



Saint Florian

Staffed by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

1233 South 45 Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53214-3615

May 24, 2020 ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(The Parish Office is closed Monday for Memorial Day.)
Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. this week
 (The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Kate Klister 350-9217
 Vice Chair: Sue Jens 328-4042
 Trustee: Russell Miller..... 671-2385
 Trustee: Sandy Kania..... 672-0364

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Joseph Carpenter - 4:00 p.m. Sat. choir.....430-3425
 Diane Bersch - 8:00 a.m. Sun. choir.....541-8109

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFICE

Within St. Rita Parish, 2318 South 61 Street, West Allis, WI 53219
 High School/Confirmation Program
 RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
 Contact the DRE - Director of Religious Education,
 Barbara Krieger..... 541-7515, ext. 39

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Parish registration and parental instruction required.
 Please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Please arrange for a date and instructions at least six months in advance at the parish office.
 Parish registration is required.

Anointing of the Sick - (subject to change or by request)

Saturday, June 134:00 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Each family or single adult 18 years old or older living at home or alone is invited and expected to be registered in our parish family at the parish office.
 Please call the parish office to register.

"Please Remember St. Florian Parish in your Will."

WEEKEND MASSES RESUME MAY 30, 2020

DAILY MASSES STILL CANCELLED (subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m.
 (celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel) — **CANCELLED**
 Evening before Holy Day (Anticipated)
 7:00 p.m.
 (celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 p.m. Mass)
 Holy Day 8:00 a.m.
 (celebrated in the Main Church - no 5:00 p.m. Mass)

CONFESSIONS RESUME MAY 30, 2020

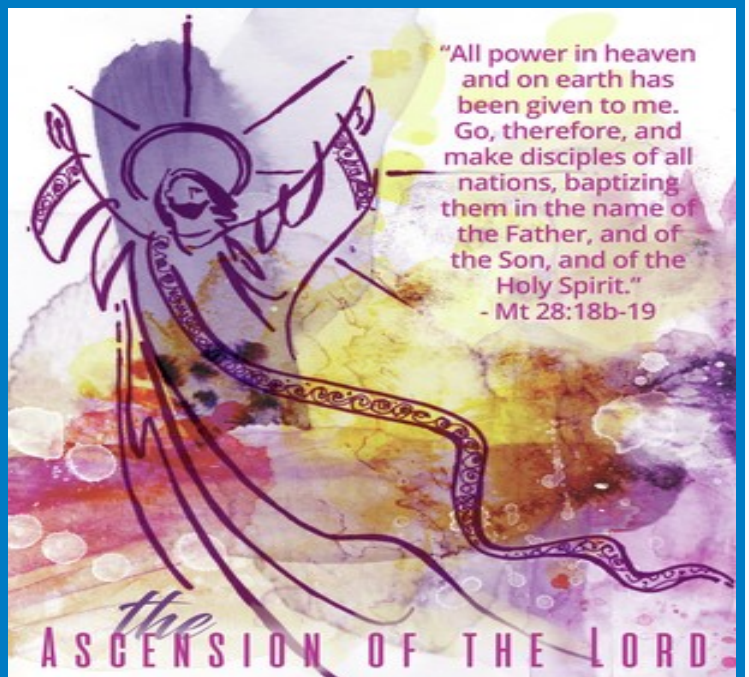
(Note the new time.)
 Saturdays 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
 (or upon request at the Parish Office)

HELPING HANDS

Outreach for the elderly and the homebound.
 Elaine Croft..... 615-7124

MARY QUEEN OF SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

(Our Parish Cluster School)
 1435 South 92 Street • West Allis, WI 53214 476-0751





**MASS
INTENTIONS**

May 23, 2020
through
May 31, 2020

Sat., May 23 - *Anticipated Ascension of the Lord*
† Paul Klister

Sun., May 24 - *The Ascension of the Lord*
The Parishioners of St. Florian Parish

