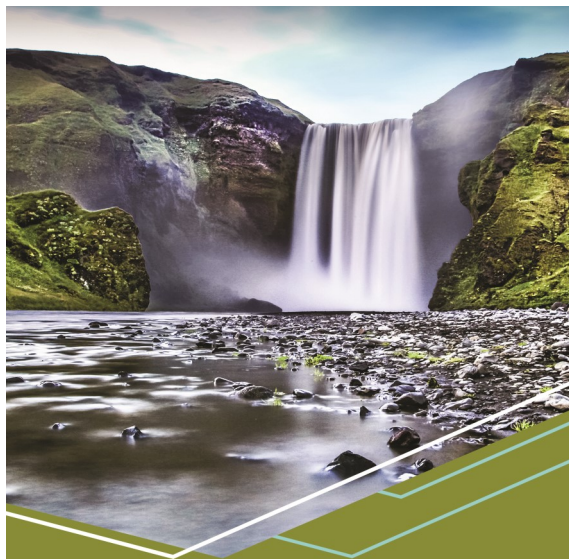


May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

• *ST. PIUS X*
(*OLON SPRINGS*)

• *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)

• *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

"Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." — Jn 17:5-6

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New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) will be at St Pius in Solon every Wednesday from 12-3 pm and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly if they are coming to that service or choose to arrange for a time that is more convenient

Mass Schedule

All in public masses are cancelled until further notice. See website for other options to partake in the mass.

<https://www.stpiusmaryanthony.com/>

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for the Building Fund

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Daily Masses

There will be no public masses until further notice but Fr. Kinney will be holding private masses every day except Monday. Mass intentions will be said by Fr. Kinney during those private masses.

Mass Intentions: Tuesday, May 19th—Charles Brown from the Charles R. Brown Family

Sunday, May 24th—Archie & Ellen Stigney & family—Greg Smith

From the Pastor's Desk

In a recent letter to our Bishop on a Communion Rite proposed by the Catholic bishops of Wisconsin I was shocked to find myself advising the Bishop of the concerns for the state bishops' proposal as "catastrophic." One does not normally report to one's superior or boss and have the chutzpah to describe a proposal of his, and his elevated peers, as "catastrophic." And despite whatever reports you have heard to the contrary, I am, more often than not, a person who "goes along to get along," particularly when it has some bearing on my employment status. And none of that is to say that the Bishops were proposing anything wrong or scandalous. In fact, they were simply trying to create a "bridge" during the pandemic to the reception of Communion and eventually the sacred mass that so many had been deprived of for so long. And for many of my fellow pastors in our Diocese, who have the staffing and the resources, the Bishops' proposal would have been a most welcome balm to their parishioners' great hunger for the sacraments.

So why did I describe the proposal as "catastrophic"? The answer is that our Triparish staff, as professional and dedicated as they are, simply lacked the young, healthy volunteers and resources needed to ensure parishioner safety in a pandemic where the elderly and vulnerable are more plentiful than in most parishes around the country. To ask them to execute flawlessly all the precautions spelled out in the Bishops' plan simply was not in the cards. And to lose even one of our vulnerable parishioners to a poorly executed procedure- not by our staff- but by the many volunteers we would have to train and employ in rapid fashion was simply a "bridge too far" at the moment.

But I mention all of the above because in spite of all the great death, pain and deprivation the ongoing pandemic has caused, there is looming ever more ominously over our world's collective heads something even more deadly, emotionally painful, and devastating than this pandemic. And sadly, it has been virtually forgotten- even as we pray each weekend for its resolution. It is the second in a one-two punch that moves inexorably closer with each year in this decade's window of opportunity that even now is narrowing to a mere nine years. I write, my dear friends, of the nearly forgotten threat of "climate change." And if ever our Bishops needed to hear this phenomenon described, I herewith pronounce it now as "catastrophic."

With the following article in America magazine, Mark Graham spoke to how badly our collective consciousness has failed to grasp the urgency of our climate threat: "'Laudato Si' was not enough. The Vatican needs to prioritize climate change." Graham spoke of the elation that accompanied the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical in May of 2015 followed several months later by the so-called Paris Agreement signed by 187 countries representing 87% of greenhouse gas emissions annually. The feeling was that we had turned the corner on the threat. Yet nothing could have been farther from the truth as those emissions have increased by 1.5% annually when the goal was to keep them under that level for the entire decade ending in 2030.

The daunting fact, with these annual increases in emissions so far, is that these countries collectively will now have to reduce emissions going forward by 7.6% per year from 2020 to 2030. But as Graham points out, we are not only heading in the wrong direction but, led by a contrarian U.S. regime, are "doing so at a brisk pace." Graham goes on to explain that the encyclical, in effect, has served as "an expansive work on Catholic environmentalism in which climate change was simply one among a buffet of environmental problems calling for attention." Of the five major extinction events on Earth, four were caused by rapid climate change. If left unchecked, this will most certainly be the fifth. Pope Francis must bring out the proverbial "hammer" if we are to preserve the gift of life, in all its forms, as we now know and love it.

05/10/20	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	1515.00	947.50	603.14
Loose Change			
Fuel	20.00	107.50	10.00
Building Fund	35.00	107.50	36.00
Ascension		112.50	5.00
Haiti	10.00		20.00
Home Missions, World Concerns	40.00		
Total	\$1620.00	\$1275.00	\$674.14
CSA Goals	\$10,531	\$6,789	\$13,639
CSA Results (11/1/19)	7177.50	5232.50	4890.00
% of Goal	68%	77%	36%
Electronic Dona- tions (Monthly)	565.00	235.00	308.17

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Live Streaming of Fr. Kinney's Mass

Starting this weekend, Sunday May 24th, Fr. Kinney will be recording his Sunday Mass. If you are a Facebook user you can watch them live on the tri-parish Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/StPius.StMary.StAnthony/>

The mass will then be posted on the tri-parish website for you to view at any time during the week, <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/parishioners-page>



Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Janet Henrkson	Joseph Treb
Dawn DenHartog	John Poole
Patty Cosgrove	Patricia Burgraff
Tamara Frie	Virginia Bartelt
Marlene Lucas	Darlene Flamang
Linda Sanders	Patti Joswick
Daryl Erickson	Joe Kaufman
LaVerne Treb	

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
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1
Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
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: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and
7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez
37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf.
30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Well, the Easter Bunny can take a break until next year because Sunday, May 24th begins the seventh and last week of the Easter season on our liturgical calendar. Do you have jelly beans, chocolate candy or peeps left? Do you think Father Kinney is still digging around in his Easter Basket looking for special treats he might have missed in all that Easter grass?

On this special Sunday we also celebrate **The Ascension of the Lord**. Jesus ascended into heaven to be with His Father on Ascension Thursday (that was last Thursday) but we are celebrating it today. If you would have been able to go into church during the Easter Season for mass Father Kinney would have sprinkled you with water to help you remember your own baptism. We would all sing, "Rain down, rain down...."

Jesus said, "...John baptized with water and in a few days (like 10 days) you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Wow! Ten days from Ascension Thursday is Pentecost... next Sunday! We will be celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples. What color do you think the flags will be that Father Kinney will be flying outside the church?

If you are down Minong way, drive by St. Mary's Church and see the beautiful crown and veil on the statue of Our Blessed Mother by the front door. Say a special, "Thank you!" for the person who crowned Mary for us. One more week and May will be over. Can you say the "Hail Mary" by heart? How about the rosary? You can do it! Wouldn't Jesus just love that!