

JUNE 1, 2003 Ascension of the Lord

"You will be my witnesses to the end of the earth."

Acts 1: 1-11

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16: 15-20

ACED OUT

After a tough week, Father decided "No way can I face the congregation on Sunday." Feigning illness, he asked a sympathetic retired priest to take the Masses that weekend.

And Sunday morning, Father hit the golf course.

Watching all this unfold from his vantage point in heaven, St. Peter was outraged by Father's irresponsibility and went to see God. God listened to Peter's report and said he would take care of it.

The truant pastor was the first one to the tee. He teed up his ball, took a swing, and launched the best drive he ever hit. As he watched in disbelief and joy, the ball bounced high on the apron and rolled on the green directly to the flag. Father ran to the green to find the ball in the cup. His first hole-in-one! The excited priest danced for joy.

Meanwhile, back in heaven, St. Peter was incredulous.

"Lord what are you doing? I thought you were going to take care of this guy."

God smiled. "I just did. Who do you think he's going to tell?"

CONNECTION: *Sharing good news is second nature to us. We can't wait to tell others about our new child or grandchild, the new job or promotion, the latest accomplishment of our sons and daughters. On the Mount of the Ascension, Jesus calls us to tell others about the good news of Easter's empty tomb. He asks us to be witnesses of God's presence in our midst, to be agents of hope, to be prophets of compassion and peace. On this day, Jesus calls us to continue His work that is vindicated and perfected in His resurrection from the dead. We who have seen and heard the story of the Gospel Jesus, the love God made human for us, are now called to bring that hope into the lives of others and into our own lives and the lives we touch.*

Summer Parish Office Hours

Effective: June 9-Labor Day

Monday	8-5
Tuesday	8-5
Wednesday	8-6
Thursday	8-8
Friday	8-6
<i>(Administrative Offices close at 1:00 on Fridays)</i>	
Saturday	10-2
Sunday	8-1

Corrections:

-The Easter memorial donations did not include a memorial for Joe Koch from Rosemary Koch.

-The Program for the Minnesota Franciscan Gala did not acknowledge Kapala-Glodek Malone Funeral Services as a sponsor. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

10:30am New Parishioner Registration

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Baptisms

3:00pm Irondale Baccalaureate Service (Church)

4:00pm Baccalaureate Reception (St. Joseph's)

6:15pm Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 2

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

9:30am Grade 8 Graduation Breakfast

1:30pm Parish Directory Pictures (LL109)

1:30pm 8th Grade Awards Ceremony

6:30pm Stewardship Committee (Room 211)

7:00pm Baptism Class (Rm 210)

7:00pm Merry Minstrel Gala (St. Joe's)

7:00pm Respect Life Committee (Room 204)

7:15pm Jazz Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

8:30am Rosary

8:30am Eucharistic Service (Chapel)

9:45am School Mass

1:30pm Directory Pictures (LL109)

6:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass (Church)

7:00pm Arts and Environment (Room 210)

7:00pm Video Interviews (Room 204)

7:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Party (St. Joe's)

7:15pm Adult Choir (St. Cecilia)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

1:30pm Parish Directory Pictures (LL109)

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council (Rm. 204)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

1:30pm Directory Pictures (LL109)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:00am Directory Pictures (LL109)

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Pentecost Sunday

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

6:15pm Mass

Looking Ahead

The deadline for all Bulletin items is noon Monday. The item submitted will be printed in the following Sunday's Bulletin. Please remember space is limited. All submissions may be edited for length and content. Thanks-Editor

Before I Forget...

- ◇ *The one who works with the wise becomes wise. –Proverbs 13:20*
- ◇ *Without a vision, a people will perish. –Proverbs 29:18*
- ◇ *Without mentors, a people will perish.*

The word for Mentor comes from ancient Greek culture. In the Odyssey, by Homer, Odysseus leaves his newborn son Telemachus under the watch of a trusted friend by the name of Mentor. When Odysseus returns from the Trojan War and his adventures with Cyclops and witches, he discovers that his son has matured under the care of Mentor. Homer later reveals that the person of Mentor is really the goddess Athena, who became incarnate in an ordinary man. Although this is a story from pagan mythology, we can learn much from Homer's Iliad and Odyssey even for the times we live in.

In our theology, we have God made flesh in Christ. As you and I live our lives, we have available to us the GREATEST mentor and model after whom we try to model our lives. Jesus Christ helps us live our lives in order to be the best human beings that one can be. Human mentors, as good as they are, can fail us, disappoint us and even let us down.

All of us deplore the declining values of our society. We may hear about terrorism on the news, but we see violence all around us from "road rage" to "child abuse". As values decline and people give up the Christian life, or they stop "practicing" their Catholicism, is it a better society? Why have we been forced to coin new words like "child abuse," "spouse abuse," and "abuse of aged parents"? Jesus Christ is about gentleness, non-violence, and forgiveness. We need people to model the way of Christ in our society.

