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Ascension of the Lord Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Apostles 1:1-11 As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17-23 God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	15	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Communion Service	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	16	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠ The Ascension of the Lord
Tuesday	18	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass	7th Tuesday of Easter
Wednesday	19	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Mass	7th Wednesday of Easter
Thursday	20	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass	7th Thursday of Easter
Friday	21	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass	7th Friday of Easter
Saturday	22	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠ Pentecost Sunday
Sunday	23	8:30 a.m.	KW	Communion Service	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday	23	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners	Pentecost Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Of Unexpected Returns My principal image of the Ascension, I confess, is fantastical, almost cartoonish. I would guess I'm not alone in this. We stand mute as Jesus, like a birthday balloon breaking free in a sudden gust of wind, is lifted into the clouds. "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Well, *why wouldn't we?* What just happened is rather remarkable!

But another image, no less fantastical, emerges in the New Testament: the promise that Jesus will return to the earth "in the same way" as he has gone into heaven.

As rational adults, we know that the balloon unloosed in the wind is utterly lost to us. Hence that dread feeling when it flies past our grasp, and then we try, and inevitably fail, to console the child. But the Gospel invites us to see precisely through the eyes of the child—passing through grief and the puzzlements of critical reason to behold, with a kind of "second innocence," the wondrous truth being offered to us.

Behold, Jesus, the Lord, our friend and teacher, is not lost to us. Even now he intercedes for us with God in heaven; even now, he is working in and through us, confirming our work "with accompanying signs." Even now, he breaks into the present from the unseen future. To bear a Christian hope, then, is to be ever on the lookout for Christ's immanent "return" in the stuff of our everyday lives. But can we believe it?

Make your hearts ready, for Jesus is ever coming back to us, to each of us, hidden behind a veil of humility. Christ our brother, history's bridge between heaven and earth, is ever walking beside us, hidden in a cloud of glory. Christopher Pramuk

Dispensation Announcement !

Apostolic Administrator Gerald Vincke has announced the dispensation from attending Mass will be lifted on Pentecost weekend, which is May 22 to 23, in the Diocese of Dodge City.

The dispensation will still be in place for the elderly, those who are immune-compromised, those who are sick, etc. Apostolic Administrator Vincke is writing a pastoral letter on the importance of attending Sunday Mass. This pastoral letter will be distributed throughout the diocese.

Word of Life

“As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country’s founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,”

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Prayer Intentions

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

NCYC Youth Fundraiser

The St Boniface NCYC Youth are holding a corn hole tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the Sharon City Park. To pre-register contact Michelle Eck at 620-294-5258 (evenings). Registration the day of the event from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Start time is 10:00 am. Cost is \$30 per team. Prizes for top two teams will be awarded. Concessions will be available.

Knights of Columbus Father’s Day Meal – Holy Rosary

The KOC of Medicine Lodge will be hosting a Father’s Day meal after mass June 20th at Holy Rosary to honor all of the Father’s of the parish! Please join us after Mass for food and fellowship!

Ordination Announcement

Bishop Gerald L. Vincke will ordain John Stang to the order of Deacon 10 o’clock in the morning on Saturday, June 19, 2021 Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City.

Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.

Ministry Schedule May 22nd – May 23rd

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Londa Fischer	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Steve Roberts	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Volunteers	Derrek Randels
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer