

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (in thanksgiving for James' ordination)
- 12:00 PM—Reception for James

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Easter Weekday(7);

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

Easter Weekday; *Saint Norbert, Bishop*

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

Easter Weekday;

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

Easter Weekday,



"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-7
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36
Jn 17:11-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Jn 17:20-26



Friday

Acts 25:13-21
Ps: 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

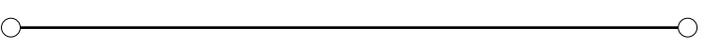
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4-5, 7
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30,31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 19-23

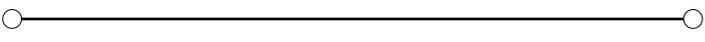
Some Dates to Note

- June 4—Knights Dinner and Meeting
- June 13—Altar & Rosary Ladies Night Out



Altar & Rosary Society's Ladies Night Out June 13

A & R's Ladies Night Out will be June 13 at Johnny's Steak House in Altoona. All ladies of the parish are invited for a fun night out. If you'd like to car pool we'll leave the parking lot a 5:45. Reservations are for 6:15. Please sign-up in the gathering space so we can make a reservation.

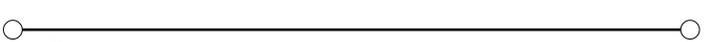


Food for Food-Insecure Kids

This past school year, the Christian Church has been sending backpacks of food home with kids for the weekend. They have decided to provide food during the summer for those kids who may not have enough food when there is no school lunches. The churches of Colfax have agreed to share and help with this program. We will be providing food one week a month. This Sunday's Second Collection will go to purchasing items for the food program. If you would like to help you may donate either money or food. Items needed:

- Spaghettios
- Ravioli
- Instant Potatoes
- Microwaveable rice packets
- Soup
- Tuna Salad packs
- Boxes of individual crackers
- Individual packs of chips
- Cans of green beans, corn or fruit
- Ramen noodles
- Individual cereals
- Granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- Individual cereals
- Granola bars
- Mac and cheese
- Peanut butter
- Chicken Salad packs
- Fruit, pudding, Jello cups
- Individual raisins
- Fruit snacks
- Any non-perishable food

If anyone knows of a program like this or any program to help kids in Prairie City, please let us know.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes \$1,326.00 (\$755.00 in auto tithing)



SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

- 11:00 AM—Mass (the people of Immaculate Conception)

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21



Picture by Mary Dell Flattery, parish photographer

Congratulations to Our 2019 Confirmation Class

Last Saturday, May 18, three of our young members were Confirmed and sealed in the Holy Spirit. Bishop Zinkula is pictured with them just before the ceremony.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

By Father Larry Rice, former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers

On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind. In John's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that his return to the Father is necessary so that the Holy Spirit can be given to his disciples.

For many years, this feast was celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The precise date moved from year to year, as the date of Easter moved based on the lunar calendar. Not long ago, most of the diocese in the United States moved the celebration of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have maintained the celebration on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter.

So, why couldn't the risen Christ have simply stayed with us, guiding the Church on Earth for all time? Imagine what the world would look like today if Christ has not ascended. If Christ were still walking the earth, what would faith be? Where would our free will be? My own opinion is that it was necessary for Christ to ascend and send the Holy spirit so that our faith would matter, and our free will remain intact. God is still with us, and present to us, but in ways that allow us to freely choose to accept or reject his grace. Christ is present in the Eucharist, in the Word of God proclaimed, and in his Body the Church. The Holy Spirit is present to us, dwelling within us, received at our Baptism and sealed at our Confirmation. But these ways of remaining with us are not so concrete that our free will is collapsed. He has the ability to choose the Good, and to choose to accept God's grace, and he's never going to do anything that makes that choice less meaningful.

So, the feast of the Ascension is important to us, not because it's a big "good-bye" to Jesus, but because it ushers in a new era in which Christ continues to be present to us, and in which the Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of all believers. *Copyright © 2019, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.*

God's blessing

Dc. Joe



Our church before being moved and remodeled in 1919.

Mary Dell has begun doing some research on the history of our church. If you have any old pictures, articles, or any memorabilia, sharing it would be appreciated.

Planning Committee Members Needed

As announced earlier, our church building was moved to the present location and extensively remodeled in 1919. The parish is going to celebrate the 100 anniversary of our current building on September 22nd. Bishop Zinkula will be celebrating mass followed by a meal and celebration. We are looking for a few members to serve on a committee to plan the celebration. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, please contact Dc Joe, 515-674-3711 or imcolfax@msn.com. Thank you for your consideration.

The New "Word Among Us"

The new "Word Among Us" for June is available in the gathering space.



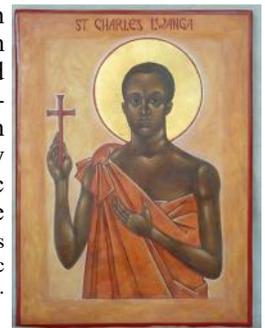
Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a line-up and more information go to www.kwky.com.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Charles Lwanga and Companions 1860-1886

Feast Day—June 3

Charles and 21 other Ugandan martyrs, ages 14 to 30, were officials and pages in the court of King Mwangi II of Buganda. The king, after first accepting Christianity among his people, began to insist that converts abandon their new faith. He also preyed sexually on the young men at court. As head of the pages and their chief catechist, Charles tried to protect his charges. But, when they would not reject Christianity, they were killed in 1885-86; some were speared to death and others, like Charles, were burned alive. These first martyrs from sub-Saharan Africa were canonized in Uganda in 1964 by Pope Paul VI; they are the patrons of African Catholic Youth Action, converts and torture victims. *Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.*



June 2, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Terri Rosonke & Brad Hagarty

Eucharist Ministers: John Heggen, Susan Heggen, Linda Barnum, & Meta Hill

Servers: Rita Krueger & Dane Owens

Greeters: Bussan Family

June 9, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Sharon Jones & Linda Barnum

Eucharist Ministers: Karen Van Dusseldorp, Mackenzie Bussan, Lisa Bussan, & Claire Williams

Servers: Mackenzie Brown & Meta Hill

Greeters: Ed & Mary Dell Flattery



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

Mary Swauger

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



Baptisms!

We have been privileged to celebrate two baptisms in the past two weeks. Welcome to all and congratulations.



A Stewardship Moment

June 7, The Ascension of the Lord (Based on the Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, JN 17:20-26)

In today's Gospel we go back to the time of the Last Supper where we hear the conclusion of Jesus' prayer before he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus reveals a worldview in this prayer, a worldview that focuses on disciples both present to him at that moment and to follow after him in the future. It is a worldview that emphasizes unity among all Christians, a loving communion of followers of Christ who together, he prays, will become a visible sign of God's active presence in the world. We rejoice that Christ has risen, remains with us and continues to pray for unity among us. How might we respond to Jesus' prayer for unity? How can we work for unity among all followers of Jesus Christ?

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