William Delahoyde is an Assistant United States Attorney, He said, "Mentors are those who have gone before us on the mountain of life, but pause and extend a hand to help us along the way, or who extend a safety line of love and affirmation that may keep us from falling off the mountain."

How often I hear people say that they are glad that they don't have to grow up in these times. Our youth are surrounded by enormous challenges. Look at the mountains they have to climb. Where will they learn their survival tactics, both as human beings and as children of God? Will they be able to say at the end of their lives what St. Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept faith." In 2 Peter 3:18 we read, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We desperately need mentors both in the Church and in society. Throughout history, great people mentored others. Even in Sacred Scripture we see the art of mentoring. Paul was Timothy's mentor. Naomi mentored Ruth. Samuel mentored David, and David mentored countless others. Moses mentored Joshua. Elijah mentored Elisha. Jesus mentored the twelve, and human history was changed. Great people are mentored into greatness. Who influenced and mentored you over the years? Who are you influencing and inspiring?

I've been blessed to have had wonderful mentors growing up. Family members, priests, sisters, friends and teachers saw something in me that I didn't see. They took the time to inspire me to do my best and they believed in me. I'm sure you could say the same. Now it's our turn to help our young to become a great generation as Christians and as American citizens.

Instead of complaining about young people, let's coach, encourage, support, advise and listen as examples of integrity. Christ will help us!

Youth are our greatest national treasure! True or false?

Fr. Bill

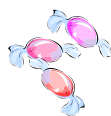
Open House

Celebrating Sr. Gwendolin's
54 years in Education Ministry

Sunday, June 8

2-4 pm

St. Joseph's Hall



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Family of Faith Jewelry

Great
Graduation or
Confirmation
Gift!



St. John's
receives 100%
of profit

Order forms in the Parish office

From The Associate...

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN..."

These words make part of the ancient baptismal creed of the Romans that we call the Apostles' Creed. They refer, of course, to the event spoken of in the Acts of the Apostles, when Jesus was taken from this world in bodily form and re-entered heaven, an event that the Church calls the Ascension and celebrates as an important feast. Two questions immediately arise here: (1) Does this mean that Jesus floated up to a place on the other side of the clouds, that heaven is a place somewhere above our heads? (2) Given that this event took place, why is it important? Why would it be included in a statement of crucial dogmas necessary for the believer from the very beginning of the Church's history?

In answer to the first question: There was a famous incident many years ago when a Soviet cosmonaut first went up into space and solemnly declared that "God was not there." He thought this to be a decisive refutation of the Christian faith. Christians obviously believe that heaven is a place located above us somewhere, and that if we just went far enough, we would get there. This atheistic fellow went very far above us, and found nothing but empty space. Conclusion: there is obviously no heaven, and therefore no God. The problem with this eminent logic comes at the beginning. Christians do not now, and have never taught or believed that heaven was above us spatially, that it was a part of this universe that one might reach if one could only go high enough. This idea of the "heavens above" is, rather, a scriptural image, meaning to say that heavenly life is on a higher plane than earthly life: more lovely, more lasting, more colorful, more real in every way.

The second question is more important. So Christ ascended into heaven. So what? What truth does this communicate that I as a Christian need to get hold of? That crucial truth is this: that the ruler of the universe, the second person of the Trinity, is a human, made up of body and soul. The Ascension is the act by which the God-Man, the eternal Word wrapped in human flesh, takes that humanity, now purified and glorified, with him into the Eternal Realm where it becomes part of God himself forever. The Ascension completes the work of Christ in saving and transforming the human race. It is our first promise that we ourselves will be taken up the same way into the very being of God. (The Assumption of Mary is our second promise.) St. Athanasius, the great Doctor of the Church, was fond of saying, "God became man that man might become God." The Incarnation was the accomplishment of the first half of that statement; the Ascension fulfills the second half. Man has now become God, become partaker of the Divine nature.

If this idea seems mind-boggling and difficult to get hold of, it should be. It is the most remarkable news by a long shot that ever hit the human race: that God intends us not only to live forever, but to share his very nature.

To attain to that Divine life is the only point of our existence; it is the only reason we are here on earth; it is worth anything and everything we have or can do to gain it. This is what we remember when we joyfully celebrate the Ascension.

School News...

On Tuesday, June 3 there is a used uniform sale at 3:00-5:00 P.M. in the gym.

Eighth grade graduation takes place on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30 P.M. in church.

Congratulations to our graduates!



