



## Why Doesn't God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, “I am now grown up.” Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

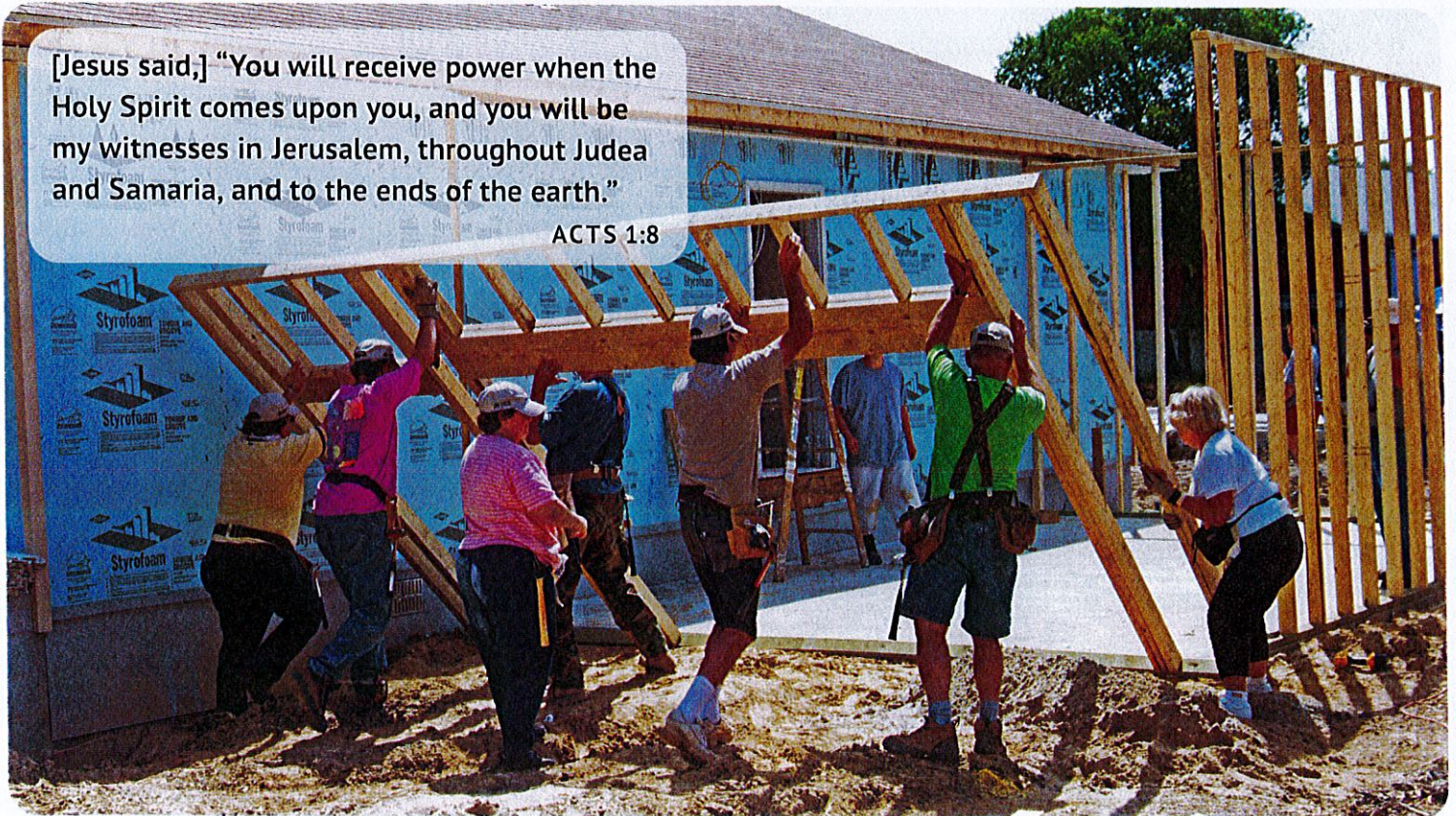
There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not “Why doesn’t God do something?” but rather “Why do we not do something?” To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

### Reflect

*In what ways do I act like an adult?  
How is the world a better place because of me?*

[Jesus said,] “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



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## Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday  
& 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday  
**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.:** Saturday  
**Confession 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday &  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by  
appointment  
**\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the  
Holy Rosary\***  
For more information, please contact the Church Office.



## ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered the First  
Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays  
at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment.  
Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is  
respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly  
encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those  
facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing &  
comfort is usually available on the last weekend each  
month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment  
of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are  
called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a  
couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The  
diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact  
the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding  
date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient  
instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a  
desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are  
encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for  
a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to  
schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

### Adoration Chapel Coordinators

Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) 847-5018  
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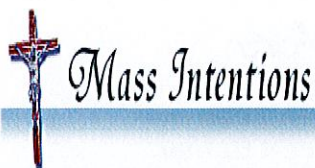
Help Line 257-3448

### Altar / Flower Decorator

Pam MacAulay 847-6742

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.  
Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register  
by completing a registration form, then kindly  
return it to the Church Office. Get involved!  
Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-  
given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.



