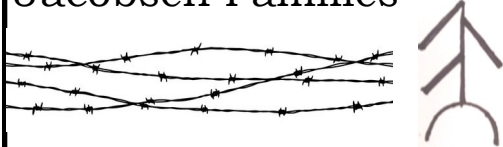



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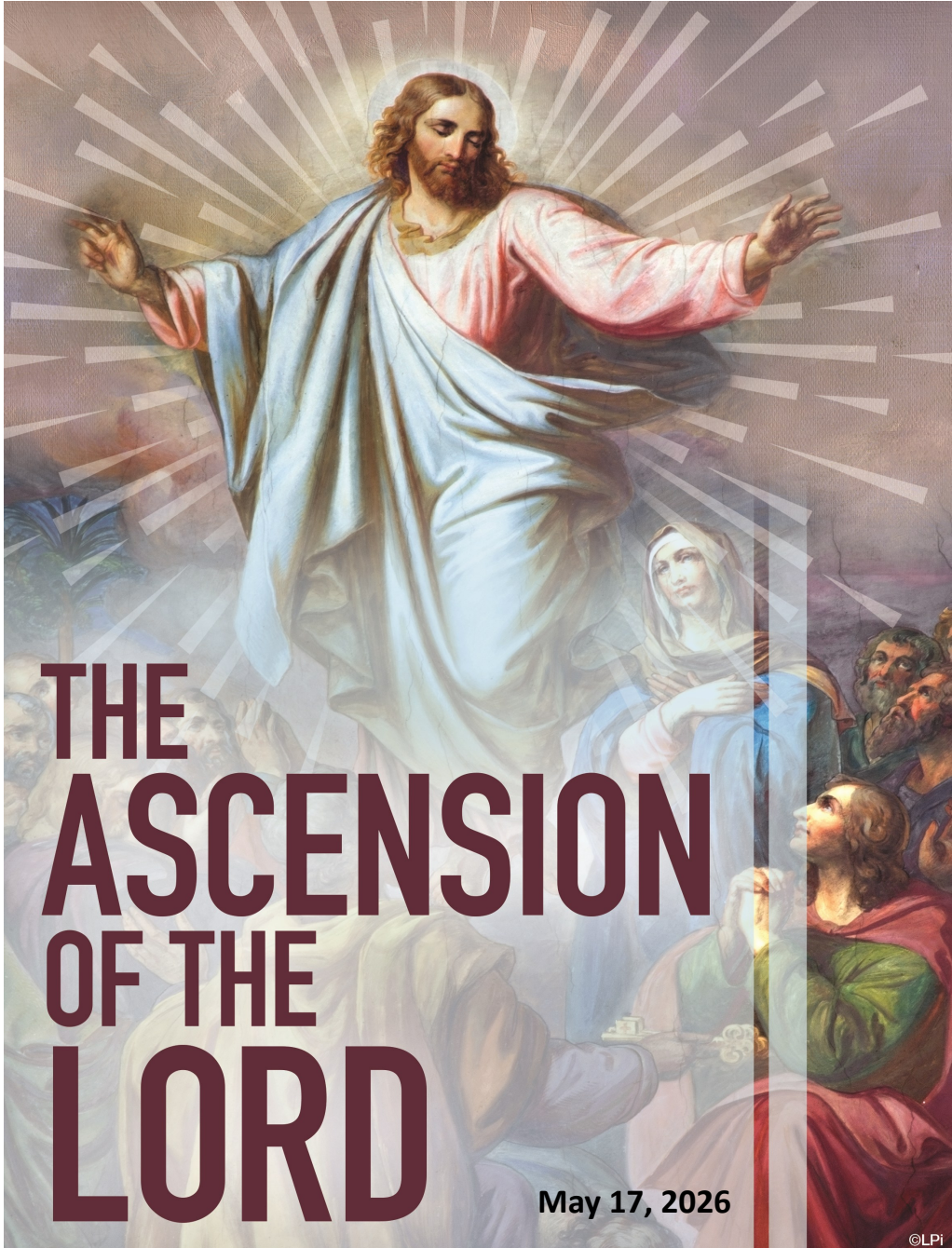
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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May 17, 2026

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1223 Madison

Father Stuart M. Smeltzer

Mailing Address: 428 N. 12th St. Fredonia, KS

Office: 620 378 3658 Rectory: 620 687 0876 (cell)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm; Thursday: 8:00 am; First Friday: 8:00 am;
followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Office Hours: (as of May 1st)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Thursday, Friday 9:00 am to Noon

