

May 16, 2010

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

5/17 MON **Rectory Office Closed**
7:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Maria Rausch**

5/18 TUES **Pope St. John I**
5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Bernard & Grace Simon+**

5/19 WED **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
***Urban Rader+ & Rader Families**

5/20 THURS **St. Bernardine of Siena**
7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Don Hanley+**

5:30 PM - ONAKA - Mass
***Theresa Schmidt+**

5/21 FRI **St. Christopher Magellanes & his Companions**
5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
***Gladys Schumacher+**

5/22 SAT **St. Rita of Cascia**
11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass
***Geothermal Donors**

3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions

THE LORD'S DAY MASS

5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass
***Rick Arbach+ & Jim Feldmeier+**

5/23 SUN **7:30 - 7:55 AM - Confessions - Onaka**

8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass
***People of our Parishes**

9:15 - 9:45 AM Confessions - Hoven

10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass (Incense)
***St. Anthony's Foundation**

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Eph 1: 17-23; Lk 24: 46-53

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 519, 662 - The ascended Christ enters the heavenly sanctuary and remains our priestly advocate in the Father's presence.

+ 730, 735, 1287 - Gift of the Spirit, power from on high and source of mission.

+ 1084-1090 - Christ in glory is now at work in the liturgy.

+ 1127-1129 - The power of God is the source of the effectiveness of the sacraments.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26

Friday: Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19

Saturday: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25

Sunday: Acts: 2: 1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13;

Jn 20: 19-23

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

FROM HOVEN: Fr. Lance Oser, Helen Glodt, LaVonne Schumacher, Dyté Rundall, Kenny Kaup, Kay Klocker, Rick Karst.

FROM ONAKA: St. John's Parishioners, Bertha Tuchscherer.

OTHER: Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Paul Swain, priests, seminarians, Sisters of our Diocese, World Peace, sanctity of all human life, our military personnel, Jeff & Trish Simon, Laura Keller-Huber, Gene Ronke, Sandy Entringer, Dorothy Frost, Billy Hermann+, Gordon Harford+, Theresa Schmidt+, Rosie Ryman, Patrick Engel.

Names will remain on our prayer list for four weeks. Please contact Linda in the office to request continued prayers.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 22-23, 2010
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Saturday - 5:00 PM

LECTOR: Pat Rausch
EUCH. MIN: Pat Rausch
GREETERS: Francis DeRouchey Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Traci Arbach, Calie Kaiser
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Ashur Fleming, Derick Arbach, Kyle Arbach

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Sunday - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Heier
OFFERTORY: Rita Fix, Rosalia Schmidt
USHERS: Please Volunteer

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Sunday - 10:00 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Stuwe
EUCH. MIN: Jerry Brickner, Dr. Tom Garrity
GREETERS: Mike DeRouchey Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Maria Rausch, Samantha Stethem
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Nathan Jager, Reid Kaiser, Peter Rausch, Jacob Rausch, Michael Rausch, Andy Rausch

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Benedict, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, by Thy gift, he may always desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Pope Benedict XVI's General & Mission Intentions for May:

(G) General intention; **(M)** Mission intention

(G) Human Trafficking. That the shameful and monstrous trafficking in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may stop.

(M) Priests, Religious, and Committed Lay People. That priests, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to bring missionary enthusiasm to the communities they serve.

FR. LANCE'S NOTE

Dear Family in Christ: ALLELUIA! Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Today we celebrate our Lord's triumphant Ascension to the Throne of His Heavenly Father after having defeated our infernal enemy and bestowed upon us the gift of eternal salvation. Today and always, we praise and thank our Savior for His incomprehensible love for every human being in sharing His victory with us. Now it is up to us to respond every day with the loyalty, gratitude and obedience the Lord Jesus deserves from each one of us. Let it never be said that His Sacrificial Death was wasted on us because of the way we failed to live out our earthly pilgrimage. All praise to Him Who is!

Please help me thank all of our Catechists who were so generous with their time and talents in handing on to our young people the Holy Faith that has come down to us from the Apostles. Our Catechists are an indispensable asset to our parish, not only in the present time but especially for the future, which they help to form and guide every time they teach. May God the Holy Spirit be their reward!

Congratulations to all of our High School graduates! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the next important chapter in their lives. May the Holy Spirit be their Light and Guide in all the days ahead. Ad Jesum per Mariam

COMING EVENTS - HOVEN

Monday, May 17th @ 8:00 pm - KC Meeting @ KC Hall.
Wednesday, May 19th @ 7:30 pm - Volunteers are asked to help plant flowers in front of Church.
Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25th and May 26th - Annual Church Cleaning - Circle dues of \$20 per family will also be collected at that time.

