19).

While in a one sense Jesus was referring to the "Advocate," or the Holy Spirit that he gives to his apostles on Pentecost, Jesus is also referring to other ways he has promised to be "with us."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes these particular ways he is present, which are mentioned by Jesus throughout the Gospels.

"Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But "he is present ... most especially in the Eucharistic species." (CCC 1373)

Each time we read the Bible, especially the Gospels, Jesus is present with us, though not in a visible way.

He is present when we pray, again, not in a visible way, but a real and abiding presence.

Jesus also explained to his apostles that, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of

mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Whenever we see a poor, sick or imprisoned person, we see Jesus in a special way and our actions are done as if Jesus were that person.



Last, but not least, Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist. This is the most tangible way Jesus is present, as we are able to accept Jesus inside of our own bodies.

In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' — by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (CCC 1374)

The Eucharistic presence of Jesus remains a mystery to us, but the Church affirms that it is real, containing Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity.

So while Jesus may have "left" his apostles when he ascended into Heaven, he did not leave us alone and remains with us in various ways that are in some ways greater than his bodily presence in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. *Aleteia.org*

PARISH NEWS

— May 26th is the 2 year anniversary of the new church's dedication! —

Memorial Day Mass Cancelled

There will be no Memorial Day Mass, avenue of flags or flander's field at the cemetery due to Covid-19. However, a display of crosses will be erected around the altar in the cemetery in memory of our parishioners we have lost over the past year.

Online or ACH Giving

Parishioners can give online for a small processing fee or through a Direct Deposit at no charge. Complete information can be found on the Giving page of the St. Gregory website located at <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/giving>.

Public Masses

We have begun the slow transition back to public Masses. The faithful are invited to attend Mass in Marysville on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 9:00am or in Beattie on Sunday at 7:30am. Please note that *seating is limited*.

Dispensation of Sunday Obligation

The dispensation given by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in effect until it is safe to revoke it. Persons with higher vulnerability to the virus are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the dispensation and refrain from attending public Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Tuesday, May 26**

12:05pm +Carol Slupianek

Wednesday, May 27

12:05pm +Gerald Wassenberg

Thursday, May 28

12:05pm +William Schwindamann

Friday, May 298:15am +Bill, Irene and Jeanne Sandmann
+Harry and Betty Gausepohl**Saturday, May 30**5:30pm ~Family of Alexander and Regina Bieker
~Family of Roy and Lois Petty**Sunday, May 31**9:00am +Charles and Virginia Ring
~Living and deceased members of Lee Price family
~St. Gregory and St. Malachy Parishioners**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Saturday, May 30**4:30-5:15pm Confessions
5:30pm Mass**Sunday, May 31**8:30am Rosary*
9:00am Mass****Live on Blue Valley Ch. 3 and Facebook****NEW CHURCH DIRECTIVES**

- Hymnals have been removed for the time being.
- Certain pews are designated for use during Mass.
- No congregational singing at this time.
- All are asked to use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.
- During the distribution of the Eucharist, there will be locations on the floor of where to stand for appropriate social distancing.
- Masks covering the mouth and nose are suggested. Eucharistic ministers will be required to use them during the distribution of the Eucharist.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONEnvelope & Plate for May 17th \$ 7,291.00
(*\$11,254 Expected Average Collection needed each week*)**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Loan Balance (as of 5/7/20) \$904,901.67
Donations (since 5/01/20) (\$ 7,010.00)
 Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability \$981,163.92
 Total Contributions to Date \$7,428,901.46
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION

Please welcome
Owen Lewis Minge,
 son of Dane and Allison Minge,
 who will be baptized on Sunday at St. Gregory's.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ed Haefner,
 husband of Thelma Taphorn,
 brother-in-law of Eddie, Jimmy and Francis Taphorn.

NEW PASTOR

As announced last weekend, Fr. Nathan has been given a new assignment beginning July 1st. He will be the new pastor at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Topeka. His last weekend with us will be June 27/28th.

Our new pastor will be Fr. Quentin Schmitz, a classmate of Fr. Nathan's. Fr. Quentin grew up in Baileyville and for the past five years has been the pastor of four small parishes in the southeast corner of the Archdiocese in the towns of Burlington, Emerald, Waverly and Westphalia. His first

weekend at St. Gregory's and St. Malachy's will be the weekend of July 4/5th.

#TOGETHERISBETTER

Identiteez will continue this program until May 31st and then will no longer be printing these designs. Be sure to get yours ordered ASAP!

You can purchase the *Together Is Better* St. Gregory t-shirt for \$20 in a variety of colors. For every t-shirt purchased, \$10 will be donated back to the church. All shirts must be purchased online.

Adult: <https://togetherisbetterks.com/togetherisbetter/shop/product-detail/1003160>

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ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



This week ended a school year that we will not soon forget! Thank you to all our school families for partnering with us through these unprecedented circumstances. Together, with the help of our Heavenly Father, we have overcome and I have no doubt that we will continue to do so through the journeys that lay ahead.

Thank you also to all those who continue to support our school through time, talent, treasure, and prayers. We greatly appreciate your support and dedication to our school.

And most especially thank you to our teachers for all that you have done for our students and their families through this time of continuous learning! Your efforts went above and beyond!

Enrollment - Enrollment packets for the 2020-2021 need to be returned to the school office along with the enrollment and book/supply fee ASAP. If you would like to enroll at St. Gregory Catholic School please call the school office at 785-562-2831 or email kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org and we will send you an enrollment packet.

Teacher Position - St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is seeking a Full Time 4th Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at www.archkckcs.org. Questions may be directed to Karen Farrell at 562-2831 or through email at kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

May 25 Carter Wassenberg, Kirk Bradford
May 26 Cara Stade, Courtney Kroeger
May 27 Max Searcey, Cathy LeSage, Derek Rhodes
May 28 Kayla Bussmann, Charlotte Crome, Jordon Wheeler
May 30 Bennett Schell, David Lord, Nancy Peschel
May 31 Quinn Preuss, Brecken Wright, Annamarie Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

May 27 Mike and Jean Stillwell
May 29 Greg and Mary Jane Strunk
May 31 Jeff and Jennifer Fisher
 Jeff and Krystal Keating

PLAN TO REOPEN KANSAS DATES

Updated 5/21/20

Phase 2: No sooner than May 22, 2020

Groups of 15 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase 3: No sooner than June 8, 2020

Groups of 45 or more must be at least 6 ft apart

Phase Out: No sooner than June 22, 2020

Large gathering limits are significantly relaxed



Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Throm, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Joleen Cohorst, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Raymond Throm, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoehr, Francis Kloeker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston, Fred Behrens, Katie Vering, Dennis Mason, Sally Hall, Brian Studer and Mike Wetter. *To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

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Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

K of C Hall Reservations: Joe Peschel at 562-3161

Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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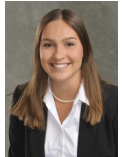
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