Mon., May 25 - *Easter Weekday*
† John & Mary Krainz

Tues., May 26 - *St. Philip Neri, Priest*
No Mass Intention

Wed., May 27 - *Easter Weekday*
No Mass Intention

Thurs., May 28 - *Easter Weekday*
No Mass Intention

Fri., May 29 - *Easter Weekday*
No Mass Intention

Sat., May 30 - *Anticipated Pentecost Sunday*
The Parishioners of St. Florian Parish

Sun., May 31 - *Pentecost Sunday*
† Jim Berse

ETERNAL FLAME



May 23 - May 29, 2020

In loving memory of:

† **Julia & Joseph Kuras**

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER



May 19, 2020

25 - Susan Schupp

CARMELITE QUOTE

“... God does not fit in an occupied heart.”

~ *St. John of the Cross*

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30,
31, 34 [cf. 30]/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-2

CATHOLIC QUOTE

“God waits for us.

He doesn't get tired, he doesn't lose heart.”

~ *Pope Francis*



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Forty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity celebrates the glorification of Jesus Christ and His seating at the Father's right hand. With Jesus' Ascension, it begins a new phase in salvation history.

St. Luke wrote two volumes recorded in the New Testament. Volume I, the Gospel of Luke and Volume II, the Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is so important that St. Luke mentions it twice, at the end of his Gospel (Lk. 24:50-53) and at the beginning of Acts (Acts 1:6-11). The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, this event takes place after “forty days”, that biblically significant number. Here is his point: the Apostles experience the presence of the Risen Jesus with them over an extended period of time.

The Gospel of St. Matthew refers to the Ascension in his final episode. We hear how the resurrected Lord commissioned the disciples to baptize “all nations” in God's name: “Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”. Although images and direct references to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are present throughout the Gospel and other New Testament writings, St. Matthew is the only evangelist to clearly articulate what we call the “Trinitarian formula in Mt. 28:19.

In reading this passage from St. Matthew, you realize he makes no reference to Jesus's departure or Ascension. **His emphasis is on the presence of Jesus with us always even until the end of the time** (Mt. 28:20).

Jesus parting words to his disciples asks them to wait for the promised Holy Spirit before they resume their ministry. The Holy Spirit will give them the power to give witness to the words and actions of Jesus Christ, who is now Risen from the dead. The disciples proclaim this Good News to all the nations, to the Jews and the Gentiles as well.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul, I find an important spiritual insight: the same power of God that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the Father's right hand in heaven, that same power is at work in the lives of each one of us. Do we recognize this power in our lives? Do we draw upon this power of God during this pandemic? May our hearts be strengthened and may God give us the wisdom to be faithful to Him in this crisis.

May Jesus peace remain in your hearts,
Fr. Fred, OCD

Mark Your
CALENDAR

* Private Masses will be continue to be celebrated without an assembly for Daily Masses only.

Saturday, May 23 - Anticipated Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm Mass in Church CANCELLED

Sunday, May 24 - Ascension of the Lord Sunday

8:00 am Mass in Church CANCELLED

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

(The Parish Office is closed.)

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel CANCELLED

Tuesday, May 26

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel CANCELLED

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg in Church basement

Wednesday, May 27

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel CANCELLED

Thursday, May 28

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel CANCELLED

Friday, May 29

5:00 pm Mass in Our Lady's Chapel CANCELLED

* WEEKEND MASSES WILL RESUME

**SATURDAY, MAY 30 & SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020
IN THE CHURCH & CONTINUE EACH WEEKEND.**

* CONFESSIONS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAYS,
NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME OF 2:00 - 3:15 P.M.

Saturday, May 30 - Anticipated Pentecost Sunday

2:00-3:15 pm Confessions in Church

4:00 pm Mass in Church

Sunday, May 31- Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Mass in Church

* DAILY MASSES WILL NOT YET RESUME UNTIL
ALLOWED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE.

* Thank you for your patience and
welcome back to Church!