NOTES

We Welcome to our parish family Trent and Lynette Lutter and their twin sons, Chase and Alex!

Thank You - to all who helped in the Religious Education Program this past year! We greatly appreciate your dedication and hard work. May God bless you for your willingness to share your faith. We are so blessed! (We hope to see you next year, too!!)

1st Grade: Mary Hericks & Linda Kaup; **3rd Grade:** Lori Sautner; **5th Grade:** Noel Kaiser; **7th Grade:** Colleen Hageman; **8th Grade:** Noreen Glodt & Cindy Jager; **9th Grade:** Lori Kaiser; **10th Grade:** Ann Hageman; **11th Grade:** Jeanne Arbach; **12th Grade:** Mary Lou Keller. **Thank You** also to the substitute CCD teachers! ~ Fr. Lance and Noreen Glodt

Thank You - to Circle 1 and the following who cleaned Church on May 10th: Lill Glatt, Annette Frost, Jack Feldmeier, Colleen Hageman, Janet Hageman, Kalecia Hageman (for Edward Rausch), Dana Hageman (for Sue Petersen), Heidi Seurer, Jan Seurer, Noreen Glodt, Rosalie Hageman, Janet Hartung, Anna Marie Roesler, Wendy Rausch (for Sharon Stethem), Sammy Stethem, Eileen Beitelspacher, Darlene Van Well, Val Clark & Mary Hericks. God bless you for your stewardship of time and talent!

Home Mission Appeal - Just a final note regarding the Home Mission Appeal. If you wish to make a gift for this, please do so soon, as we will be sending the gifts to the diocesan office. This appeal reaches out to church missionary needs throughout the United States. There are still many areas in this country that are considered missionary in nature. Thank you!

Notice: Circle #2 and Circle #9 will have their annual church cleaning on Wednesday, May 26th @ 4:00pm. We will be scrubbing floors so please bring a bucket and rag. Also, please bring along your \$20.00 dues as well. Thank you in advance for giving of your time. May God Bless you all!

Circle #2 leaders - Lori Kaiser and Judi Lowinske

Circle #9 leaders - Bev Schaefer and Lexie Vogel

Sunday, May 30th - Potluck Dinner - to celebrate the ordination to the Priesthood of **Fr. Daniel Smith**. He will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's @ 10am. A Potluck Dinner will follow in the Church basement, which Circle 3 will be serving. St. John's and St. Anthony's Parishioners are all invited to attend.

Sunday, June 6th - Corpus Christi Celebration - Mass at 10am followed by a procession to three outdoor altars. Potluck Dinner to follow in the Church basement, which Circle 4 will be serving. Dessert will be furnished. As the Year of the Priest is coming to a close, Fr. Lance will be honored at the Potluck Dinner. St. John's

and St. Anthony's Parishioners are all invited to attend.
Make Your Plans Now - Renowned Catholic speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, is coming to Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Aberdeen, on Aug. 13th & 14th. Dr. Hahn is currently a Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990, and is the founder and director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. He is author or co-author of more than 40 books and has written numerous articles in lay and academic publications. For complete info on the event, visit: www.eventsinsd.com. Registration forms are available at St. Anthony's rectory for individuals or groups (10 or more people).

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. ANTHONY'S

May 8-9, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,301.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - ST. JOHN'S

May 9, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$431.88

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2010

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Responding</u>
St. Anthony's	\$22,100	\$13,931	\$8,169	113/247 or 46%
St. Anthony's	\$1,788.48	-	-	Seminarian Education Assessment
St. John's	\$4,200	\$3,920	\$280	17/27 or 63%
St. John's	\$332.50	-	-	Seminarian Education Assessment

Please fill out your card soon regardless of whether you are participating or not. Any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. The average donation needed per family at St. Anthony's to reach our goal is \$96.00. To those who have returned their pledge card, thank you for your generous response! **Please pray for all the donors whose names have been posted on the vestibule bulletin board. This list will be update monthly.**

Geothermal Update

Project Cost: \$495,000
Pledge Goal: \$300,000
Pledge Total: \$198,440.62
Pledge Income Received: \$178,884.82
Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$19,555.80

ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 1

May Church Cleaning: Circle 1

Special Activity:

Circle 3 - Potluck Dinner May 30th - Fr. Daniel Smith

Circle 4 - Potluck Dinner June 6th - Corpus Christi

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25th and May 26th - Annual Church Cleaning - Circle dues of \$20 per family will also be collected at that time.

Monday, June 7th @ 7:30 pm - Altar Society Meeting in the Church basement.

Job Opportunity: Anyone interested in cleaning Church monthly, please contact Sheila Von Wald (948-2565) or Paula Schumacher (948-2556).

