

The Ascension of the Lord
From a Sermon by Saint Augustine

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

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www.sjamescatholicchurch.com

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.
Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment
Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

St. James Catholic Church

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Mon. May 22	St. Rita of Cascia
Tue. May 23	Easter Weekday
Wed. May 24	Easter Weekday
Thu. May 25	Ascension of the Lord
Fri. May 26	St. Philip Neri
Sat. May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 20	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	May 21	9:00 am	†Jim Brazda, Sr.
Monday	May 22	7:00 am	†Rod Gerdes
Tuesday	May 23	7:00 am	†Dale Benal
Wednesday	May 24	7:00 pm	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	May 25	7:00 am	†Deceased Tasler Family
Friday	May 26	7:00 am	†Stan Kucera
Saturday	May 27	5:30 pm	†Stan Kucera
Sunday	May 28	9:00 am	People of the Parish

Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday, May 25th, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. All Catholics have a grave obligation to give praise and worship to God by attending Mass that day. Masses for that celebration include the vigil on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm and Thursday at 7:00 a.m

Minister Assignments

	Wed. May 24	Thu. May 25	Sat. May 20	Sun. May 21
Acolytes	Chris Kems	Erik Carlson	Jeff Hageman	Ray Casey
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Patty Benal	Bob Hagemann	Ed Cherovsky
Servers	Collin Morrissey	Peter Chohon	Sean Determan	Cameron Quick
	Jacob Feldhaus	Philip Chohon	Matt Determan	Anthony Boone

May 6-7 Tithe

Adults	\$ 3,005.00
Loose	297.00
Children	.00
Second Collection	71.00
Total:	\$ 3,373.00
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<i>Monthly Obligations</i>	
<i>St. Wenceslaus School</i>	\$ 3,116.66
<i>Bishop Neumann</i>	8,247.00
<i>Total Parish Expenses:</i>	\$ 11,363.66

All-Night Adoration



June 3-4
Consider Taking
an Hour.

Signup in the Vestibule

Charity and Stewardship Appeal

A blessed thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Bishop’s Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person’s gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Lincoln, that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the Bishop’s Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. If you have not made a pledge to this appeal please consider doing so this weekend. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Bishop’s Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Appeal.

The new **Parish Directories** are available! If you had your portrait taken for the directory you may pick up your free copy in the vestibule. Copies are available for purchase as well.

Totus Tuus is the week of June 11-16. High School is free this year and runs from Sunday, June 11 through Thursday, June 15 from 8-10pm in the basement of St. Wenceslaus Church in Wahoo. Students going into 1st grade through 8th grade will meet from 9am to 3pm Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16 at St. Wenceslaus Elementary School. Cost is \$30 a student or \$100 a family. The community potluck will be Wednesday, June 14 at 6pm at Smith Park Pavillion. Forms are available in the vestibule. All questions should go to Jessica Pearson at 402-443-1722.

Catholic Daughters Meeting is Monday, May 22 starting with Mass at 6:30pm followed by the meeting. @ St Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo.

Neumann Youth Boys’ Basketball Camp

- Boys who were in grades 3rd, 4th, or 5th this past 2016-17 school year will have their camp — Tuesday, June 6th and Wednesday, June 7th.
- Boys who were in grades 6th, 7th, or 8th this past 2016-17 school year will have their camp — Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th

Contact Mike Weiss @ 277-0495 or by email at mike-weiss@cdolinc.net for information.

Men’s Retreat at St. John’s:

Come join Fr. Michael Zimmer for a men’s retreat at St. John the Baptist Church in Prague from June 2nd-4th. Fr. Michael Zimmer will speak to men about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today and how men can grow in their faith while living in the world. There will be three talks: Friday, June 2nd at 7pm (“*Being a Man*”), Saturday, June 3rd after the 6pm Mass (“*Behold the Man: Christ as the fullness of Man*”), and Sunday June 4th after the 10am mass (“*Living the virtuous life of Fallen Man*”). Come for as many of the talks as you’d like. Fr. Michael Zimmer will also be celebrating the parish Masses that weekend.

For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:

The Catholic Divorced Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin June 5, 2017 and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Register by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net