

Daily Readings

Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday, 5/21: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Ep 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, 5/22: Acts 19:1-8/ Ps 68:2-7/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, 5/23: Acts 20:17-27/ Ps 68:10-11,20-21

Wednesday, 5/24: Rev 21:1-5/ Ps 95:1-7/ Jn 10:22-30

Thursday, 5/25: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/ Jn 21:15-19

Friday, 5/26: Acts 25:13-21/ Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, 5/27: Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Ps 11:4-5/7/ Jn 21:20-25



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter



Schedule for May 28, 2023

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Driver Family

Servers: Kevin, Tyler

Money Counters: Kris/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention

Monk and Marguerite Coon

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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PASTOR SPEAKS

“Go,” “make disciples of all nations”

Happy Feast of the Ascension! For us in the Archdiocese of Dubuque and a few dioceses across the nation, we mark and celebrate the seventh Sunday of Easter as the Ascension of Jesus. I'm so happy that you joined us to recognize this significant Christian event.

Also, today, we welcome Bishop Pates to our Sacred Heart Parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Grady, Lily, Nathan, and Eli. We congratulate these young parishioners who have undergone preparator and are set to receive Confirmation.

Today, just like the eleven apostles of Jesus who were with Jesus on the top of the Mount of Olives, we too can fix our gaze on Him and witness what they experienced. Just as the apostles fixed their eyes on Jesus, we too keep our gaze at His presence in the Eucharist.

Like apostles who were told by the angels that Jesus would come again, let us also embrace His presence in the Eucharist to assure us that He is with us until the end of time.

The Ascension of the Lord is the second of the three linked feasts that constitute the culmination of the Lord's Paschal Mystery. The Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost work together to establish the purpose of salvation history. Christ came to die for us; He ascended into Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to live within us. We have in these threefold celebrations the fulfillment of our faith in Jesus Christ— He has poured out His Spirit into our hearts to make us one with God.

Jesus left His disciples with a mission. The Lord has sent all of us to carry out His message of the good news to the whole world.

As a parish, we are called to engage our community as missionary disciples. As missionary disciples we have been sent with a message of the good news which is about the love of God and love of neighbor. What we are called to do is to engage the world around us by loving God so well that it becomes attractive to others.

Then the message should be preached to those who live on the peripherals and those within the hegemony, the vulnerable and resilient, rich, and poor, the deserved and undeserved, the sick and the strong. Indeed, all people need to experience the love of God that comes to us through Jesus Christ. We have the mandate to bring Christ to the people around us.

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Pentecost soon, let us embrace ourselves for God's transforming power in our lives through the Work of the Holy Spirit. God bless you us always!

- Please welcome the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Bishop Richard Pates, to our church family today. He is here to confirm and celebrate the confirmation of Lily Carlson, Eli Dies, Nathan Rickels and Grady Sauer. Thank you parents and teachers especially Stacey Agnitsch, for helping our students in their faith lives, and we pray they will continue on their faith journey. Please join us for refreshments after Mass to celebrate their Confirmation and meet them and Bishop Pates.

- The next Guild meeting is June 5th in the library at 6:30
- Refreshments Committee for June 4 is: Amber Fall, Julie Ahrendsen and Mary A. Kouba.



May 14, 2023 Collection:

Envelopes = \$765.00
Offertory = \$ 55.00
Candles = \$ 24.75

TOTAL = \$844.75

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

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