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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: The apostles laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit

Reading 2: It is better to suffer for doing good

Gospel: I will give you another Advocate to be with you always

Theme: If you love me, you will keep my commandments

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat	20	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun	21	10:30 a.m.	ML	Intention of the Celebrant		Sixth Sunday of Easter
Tue	23	9:00 a.m.	ML	Larry Traffas	✠	
Wed	24	8:30 a.m.	SH	Karol Ricke	✠	
Thur.	25	8:30 a.m.	KW	Elizabeth Terry	✠	
Fri.	26	9:00 a.m.	ML	Larry Traffas	✠	
Sat	27	5:00 p.m.	SH	Vaughn Spencer	✠	Seventh Sun of Easter/Ascension
Sun	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Seventh Sun of Easter/Ascension
Sun	28	10:30 a.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	Seventh Sun of Easter/Ascension

A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

Reflection: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: What is the Ascension? Historically it was an event within the life of Jesus and the early church and is now a feast-day for Christians, one that links Easter to Pentecost. But it is more than an historical event, it is at the same time a theology, a spirituality, and an insight into life that we need to understand to better sort out the paradoxical interplay between life and death, presence and absence, love and loss. The Ascension names and highlights a paradox that lies deep at the center of life, namely, that we all reach a point in life where we can only give our presence more deeply by going away so that others can receive the full blessing of our spirits. This event in Christ's life took place forty days after Easter which is May 25, 2017. Our country marks this as "a holy day of obligation." However, the Bishops of the United States understood the difficulty of proper observance with difficult job schedules and the dwindling number of priests. They have transferred this feast to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, next Sunday. We are now more able to celebrate the liturgy and spend some time in quiet reflection; our Easter season is quickly drawing to a close.

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With great joy, the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City announces the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Jacob Schneider and Rev. Mr. Mark Brantley to the ORDER OF PRESBYTER through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, 10 am Saturday, June 3, Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows

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Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Jim Fischer, Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta

Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.

For the Faithful Departed: Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Parish News:

TOTUS TUUS: June 11-16. Registration after the Masses-- May 27/28 and June 3/4

ST BONIFACE - SHARON

Thank you: Sammy Flyingout is home! Michelle wished to convey that the whole family is grateful for the abundance of prayers, many kindnesses, the continued support and good wishes.

HOLY ROSARY-MEDICINE LODGE:

THANKS: The response was most generous from the community for the benefit for Brandon Warner and Shane Doman with over \$7,700 contributed. Thanks to those who helped and those who came in support. Special thanks to Frances Land who coordinated the involvement of Holy Rosary parish

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE: Frances Land is retiring from coordination of the funeral dinners – and all the other dinners that happen at Holy Rosary. A committee is being considered to perform this stewardship. Volunteers are needed. Talk to a parish council representative if you can be of assistance.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

VOCATION VIEWS: The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

Music Ministers of the diocese are invited to participate in the choir for the Ordinations of Deacon Jacob Schneider and Deacon Mark Brantley. The first practice will be May 21, at 2pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will also be a practice the day of the Ordinations, June 3, at 8:30am. For more information, contact the Chancery office at 225-1525

"June Moon Evening in the Vineyard" - event to help support St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center at K-State. Sunday, June 11, 6:30-9:00 p.m. ST.ISIDORES.COM, or EVENTS@STISIDORES.COM, or (785) 539-7496 x 110.

The Case for Christ: showing in Kiowa May 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m. (24th for students) Watch the trailer: http://www.fandango.com/thecaseforchrist2017_199083/movieoverview **Don't miss it!** Religious formation students and teachers are invited to attend free of charge on Wednesday night, May 24. Sharon and Medicine

Lodge students will meet at the high school parking lot at 6 pm and buses will take you to Kiowa (and bring you back). Let Doug Schmidt and/or Cheri Dohrmann know if you plan to go so transportation can be assured.

The Novena (nine days of continuous prayer) in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of the Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is a powerful plea for the light and strength of love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Many other forms of the novena are available – some include a different prayer each day. This one is powerful
NOVENA FOR PENTECOST: Dearest Holy Spirit, please guide us to constantly know and seek you. Grant us the holy fear of God, Grant us true contrition and patience. We beg you to protect and keep us from falling into sin. Give us a constant increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in our souls all the virtues proper to our state in life. Make us faithful disciples of Jesus and obedient children of our Holy Mother the Church. Give us the Grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily always. We ask for the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise us to perfection in the state of life to which you have called us and lead us at our last hour to the grace of a holy death. We beg You to have mercy on the holy souls in Purgatory, especially those closest to us and those most in need of our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

HAVE YOU NOTICED: Jesus began good-byes to his disciples a few days before his death, a comforting idea for those who are anxious about what happens when our lives are over. The origin of the word "good-bye" is "God be with you." Jesus assures his friends that they need not worry: he is going to prepare the way before them. Put in everyday language, it may sound like this: "We have plenty of room, and we will welcome you." "Many dwelling places" means a place for everyone. It is not a matter of better or worse, a mansion or a small apartment. There is no consideration of being able to pay the mortgage or afford the rent. Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also" - not only now but forever. Last week, Thomas spoke for all of us when he asks for more information. How can we know the way? "The Way" is a code word for the new path to union with God. Following Christ, who is the way, is a total re-orientation of our lives toward God. This re-orientation awakens us to new life, just as Lazarus experienced a return to life upon hearing the words of Jesus. Jesus, as he assures Thomas, is the way, and the Father and Jesus are one – a new vision of God: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me"