The Ascension

Origins and Significance – The Feast celebrates Our Lord’s return to Heaven by His own divine power forty days after His Resurrection. There is no documentary evidence before the fifth century about its observance, but St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom are convinced it is of Apostolic origin, and certainly it was an occasion precious to the Apostles who realized its full import when Pentecost produced their remarkable transformation. Our Lord’s Ascension (*Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:19-20; Lk 24:50-53; Acts 1:2*), may well have been celebrated in association with Easter and, later, Pentecost.

Certain customs became associated with the early liturgy such as the blessing of grapes after the commemoration of the dead, and there were torchlit processions with banners to honor Our Lord’s regal entry into Heaven. In England, the procession was led by “Christ’s Banner”, a lion on the front and a dragon on the back symbolizing His victory over Satan. With the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost it is one of the great ecumenical feasts observed by all Christians, and the liturgy rejoices in Our Lord’s work of salvation. His return to the Godhead with human nature glorified, and the promise of our own glory to come.

From the Liturgy - The eleven Apostles remained in Jerusalem until the end of Paschal week and, once they were convinced that their Master was no longer vulnerable, they returned to their homes and occupations. During the next five weeks, Our Lord regularly appeared to them and told them more about the Kingdom of God. When the time approached for His departure, He said that when He was gone, they must return to Jerusalem and wait there to be baptized with the Holy Spirit as the Father had promised. In the meantime, He arranged to meet them on high ground above the Sea of Galilee, and some say that this was the site of the Sermon on the Mount in which He introduced the Kingdom. If so it was wonderfully appropriate.

Despite everything Our Lord had taught them, the Apostles still hoped for an immediate Messianic reign in Israel, no doubt with themselves in positions of influence. He patiently explained that when they received the Holy Spirit in ten days time, they would be empowered to represent Him not just in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, but throughout the whole world. In an assurance of His divinity, He said He had all authority over heaven and earth, and now they were to go and make disciples of all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Trinity to which the Person of Incarnate God was about to return. They were to teach everyone to observe the precepts He had given them but, because this was no easy task, His light, and the strength of His presence would be with them and their successors until the end of time. Our Lord then ascended into Heaven and was lost to the Apostles’ sight but two angels came to comfort them and His followers throughout the ages. “Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven...will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go.” He will come again in glory on the clouds of Heaven with His angels accompanying Him to serve His judgment. (*cf. Acts 1:1-14; Mt 24:30-31; 28:16-20*)

Reflection – St. Paul prays for us to receive the gift of loving faith to appreciate the blessings God has in store for humanity. Human frailty need not fear because God’s power is seen in the Resurrection and Ascension wherein the Son is glorified. His dignity, exalted above all created beings, embraces the members of

the Church of which He is Head, in the union of His divine and human natures. The Apostles’ Creed declares belief that He ascended into Heaven and sits at the Father’s right hand, a position which signifies the establishment of the Messiah’s Kingdom where, in His gloried humanity, He continues to intercede for mankind. His obedience unto death has been followed by His Resurrection and, with His Ascension, comes His formal investiture as King of Heaven and earth. Such authority has always been His but now it is as the Son of Man that He takes formal possession of His throne, “with dominion, and glory, and kingdom, so that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is everlasting.” (*Dan 7:14*).

The Apostles had been distraught at the thought of Our Lord’s leaving them but He promised that, upon His return to the Father, He would send the Holy Spirit. This Paraclete and new Advocate would stay with them forever, teach them all things, remind them of everything Jesus had said, and inspire progress to eternal life. The Holy Spirit comes to every person ever born, making present the One who has risen and ascended, never forcing, but never desisting. This is the greatest gift of the Father’s love for His children, and the Son died and rose again so that they might possess it always. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Father willed that the Son should become man so that man might be made divine and, on Ascension day, we pray with the Apostles for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to be clothed with power from on high.

Why Abortion Breaks All the Commandments: Part 3

By Fr. Frank Pavone On May 11, 2010

God does not simply give us “rules and regulations.” He gives us himself. All his teachings and commandments reflect who he is, and for the same reason, they all hold together in an organic unity – like the body itself – and every commandment in some way includes every other commandment. In this column, we conclude our reflections on how abortion violates every commandment, and how the commandments strengthen us to be pro-life.

The Seventh Commandment declares, “You shall not steal.” Whenever we violate the right to life, we steal. We rob the person of what is his – the recognition of his rights, the protection of his life.

Actions like abortion also rob God himself of what is his. Once when I was praying at an abortion facility with a group of people, and one man had his toes over the property line, a clinic worker shouted, “Get your feet off our property.” I responded, “And when are you going to get your hands off God’s property?”

God alone has dominion over human life. When an abortionist reaches into the sacred space of the womb to rip the child apart, he is stealing from the Almighty, and is also robbing society of the respect it owes to life.

