

*“Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there  
looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been  
taken up from you  
into heaven  
will return in the same way  
as you have seen him  
going into heaven.”  
Acts 1:11*

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## Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



### May 12—May 18, 2024

#### Sunday, May 12

8am + Joan Spitzenberger  
9:30am People of Holy Spirit Parish  
11am + Dorothy Rivecco

#### Monday, May 13

9am + Maggi Vittorina

#### Tuesday, May 14

9am + Barb Bennett

#### Wednesday, May 15

9am + Consuelo Rivera

#### Saturday, May 18

4:30pm + Roberts Thomas Sanders

## Let us Pray...



### **For all who are facing illness.**

*We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them.*

*Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love.*

### **For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.**

*O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence.*

**For all first responders and law enforcement officers, who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.**

**For all active duty military service members who have been deployed, and their families.**

**For all veterans—past and present.**

### **The Pope's Monthly Intention (May 2024)**

#### **For the formation of religious and seminarians**

*We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

## Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day—May 13

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.

### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.





# The Ascension of the Lord

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully, and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

—Rev. James Field



May 12, 2024 | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mk 16:15-20

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's easy for me to get impatient with the Lord – to wonder why he makes me wait for an answer to a prayer or, worse, why his answer may be no. However, when I look back at the lessons of the Bible, it becomes clear that God works on his timetable, not mine. That same message comes through in today's first reading. The apostles ask Jesus whether he will be restoring the kingdom to Israel, and he is clear in his answer: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." And then, after saying this, he ascends to the Father. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus has left his disciples again. But instead of leaving them to weep and mourn – as happened after his death – this time, our Lord left them with a mission. They were to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." They did, faithfully, and they traveled far and wide. Armed with the gift of the Holy Spirit which they received at Pentecost, they baptized countless people as they shared the Good News about Jesus and his gift of salvation.

**PRAY** We know the mission Jesus has given us and we know we have the Holy Spirit to help us carry it out. For prayer this week, meditate on Paul's words to the Ephesians and ask the Lord for "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of [our] hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

After Jesus gives the disciples the command to go out and preach the Gospel, he says that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." He offers salvation for those who believe in him. And he says that the disciples, and us, will be his witnesses in the world. Sacred tradition tells us that Andrew and Philip preached in Asia Minor while Bartholomew and Thomas spent time in India. Others are said to have gone to Palestine, Persia, and Ethiopia. All died a martyr's death – except John who had been entrusted with the care of our Blessed Mother. We are his witnesses today, and we are also commissioned to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Today, as we celebrate his ascension into heaven, let us allow ourselves a moment to gaze upward and behold Jesus' power and glory. Let the Ascension renew our commitment to do the work he has asked us to do, and remind us of his presence here with us in all that we do.





May 19th  
Celebration

## PENTECOST Feast of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is the complement and the completion of Easter. Easter gives us the beginning of supernatural life and incorporation in Christ.

### Birthday of the Church

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and of Christianity, of Man having been touched by the Spirit, no longer lives according to the flesh, according to the principles and ideals of fallen human nature; he lives in the Spirit.



### Wear Red

Let's fill the Sanctuary with the colors red, orange and yellow in celebration!



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## Pancakes!!!!

May 19th  
After ALL Masses

The free-will collection at this drive will go directly to Maui disaster relief.



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## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**  
1500 Brookdale Road  
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A special liturgy celebrating St. Dymphna at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 13. The Sacrament of the Sick also will be available for those desiring this special anointing.

Anyone living with illness in mind, body or spirit and those who care about them are invited to attend. The liturgy will be followed by a reception and resource fair in the church's gathering area.

Among the community organizations present after mass will be Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, SamaraCare Counseling, Catholic Charities, Ellie Mental Health, and Lighthouse Recovery.

*St. Dymphna is celebrated especially as the patron saint of those striving for wellness emotionally. Emotional illness also impacts physical and spiritual health. No matter whether your illness is physical, emotional or spiritual, be reminded to hope in God and never lose sight of His presence and love.*

For more information about this event contact Susan Kearney at (630) 355-8980, ext. 108, or at [sdkearney@comcast.net](mailto:sdkearney@comcast.net).

## Summertime Chats

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Join us Wednesday mornings to discuss the  
Sunday Readings 9:30am—11:00am  
May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12, 19  
Contact Roberta for more information  
[rbalsewicz@hsc.us](mailto:rbalsewicz@hsc.us)



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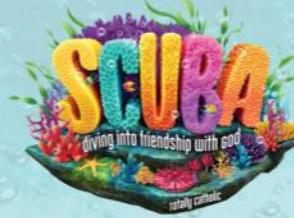
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## This Week's Meetings

### May 12—May 18, 2024

#### Monday, May 13

2pm Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Pl

#### Wednesday, May 15

9:30am Summer Scripture, Gathering Pl  
5pm Youth Choir, Church  
7pm Parish Leadership Team, Multipurpose Rm

#### Thursday, May 16

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

#### Saturday, May 18

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm  
8am Adult Faith Formation/No Man Left Behind, Gathering Place

See the parish website for all upcoming event information;  
[www.hsc.us](http://www.hsc.us)

### Consider Electronic Giving

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*It is with grateful hearts, we thank you for your continued support of the parish*



### Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	(4/28/24) 2024	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$118,153	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$101,102	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$17,051	\$2,230
Donor Count	299	350
2024 Rebate	\$1,471	\$26,949



## Parish Information

### Mass Schedule

#### **Weekdays:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9am

#### **Weekend:**

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

### Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

### Sacraments

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

#### **Baptisms**

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

#### **Weddings**

Please contact the parish office

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday** 8am to 4:30pm  
(closed 12noon-1pm)

**Friday** 8am to 1pm

### Parish Priests

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## Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of- Donors	April 2024
WeShare Online Giving	132	\$13,730
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	162	\$17,873
Envelopes & Loose Cash	200	\$45,257
<b>Total April Collection</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>\$76,860</b>
<b>Special Collections - April 2024</b>		
Easter		\$33,461
Holy Land / Good Friday		\$2,349
Catholic Home Missions		\$1,555
Mortgage Donations		\$3,901

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023—April 30, 2024		
YTD Budget		\$819,000
YTD Sunday Collection		\$809,043
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$9,957)
Holy Spirit Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>4/30/2024</b>	<b>\$204,738</b>



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