Parish Secretary: Deborah Jacobsen

Email: sacredheart.fkb@gmail.com

Pastor's Email: frsmeltzer@gmail.com

Website: sacredheartks.org

May Collections:

\$4,589.00

Bulletin Deadline: Thurs. at 10 am

Prayer Requests: *Please Pray for:*

Kirby Lee	Finley Merrick	Sophia Gonzales
Mike Schneider	Lucinda Jewell	Harold Goodner
Mark Greenlee	John Eck	Jace Huser
David Knickerbocker	Brent Weatherby	Janet Bambick
Levi Kimbrel	Linda Schnieder	Betty Wambsganss
Sharon Weishaau	Ron Betzen	Mary Jo Linn
Mike Meyers	All Priests	Our Country

Loyalty, Explained!

Pope Paul VI, in *Ecclesia Suam*, considered “loyalty, perseverance and self-sacrifice” to be the distinguishing marks of a Christian in a modern world that increasingly embraces relativism.

“The follower of Christ is not pliant and cowardly, but loyal and strong,” he wrote.

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. As Catholics, we are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church (the Magisterium), and to the Christian way of life.

Loyalty is distinct from admiration for a person or institution, and even from respect. Admiration and respect can be rightfully earned and rightfully lost. Virtuous loyalty does not swerve from its object, and it flows forth from the one who gives it.

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St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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Liturgical Minister Schedule 2026					
May	Sacristan	Usher	Lector	Ofertory	Servers
May 23rd	Joyce Bracken	Bob Lett	Meredith Odell	Connie O'Neill	
May 24th	Lenita Staton	Lenita Staton	Matt Fischer	Fischer Family	Jayce Camacho Kallen Evans
May 30th	Terri Settle	Richard Walker	Terri Settle	Hoag Family	
May 31st	JoAnn Jones	Karl Petersen	Joe Bambick	JoAnn Jones	Vade Huser Elliot Huser
Please find your own replacement if unable to meet your scheduled time.					

Parish Office will be closed May 14th through May 22nd. Deb will be on vacation.

The Ascension

Mass Intentions

Sat.	05/16	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	05/17	8:30 am	Francie Currie (STI)
		10:30 am	+Roger Wambsganss
Tues.	05/19	5:30 pm	+Mina DeBerry
Wed.	05/20	5:30 pm	+Janet Porter(STI)
Thr.	05/21	8:00 am	+Eric Pierce
Fri.	05/22	8:00 am	David Knickerbocker (STI)

Pentecost

Sat.	05/23	5:30 pm	+Marjorie Hobbs
Sun.	05/24	8:30 am	People of the Parish (STI)
		10:30 am	+Herman Posch

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact parish office

Sacrament of Penance: 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish office or rectory

Matrimony: Contact parish office one year before wedding date.

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

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

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord

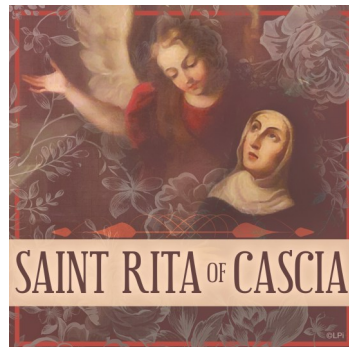
Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Ascension of the Lord

Matthew 28:16-20

I recently read a book called “The Defining Decade” by psychologist Dr. Meg Jay. She convincingly argues that a person’s 20s are the most impactful decade of one’s life. For example, a twenty-something who waits until she has absolute clarity before making commitments typically drifts and regrets it later. But those who dive into something meaningful — even with doubts and questions — tend to grow and find joy and better outcomes in life. In other words, it takes courage, not perfect certainty, to move forward.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, that insight comes alive in a new way. Matthew tells us: “**When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.**” (Matthew 28:17) Even standing before the risen Christ, the disciples were a mixture of adoration and hesitation. It is as though they were in their spiritual 20s...unsure, doubting, but nonetheless called to act in worship and mission.

Here is the key: Jesus does not tell them to wait until they are sure of things. He sends them anyway: “**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.**” (Matthew 28:19) The mission of the Church begins not with perfect certainty but with imperfect disciples who wonder and worship. Then they get going.

That is us, too. We may feel unsure of ourselves, perhaps full of hesitation about following Christ more fully. But now is not the time to wait for perfect clarity. Now is the time to worship and to go, trusting that he is with us always, even to the end of the age.

— *Father John Muir*

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