The Eighth Commandment declares, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Everyone has a right to his good name and reputation, and this commandment forbids us to lie about what someone has or hasn’t done, or about who someone is.

The culture of death violates this commandment in a profound way. By allowing court decisions like *Roe vs. Wade* that says, “the word person...does not include the unborn,” society bears false witness against the unborn. It is a lie.

Abortionists go even further and call our unborn brothers and

sisters' names like "parasites," or "products of conception" or "medical waste." They bear false witness.

And anyone who says an abortion is justified is bearing false witness by denying that the child has the right to be protected from the abortionists' knife.

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments forbid us to covet what belongs to our neighbor, whether it be his spouse or his possessions. This commandment, in other words, requires us to limit our desires by respecting the boundaries between what is ours and what isn't.

That is a sacred boundary that is completely shattered by abortion. The boundary between what is the mother's and what is the child's completely disappears. Some, for instance, will justify abortion because the mother has to get on with her life. But so does the child. Some will justify it because the mother has freedom not to be burdened. But so does the child. And in denying that the child has the same freedom she claims to have, she destroys the meaning and foundation of her own. Those who want to nourish their pro-life spirituality with reflections like this for every day of the year can obtain my book *Pro-life Reflections for Every Day* at www.priestsforlife.org.

Prayer

O God, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, you have given to the human race the reward of eternal life. Grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the mother of the Author of Life, the Church may become the mother of many children who will take their place before your throne to sing your praises for all eternity, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (*Magnificat*, September 2009, pg.73)

A Priest's Blessing

"My dear Child, I wish to teach you to receive My Blessing with fervor. Realize that something vast takes place when you receive the Blessing of my Priest. The Blessing is an outpouring of My Divine holiness. Open your soul and let it become holy through the Blessing. The Blessing is a heavenly dew for the soul, through which all that is done can be made fruitful...Through the power to bless, I have given the priest the power to open the treasury of My Heart and to pour out from It the 'rain' of graces on souls. When the priest blesses, I bless. Then a vast stream of graces from My Sacred Heart flows into a soul to its fullest capacity. By recollection, keep your heart open, in order not to lose the benefit of the Blessing. Through My Blessing, you receive the grace to love, strength to endure suffering, and assistance for body and soul.

Our Lord, undated: "My holy Blessing contains all help for the necessities of mankind. Through the Blessing you are given the strength and desire to seek good, to shun evil, and to enjoy the protection of My children against the powers of darkness. It is a great privilege when you are permitted to receive the Blessing. You cannot comprehend how much mercy I extend through it to you. Therefore, never receive the Blessing in a matter-of-fact or

thoughtless way. As poor as you are before receiving the Blessing, you are rich after receiving it. I regret that the Blessing of the Church is so little prized and so seldom received. Your good will is strengthened through the Blessing, your undertakings receive My special Providence, your weakness is overcome by my power, your thoughts and intentions are spiritualized, and all bad influences neutralized...I have given My Blessing vast power. It proceeds from the unending love of My Sacred Heart. The greater the zeal with which the Blessing is given and received, the greater its efficacy. Whether a child is blessed or the whole world simultaneously, the Blessing is far greater than a thousand worlds. Reflect that God is immense - infinitely immense. How small are all things in comparison to Him! It is all the same whether one or many receive the Blessing. This does not matter, for I give to each according to the measure of his or her confidence (or faith). Since I am infinitely rich in all good, you are permitted to receive without measure. You cannot hope too much from my Blessing; all will exceed your fondest expectations. "My child, protect all that give Blessings. Esteem highly what has been blessed; then you will please Me, your God. As often as you are blessed, you are united closer to Me, sanctified anew, healed with, and protected with the love of My Sacred Heart."

Our Lord, undated: "Often I keep hidden the workings of My Blessing so that it is known only in eternity. Often it appears that Blessings have no results. But wonderful are the workings of the Blessing - even the seemingly fruitless results are a blessing in disguise through the holy Blessing. These are often mysteries of My Providence, which I do not wish to manifest." "My Blessings often produce effects unknown to the soul. Therefore, have great confidence in this outpouring of My Sacred Heart, and reflect earnestly on this favor to you (that the apparent results are hidden from you)...Receive the holy Blessing sincerely, for the graces of the Blessing find entrance only into a humble heart. Receive it with a good will and with the intention to become better; then will the Blessing penetrate to the depths of your heart and will produce its effects. Be a child of the Blessing; then you yourself will be a Blessing for others."

FAMILY CORNER

Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish.

Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace.

Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us. - Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, Address at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Project Rachel

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us. St. Joseph, patron of the unborn, pray for us.

Please use this weekly column to open a healthy discussion with your family. (Refer children who are away from home to it at www.stanthonyshoven.com)