**Saturday/ May 31st – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**4 p.m. Vigil Mass:** John Michael Bystry †  
by Rhonda Bystry  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** St. Vincent de Paul

**Sunday/ June 1st – The Ascension of the Lord**

**9 a.m. Mass :** Nick and Alison Kocz  
by Mary Kocz  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** St. Vincent de Paul society  
Bingo today at 1:30 pm doors open at noon

**Monday/ June 2nd –St. Marcelinus & Peter**

**No Mass :** Kelly Ivy SI  
by Dean Beardslee

**Tuesday /June 3rd –St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

**No Mass :**

**Wednesday /June 4th –**

**No Mass :** Robert Belec †  
by People of the Parish

**Thursday /June 5th – St. Boniface**

**9 a.m. Mass:** Nick and Alison Kocz  
by Mary Kocz  
**6 p.m. FC Meeting in Library**

**Friday /June 6th – St. Norbert, Bishop**

**9 a.m. Mass :** Gary and Linda Pospisil SI  
by Gary Pospisil

**Saturday/ June 7<sup>th</sup> – First Saturday**

**9 a.m. Mass:**  
**4 p.m. Vigil Mass:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Maintenance Fund

**Sunday/ June 8th – Pentecost**

**9 a.m. Mass:** Patrick and Linda O'Donnell  
by Pat and Linda O'Donnell  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Maintenance Fund

**\*\*Food Pantry collection Saturday 5/31 / Sunday 6/1**

**\*\*Bingo is every Thursday doors open  
at 5:30 pm starts at 6 pm**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**Come Holy Spirit, the Helper  
Happy Feast of Pentecost Sunday**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send  
forth your Spirit and they shall be created, And  
You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did  
instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by  
the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and  
ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

The Presence of the Holy Spirit is the Keystone of  
all our Hopes.



**Wishing you a Blessed Week**



*Collection Report*

**May 24 – 25, 2025**

**Main Collection - \$1709.00**

*Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!*

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



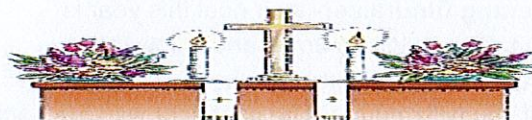
**ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP**

**Available Adoration**

Wednesday 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or Anne, (870) 847-1985



*God Bless the Donors and their Intentions*

**Altar Flowers generously provided  
by: Gary and Linda Pospisil for their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**Tabernacle Roses generously provided  
by: Bernie and Rose Brandenburg for their  
55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

## PENTECOST

### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

*Isaiah 11:2*

Wisdom	Understanding
Counsel	Fortitude
Knowledge	Piety
Fear of the Lord	

### The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

*Galatians 5:22-23*

Charity	Joy	Peace
Patience	Kindness	Generosity
Faithfulness	Gentleness	Faith
Modesty	Continenence	Chastity

### Food Pantry

**Food Pantry collection weekend is always the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month.** The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Pasta, Pasta sauce, Tuna helper, Mac and Cheese, chow mein, canned meats and snack foods. You can bring any non perishable food items even if slightly out of date. You may drop off items anytime and leave in the library. St. Vincent de Paul appreciates all you can do for those in need.

### New Beginnings Pregnancy Center

Once again we are helping with their **Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser**- their goal this year is \$32,000. Please take a bottle and follow the instructions on the insert in the bottle. Only take a bottle if you will return it. The container with the bottles is located in the vestibule. The fundraiser runs from Mother's Day until Father's Day.

### Special Intentions

We have openings on the daily special intentions schedule. This is a special spiritual way to honor or remember loved ones and special occasions in your life..If you would like to have one said please contact the office for availability..



**Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Bernie Brandenburg, Nell Kihm, Gail Demarest, Jackie LeBeau, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Mary Welch, Chuck Wolff, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Dennis Welte, Georgia Harris, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Nico Woode, Crystal Hawkins, Lucas Kubick, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Andy Ryan, Gerald & Carol Metty, Dan Such, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell & Elizabeth Beason and Doug Wortham, Mary Winston and Patrick Plunkett.**

**Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, and Vernon Mcttmiller.**

**Expectant Mother: Samantha Eichhorn, Olivia Moore, Jamisen Laire**

- 🕯 June 1st – Raymond McHugh
- 🕯 June 6<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Gagne
- 🕯 June 7<sup>th</sup> – Malgorzata Lanko

*We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!*



- ♥ May 31<sup>st</sup> – Danny and Lana Sorg – 56 yrs.
- ♥ June 1<sup>st</sup> – David and Davina Boatwright – 41 yrs.
- ♥ June 6<sup>th</sup> – Gary and Linda Pospisil – 50 yrs.
- ♥ June 6<sup>th</sup> – Gary, Jr. and Haley Pospisil – 12 yrs.

**\*\*Consider attending Mass or making a visit to the Chapel on your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary to thank God for your family & the gift of Life.\*\***

***If we miss your Anniversary or Birthday please contact the office- so we can correct our computer records. Thank you~***

# Dear Padre,

## What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

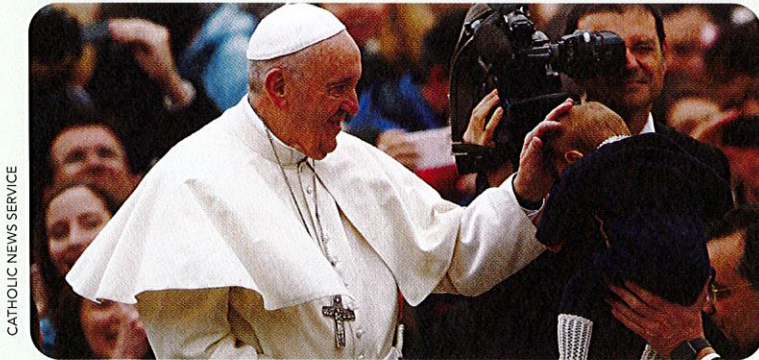
Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).) ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

#### Monday

June 2  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

#### Tuesday

June 3  
St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

#### Wednesday

June 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

#### Thursday

June 5  
St. Boniface, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

#### Friday

June 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

#### Saturday

June 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

#### Sunday

June 8  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
or Rom 8:8–17  
Jn 20:19–23 or  
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.  
Officers Meeting  
Last Monday of the month  
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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