Sarah Becker	Jacob Malenick	Ryan Rehkamp
Erin Bennek	Anthony McDonald	David Ricke
David Boyce	Abigail McKeown	Molly Robertson
Joel Doran	Christopher Meehan	Charles Sawyer
Robert Edmond	Jonathan Murlowski	Andrew Schneider
Kara Franke	Mariea Murlowski	Philip Shea
Michelle Horn	Patrick Murlowski	Colleen Stampfle
Vittorio Jaker	Samantha Neuman	Ted Tousignant
Samantha Johnson	Lindsey Packer	Allison Werr
Stephen Johnston, Jr.	Darren Pawlitschek	Jennifer Wind
Colleen Kirk	Shannan Peifer	Albert Wohlwend
Peter Labuza	Alyssa Petrangelo	Maria Zaloker
Lindsey Lee	Natalie Pomeroy	Lauren Zeien
Paige Lubinski	Leah Porter	

Thursday and Friday June 5 & 6, there is early dismissal at 12:25.

Please continue to save the following items over the summer. Thank you for your support.

ETCEP.com-This program enables SJB to acquire free computer and sports equipment. To participate in ETCEP, we must do the following: 1. Enroll in the program and 2. Request local businesses and/or families to save their empty laser and inkjet cartridges and forward the cartridges directly to the ETCEP Processing Center using the free, prepaid collection kits. To enroll, simply log on to www.ETCEP.com. It takes less than 30 seconds to enroll. The average participating school can realistically expect to earn as many as eight free computer systems in a year!!!

Pop can tabs- Simply snap tabs from cans. They can be deposited in the drop box outside the library.

Faith Formation Facts...

ATTENTION ALL 2003 EUCHARIST PARENTS
The photos from Bruce Lee Studio of First Eucharist will be distributed in St. Paul Plaza after all the Masses next weekend, June 7-8th. Please check the tables. The photos will be in alphabetical order. Your child can pick up their handprint from the banner at the same time. Questions? Call Teresa Neuman at 651-633-1540 ext. 1234

History Committee...

HELP!! The History Committee is looking for a parishioner to lay out the Parish History Book— Must know Adobe Photoshop 7.0

Interested?? Call Marlene (763) 784- 1239.

Youth Newz...

PARENTS OF JR. HIGH STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR CAMP TNT will be receiving camp schedules in the mail. Please check the schedules to be sure that your student will be able to attend their scheduled sessions. Service site coordinators need the information to schedule service sites appropriately. Call Rick Craig (763-754-7666) if your plans have changed.

TNT CAMPERS: Camp TNT begins Tuesday, June 10. All registered participants should plan to be at St. John's by 9:00 am. Please dress appropriately for your work project. Wear closed toe shoes (do not wear sandals). Be sure to bring a bag lunch. Pop and a "treat" will be provided. Call Rick Craig if you have any questions 763-754-7666.

BROWSING THE "WEB"? Be sure to check out www.theyouthroom.com for photos of youth activities, news of upcoming events, permission slips and more!
<http://www.theyouthroom.com>

Music Notes...

A gigantic THANK YOU to our 9:30 St. John's Adult Choir, which has concluded its season to take a well-deserved summer break. The generous and dedicated spirit of this group alone is inspiring, let alone that they add such significant meaning and beauty to our liturgy every week. We've had another year of good music and good times together. It gets better every year, doesn't it, Choir?

Silvertones...

WISCONSIN COUNTRYSIDE The trip to Wisconsin on June 9th has been cancelled. See Deacon Mike Winn for refund information.

Irondale Baccalureate...

The senior class of Irondale High School invites family and friends to the Baccalaureate ceremony on Sunday, June 1st at 3:00pm. Refreshments to follow in St. Joseph's Hall.

Social Justice

AFFORDABLE HOUSING Please stop by the information table after Masses May 31-June 1 to learn more about including workforce housing in the Northwest Quadrant redevelopment project (Apache Plaza). St. Anthony residents are encouraged to learn more about this work.

Birthright

Caring help for pregnant women.

651-646-7033 – St. Paul

763-757-0715 – Coon Rapids

Pastoral Ministry...

NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 3rd

Mass 11:45 am
Word/Comm 2:15pm

Presbyterian Homes
New Brighton Care

Thursday, June 5th

Word/Comm 7:00 pm
Word/Comm 2:15 pm

St. Anthony
Trevilla

OPEN DOORS The "Open Doors" group is having a picnic at Long Lake. We will meet by the pavilion. It is Pot luck, so bring something to share. 6:30-9:00- is the time !! See you there!

Parish Directory Pictures...

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR APPOINTMENT?

The last session of photos for the directory began Monday May 19. The group coordinating our parish directory has begun to call parishioners to fill any holes in the schedule. If you need to schedule an appointment or make a cancellation Please call this toll free number: 1-866-802-4452. Tell the Customer Service Representative: your name, phone number with area code, and notify them you are from St. John's in New Brighton, MN. (The company is based out of state.)

