



St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord — May 21, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat May 20 *A Better Choice* collection
- Sun May 21 *A Better Choice* collection
- Sat May 27 Saturday Social after 5:00 pm Mass
Anointing of the Sick after 5:00 pm Mass
- Sun May 28 Anointing of the Sick after 9:00 am Mass

HALL RESERVATIONS, EMAILS & PHONE CALLS

When reserving the parish hall (whether a private, a group, or a parish event), the hall must be reserved through Chris and Kathy Blubaugh and posted on the parish website before the event can be posted in the bulletin.

All emails or phone calls to Father or the Parish Office need to be sent using the email address and phone number found in the bulletin. If other email addresses or phone numbers are used, your message may not be seen or heard.

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SATURDAY
AFTERNOONS FROM 4:00-4:30 PM**

FATHER KAPAUN PILGRIMAGE

The 2023 Father Kapaun Pilgrimage registration just opened for those of you who wish to go on this journey. The Pilgrimage will take place **June 1-4, 2023** beginning in Wichita and ending with Mass and a luncheon in Pilsen. This Pilgrimage is family friendly and open to everyone. If you have any questions please contact Leesa Sandell 562-458-3776. Also, you may visit the following link for more information:

<https://frkapaun.org/pilgrimage/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kelsi Regier, Zena Kennedy Schmelzle, Verna Schmidt, Connie Selenke, Mark Schmidt, Jo Ellen Schmidt, Kathy Schmidt, Pat Schmidt, Don Schmitz, Rose Troyer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$ 1,750.00

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon May 22 8:30 am Stephen Haen +
- Wed May 24 6:00 pm William Dennis +
- Thu May 25 8:30 am Tim Ortmeier +
- Fri May 26 8:30 am Max Schmidt +
- Sat May 27 5:00 pm Carol Rader +
- Sun May 28 9:00 am *Pro Populo*

MAY SATURDAY SOCIAL

May 27 Memorial Day weekend Social – we will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and drinks provided. It's Memorial weekend! For those that have nowhere else to be, be at the parish hall after Saturday mass, enjoy food and games with family and friends. If you would like please bring a salad or dessert to share.

LIFE SAVER SUNDAY WEEKEND FOR A BETTER CHOICE

The weekend of May 20/21 is Life Saver Sunday! A special effort with the Knights of Columbus to support A Better Choice will follow each Mass. This local Catholic ministry provides hope through peer counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material assistance, and community referrals for women struggling with the fear of an unplanned pregnancy. Your continued financial support is needed to sustain these services at no cost. To learn more about their services, volunteering, and donating, visit www.pregnancywichita.com. Visit abcjubilee.com or scan the QR code to see all the ways they're celebrating their 30th year! Thank you and Happy Easter!



SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14-15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days

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Altar Society: Shawna Schneider, President; Pam Schneider, Treasurer; Lori Barnes, Secretary.

To reserve the hall for groups or individuals: Chris (620-845-0072) or Kathy (620-845-3962) Blubaugh
See the parish website's "Parish Hall" page to see what dates are already reserved.

Bulletin News: The bulletin deadline is Wednesday. Information needs to include specific dates and needs to be worded as it's to appear in the bulletin. Email bulletin items to the parish email address in the bulletin header.

ROSARY LEADERS (Rosary Starts 20 Minutes Before Mass)

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| May 20 | Betsy Klingman | May 21 | Don Schmitz |
| May 27 | Steve Schmidt | May 28 | Leo Schmitz |

OFFERTORY

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| May 21 | Linc & Raline Crampton family |
| May 28 | Larry & Louise Lee family |

LECTORS

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| May 20 | Marion Metzinger | May 21 | Linc Crampton |
| May 27 | Shawna Schneider | May 28 | Brandi Bandy |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| May 21 | Keelen & Cord |
| May 28 | Laila & Harper |

SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION [CONTINUED]

you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