**In May,
Please Pray For . . .**

Catherine Becker	Bernie & James	Patrick & Rose
Gregg & Susan	McGivern	Redmond
Dufek	Betty Michalowski	Carolyn Toby
Helen Guskowski	Candy Netterfield	Edie Wurcer
Joyce Johnson	family	Gloria Zelazek
Ruth Kressl	Katherine Papa	Bernie Zimney
Helen Markowski	Mary Priewe	
	Elizabeth Reineck	



Born to Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers...

† **Michael Becker**

He passed away Sunday, May 17.
His Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.
Please keep his wife Catherine in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.*



WEDDING BANS

**MICHAEL LEES & MARY SAYLES
May 23, 2020**



*Father, please hear
the prayers for
Michael & Mary
who will be united
in marriage
before Your altar.*

*Give them Your blessings and
strengthen their love for each other.*

*We, Your people of St. Florian Parish,
ask this through our
Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever.
Amen.*

NEWS FROM THE ST. FLORIAN CONFERENCE OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We would like to inform you that effective May 31, 2020, the St. Florian Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will become inactive.

Our conference was welcomed into the St. Florian Parish years ago and it has been our honor to work with the pastoral staff and parishioners to bring forth the mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generous support through the years has helped a tremendous amount of people in need served by our conference.

After the May 18 Food Pantry, we will be closing our services as our conference membership has declined. This was a difficult decision but we are unable to provide the level of service needed with such a small number of members. At the pantry on Monday, we will provide our clients with information for food pantries and other resources within our area.

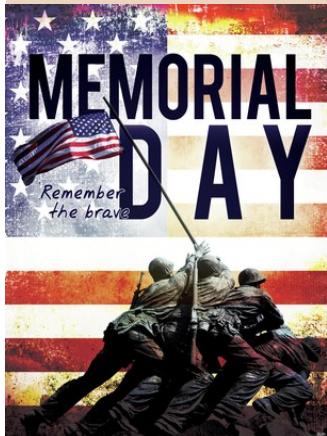
A heartfelt thank you to all of our Vincentians and volunteers! Your dedication and very hard work, certainly a labor of love, will always be appreciated.

For those who wish to continue supporting St. Vincent de Paul, please send your donations directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Council Office, 9601 West Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53225-3301.

God Bless You,
Mary Nehlsen
President of the St. Florian Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, May 25, 2020
in honor of Memorial Day.
Regular Parish Office Hours will
resume Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at
Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down
earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be
called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men
and women who have died in
the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice
and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

— from [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

The following are live-stream options for the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. This list is in no way exhaustive; it is merely an attempt to help the Faithful pray together.

[Daily Mass with Pope Francis \(Vatican News\)](#) —
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7E-LYc1wivk33iyt5bR5zQ>

[Celebrate an In-Home Celebration of the Word](#) —
<https://edwardsri.com/2020/03/13/17088/>

[How to Make a Spiritual Communion](#) —
<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion-make-a-spiritual-communion>

Liturgy of the Hours

- The Benedictine Monks of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN: <https://saintjohnsabbey.org/live>
- The Benedictine Monks of Conception Abbey in Conception, MO:
<https://www.conceptionabbey.org/monastery/live/>

For more resources during this time of quarantined living, please visit:

[Courageous Communion webpage](#) —
<https://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion>

Each day the Archbishop has a daily video reflection, which can be found at:

<https://www.archmil.org/Daily-Reflection>

Pope Francis' special Urbi et Orbi blessing on Friday, March 27, 2020 with full text and video of his meditation from St. Peter's Basilica imploring our Lord to end the Coronavirus pandemic:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/urbi-et-orbi-pope-coronavirus-prayer-blessing.html>

SUNDAY MASSES ON TV OR RADIO

FOX6 Milwaukee will be broadcasting Sunday Mass LIVE EVERY SUNDAY at 11:00 a.m. from The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee during this time when individual parish Masses are suspended. Please share with family & friends. Join us!

The 9:00 a.m. Mass is on the radio at AM 920. Other TV Masses are available on WITI Fox 6 at 5:30 a.m. and WTVT (Ch. 18) & My24 at 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

During this time of social distancing as together we all do our part to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This leaves us with a deep longing for Christ in the Eucharist. While nothing can replace the Eucharist, this list of online resources may help you remain spiritually nourished.