Adoration

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

3:00 AM-4:00AM Friday
2:00 PM-3:00 PM Monday
3:00 PM-4:00 PM Monday
3:00 PM-4:00 PM Thursday

Please call Dorothy at (651) 636-1660 or Jerry at (651) 636-2054 to sign up for an hour of adoration. Substitutes are available for times when you are not able to make it.

Jesus told St. M. Faustina that the Blessed Sacrament is "the throne of mercy" on earth, and to daily "Adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy."

ORDER NOW!!

Only \$10.00



100 Years of Music:

Parish Favorites and Catholic Classics

This edited, professionally-done video involving all our parish ensembles was filmed during our March Centennial Concert event. Call the parish office to reserve your copy today.
(651) 633-8333



Server Training
June 9-13, 2003
9:30 am– Noon



Anyone entering 6th grade or older can be a server.
Attendance at all five sessions mandatory.
New servers must be available for ALL weekend Masses.
Pre-registration required for the classes.
Limited space. First Come, First Serve.
Call Jay at (651) 633-8333 x. 1212 to register.

Bulletin Board

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING is again available to all St. John's parishioners, on a no fee basis. Tuesday hours are between 10 and 3. Call Teri at (651) 633-8333.

ALL CITY CHARISMATIC MASS This annual event celebrating the Feast of Pentecost is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office of the Archdiocese. This year's Mass will be held at St. Peter's Church in North St. Paul at 2:00 pm on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Pates. Refreshments and fellowship will follow Mass.

MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING is based on comprehensive scientific research, is healthy and marriage building! A series of classes on the highly effective Billings Ovulation Method, taught by a qualified instructor, will begin in several local sites on: Sunday, June 22nd St. John the Baptist, New Brighton (Billings OM, 651-789-9422) or Monday, June 23rd Corpus Christi, Roseville (Billings OM, 657-789-9422)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those in our community who are ill:

Beau Anderson, John Battmer, Donald Beaubien, Marcelline Beseler, Marcella Boomer, Karen Bona, Shawn Brewer, Esther Cadwallader, Wayne Carlson, Ann Czech, Louis Czech, Lenore Dougherty, Joe Fellner, Linda Franklin, Bernice Hopkins, Anna Horbatuck, Kevin Keenan, Br. Joseph Katzmarek, Michael Kavanagh, Esther Knapp, Mary Krenik, Linda Leier, Herb Loscheider, Nancy Mehrer, Rupert Meyer, Irene Mitchell, Lance and Ann Moe, Corliss Moore, Donna Murphy, Ray Nelson, Ann Nowak, Cynthia Schwall, Frances Svontek, Ted Spiess, Ed Stich, Richard St. Germain, Sr., Bob Sorem, Fr. Greg Tolaas, Raymond Tucker, Frances Vonacek, Donna Waldoch, Mildred Werner, Linda Zappa, Teddy Perry

Those who have recently passed away:

Sharon Kouri, Anton Moser, father of Darlene Sauve.

PRAYER LINE

Call one of these numbers with your prayer requests.

All requests are confidential.

651-633-1618

763-784-5254

651-636-5251



OPEN DOORS - A social group for divorced, widowed, and single men and women -- meets the second Tuesday of each month for socializing and snacks. Come to the meetings or just the events. The door is open -- you're always welcome!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Walking and Jogging Groups meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (weather permitting) at the boat launch area at Long Lake Regional Park (Take 694 to Long Lake Road & go north - take a right at Beach Road and follow signs to boat launch/lake access). Call Barb at 763-784-6399 with any questions.

June 10 - Potluck Picnic/Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Long Lake Regional Park. Meet at the pavilion (Hwy 96 entrance). Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Call Anne Marie with questions at 651-633-8333.

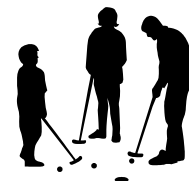
June 15 - Extended RSVP for Saints game on August 9 at 7:05 p.m. Payment for ticket (\$4.00) needed in advance. Make check payable to St. John the Baptist and drop off or mail to St. John's, "Attn: Open Doors-Saints Game" (see address above) on or before 5/31. RSVP to Kathy at 763-712-0659 by 6/15.

June 21 - Lawn Bowling. Watch for more details!

June 22 - Pool Party and BBQ - Watch for more details!

If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you would like to receive an invitation to visit our new web site, please call Jan at 651-780-2142.

St. Albert the Great 3rd annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 18, 2003.



1 pm shotgun start

"Best Ball Scramble" Format

\$75 fee

includes 18 holes of golf, shared cart and BBQ.

Clifton Hollow is a challenging and well-maintained course nestled in the hills above the St. Croix River, just 9 miles south of Hudson, WI.

Call 612-724-3643 for a brochure,

Or print one from our website

www.SaintAlbertTheGreat.org

Registration deadline is July 15.