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Ascension of the Lord

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

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

Reading 2: Ephesians 4:1-13 "God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens."

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	ML	For an Increase in Religious Vocations in the Diocese of Dodge City		Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	Eugene & Adela Mae Becker		Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Ascension of the Lord
Tuesday	14	8:30 a.m.	ML	Helen Eck	✠	Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Wednesday	15	6:00 p.m.	ML	Sandy Blick	✠	Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Thursday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Boyd & Sally Forester	✠	Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Ricke	✠	Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	KW	Special Intention for Linda & John Forester		Pentecost Sunday
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	SH	Stan Marcotte		Pentecost Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Ordinarily, ascension means rising to an important or a higher level. Even though Jesus' Ascension was witnessed by the disciples as a physical departure from the earth by rising into heaven, it goes beyond that and leads us into our spiritual benefits. Jesus assured us that wherever he is, we shall also be there. This implies that we have a share in the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Ours may not be a physical departure from the earth by rising into heaven; however, if we remain faithful in witnessing to his resurrection, we are assured of a higher position with him at the end of time. The Ascension of our Lord inaugurates the New Age of the Church with her universal saving mission. Christ ascends, "not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where our Head and Founder has gone before." Just like the first disciples of Jesus, we are sent forth today by Christ as his messengers to embark on the mission of bringing into reality the universal mission of the Church. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We have spent more than forty days after Easter, what kind of witnessing have we been giving about the resurrection? Has our life of witnessing so far qualified us to have a share in the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus to us?

Ascension of Our Lord is not just a historical event we commemorate. It is a testimony we bear to Christ who never fails on his promise to be always present with us. By holding fast to our duties, God will give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we can identify Christ in all the people we serve. He will enlighten the eyes of our hearts to know that when we serve him well, we will one day be with him in heaven, where he has ascended to. Though we may have to suffer in carrying out our missionary duties, Christ will not allow us to remain forever in our suffering, our good deeds and our life of righteousness will certainly lift us up into the glory of God as the fulfillment of the promise made to us by Jesus. Jesus never fails. -Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **You are Invited:** Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Carson Haupt to the order of Deacon at 10 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, June 1, 2024, located at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.
- **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress:** All are invited to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (bilingual) September 13-15, 2024 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The weekend will include prayer, adoration, witness talks, the Holy Mass, an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and more. There will be a special youth event as well. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.dcdiocese.org/40hours>
- **Nationwide Invitation to Prayer from March 25 – June 2024:** On March 26, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to offer a daily Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children. The prayer and more information can be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwideinvitation-prayer

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, and Kelly Capansky.

For the Faithful Departed:

Bill Nittler, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, Sandy Ricke and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Luke Fisher, Michael Castaneda.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Abby Schreiner (May 12th), Herbert Landwehr (May 17th), Christopher Fischer (May 18th), Jeremy Thompson (May 18th)

Anniversaries: Steve & Michelle Eck (May 12th), Dave & Carol Scripsick (May 18th)

Ministry Schedule for May 18th –19th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Randie Landwehr	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Lane Crenner/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Dexton Schmidt Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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