WEBSITES, BLOGS & PODCASTS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FORMATION

The following are some excellent websites that may be helpful to your spiritual growth.

Integrated Catholic Life is a website and blog for people of all ages. The articles and blogs contained here range from scriptural reflections to Catholic apologetics.

<http://www.integratedcatholiclife.org/>

LIFE TEEN blog is an excellent blog for teens and college students as they navigate what it means to be Catholic in today's society. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/>

CatholicMom.com is a collection of articles, reflections, and activity ideas for today's busy mom. There is also a podcast and a "hangout" for online discussion.

<http://catholicmom.com/>

Ministry Monday is a weekly podcast for liturgical musicians and is a service of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Each podcast provides liturgical musicians with the opportunities to learn, engage, grow and be renewed in their faith. <https://www.ministrymonday.org/>

Busted Halo is a media resource that helps people of all ages understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others.

<https://bustedhalo.com/about>

Echoes from the Bell Tower Blog & Podcast is a ministry of the Monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Saint Meinrad, Indiana. It is devoted to observations on Christian faith, spirituality, and everyday events by contributors who have a deep connection to the Benedictine values lived out at Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Blog: <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/seminary-blog/echoes-from-the-bell-tower/?blogtype=>

Podcast: <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/echoes>

The Magnificat is offering their liturgical resources free during this pandemic at:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

The Magnificat suggests a prayer of spiritual Communion:

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen.

ALL other St. Florian Parish Events are still Cancelled except weekend Masses.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? — CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer: How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

Father Fred continues to share the prayer from Pope Francis as Protection against Covid-19

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and
to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and
to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are
our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love
of your Son, Jesus.

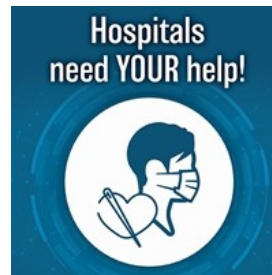
Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today marks a special day in the Church as Christ establishes the Church's mission and purpose and calls his disciples, then and now, to the work of accomplishing that mission. And what ultimately is that mission and purpose? To bring all things together in Christ. All that ever was, is, or shall be and all times and seasons find their fulfillment in Christ. To be in Christ is the goal of all creation. All of this begins with baptism and the realization that Christ is present with us, risen and glorified, always. If we approach Christ's fullness with faith, then the eyes of our hearts can be enlightened, and we can begin to see the greater truth of who we are and what creation is meant to be. Christ is really and truly far above all things and the beginning and end of all things. Understanding ourselves in this way really changes up the meaning of life.

WAYS TO HELP FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Homemade Facemasks for Healthcare Systems



Archbishop Listecki invites all who have the gift of sewing and crafting to make homemade facemasks for our local healthcare systems. Please visit the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website

[Homemade Masks](#)

to learn how you can help our local healthcare systems in this effort.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, composed a prayer asking Mary, Health of the Sick, to intercede for us during this pandemic.

Prayer to Mary, Health of the Sick

O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You, Mother of the Divine Physician,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Under your protection,
we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are
in trial, but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Weekend Masses will resume Saturday, May 30, 2020.

**Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.**

No Daily Masses yet.

**There will be several changes for the safe celebration of Mass.
If possible, please read “*The Catholic Comeback*” guidelines from the
Archdiocese of Milwaukee, available above, before attending to better help.**

Some basic guidelines are:

- **The use of facemasks is encouraged.**
- **Holy Water fonts should be emptied.**
- **Social distancing of at least 6 feet between others not living in the same household must be followed.**
- **All Missals must be removed from pews, the use of familiar hymns is encouraged to limit any need for a worship aid.**
- **No physical contact during the Sign of Peace is allowed.**
- **Communion is to be received ONLY in the HAND.**
- **Communion will not be distributed by the Cup.**

There are many more, but this should help with many questions.

Please ask the Ushers for additional assistance.

Welcome back to Church & let's continue to stay safe.

The Catholic Comeback | Returning to Sunday Mass



Archbishop Listecki has released specific guidelines for returning to Mass. If you have not yet had a chance to review these, we encourage you to do so.

You can find the guide [HERE](#).

NEW BULLETIN GUIDELINES

The Archdiocese has allowed the Church to open again for weekend Masses starting Saturday, May 30; but their guidelines are no longer allowing paper bulletins to be distributed at Masses or any other way. The only way bulletins will be available is online via our website.

The simplest way to find our bulletin online is by going to our website at: stflorian.org

In the center below the photo of our Church on our home page you will find two boxes, the second box down states “Weekly Bulletins”. Click on the week you are interested in reading. By viewing the bulletin this way, you will see the entire bulletin, including the full-color inserts.

If you have any questions or need assistance, call the Parish Office for more explanation, especially now as this will be your only way to view bulletins.

If you know anyone without internet access, please call them to let them know about information that may be helpful. Thank you and we apologize for any inconvenience.

CHURCH DONATIONS

With the Church being open soon, many may choose to stay at home for their safety due to health reasons.

Please know that donations can still be mailed to the office or dropped in the mail slot of the Parish Office door if you want to maintain social distancing.

Many of you have done this during the pandemic and it has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

CONFESSION UPDATE

Confessions will resume Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Confessions will be every Saturday again.

Due to guidelines put in place by the Archdiocese, cleaning will need to be done between each Confession. Because of that, Fr. Fred has changed the time for Confessions to allow for that cleaning.

The new Confession time will be from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. and the location will remain in the Church.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness,

lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much

more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

COMMUNITY AREA ANNOUNCEMENT

Capuchin Virtual Walk for the Hungry 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are holding our walk — virtually and actually!

Date: Friday, July 17 & Saturday, July 18

Location: Wherever you want!

Preferably from the comfort of your neighborhood. We encourage you to walk in your neighborhood and capture the journey on social media. Please stay safe by practicing social distancing while walking.

Time: Whenever you’d like to go outside!

Register for the Capuchin Walk for the Hungry and help feed, clothe and care for those in need.

Use the hash tag: **#capuchinwalkforthehungry** and/or mention **@CapuchinCommunityServices** on Facebook or Twitter. We will share photos posted and/or submitted on our Facebook and Flickr.

Register online at:

<https://www.capuchinwalk.org/register/>

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

These words will echo in parishes across the Archdiocese on Pentecost Sunday when we can join together in the celebration of Mass after an 11-week absence.

How appropriate!

As we cautiously and carefully emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the descent of the Holy Spirit is commemorated.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Your parish needs you.

Your gift of time is needed to help your parish put into place the proper precautions and accommodations to ensure the safety of all parishioners.

Your gift of talent is needed to assist at the parish in new and necessary ministries.

Your gift of treasure is needed to fund unexpected expenses.

Your gift of ANY size will help!

No matter the gift, it is needed and appreciated.

The Catholic community always comes together in times of crisis.

We can do more – and emerge stronger – together.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Family

I am looking forward to an empty nest. It isn’t that I do not love my children or that I will not miss them. I am simply looking forward to catching up on life. I look forward to times when there is no one else there except for my wife. It will be a time to ourselves that I hope will be time well spent. I look forward to the days when my children will visit (with grandchildren, I hope!). There will be occasions we visit them as well (to see grandchildren, I hope!).

The truth is, even though we will not be living in the same house, we will never be too far from one another.

We belong to each other no matter what.

That is how it is with family. When we become disciples of Jesus Christ, we belong to him. We are family. Our greatest gift to give is our very selves to one another. Jesus gave all of himself to us. Even though he ascended to his Heavenly Father, he remains with us in love and grace, especially in the Holy Eucharist. He has shown us how to love and how to be family. Even when we cannot see Him, Jesus remains with us. Hopefully, we can follow in that example and give of ourselves fully and be there for those we love whenever they need us, especially if they need us to watch the grandchildren. (It is a ways away, but I want to plant the seeds now!)

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS