

# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish*

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

MAY 13, 2018

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## *Love, Lift Us Up!*

Love, lift up to be with you,  
for we are longing for the reassurance of your presence in our lives.

Love, lift up to be with you,  
because we need the courage to live boldly as your witnesses.

Love, lift us up to be with you,  
because the world is longing for your wisdom.

Love, lift us up to be with you,  
where fire and lightening burst with praise  
and where Light chases the shadows into submission.

Holy Love, lift us up!

*Rachel Hackenberg*

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Each of us is called into the ministry of Jesus in some way.  
We are called to be 'other Christs,'  
to be people who wish to make known and spread the love of God  
and his care for his people in the world.

We may never know how much we have done this;  
it is sufficient that we do what we can.

God has some work to do that can be done only through each person.  
Let us pray that we use our gifts and talents as best we can in God's service.

*Sacred Space*



***This Week:***

Monday, May 14

Tuesday, May 15

5:30 ***CCW Spring Banquet – The Depot***

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 ***Half Paddy Meeting –  
Shamrock Room***

Thursday, May 10

12:00 ***Adoration until 5 p.m.***

5:00 ***Vespers and Benediction***

Friday, May 11

***Envelope Number 300***

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

10:00 ***Little People's Church***

***For Reflection ...***

In every single person we encounter, we can either come face to face with the presence of Jesus, because of that person's sheer goodness, love, generosity, compassion, courage, concern for others, or we can see someone who is deeply in need of the touch of Jesus because of their evil or inappropriate behavior, their hates, resentments, their violence, or on the other hand, because of their weakness, sickness, loneliness, or despair. ♦ Will this statement help how I look at others? ♦ How have I been surprised by the presence of God in daily life? ♦ How have I experienced the presence of God in a difficult human situation?

***Bulletin Sponsor of the Week***

**Joe's Automotive**

***Thank you for your continued  
and generous support!***



***Please Pray for These Men and Women  
Serving in the Military ...***

Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz, Kelton Gifford,  
David Hodak, Nathan Hornback,  
Joseph Jordan, Henry Kijewski,  
Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin, Sarah Miller,  
Keith Mulholland, Justin Phelps,  
John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,  
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,  
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,  
Michael Widhalm, and Brandi Zinnel.

***Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!***

***Please remember***

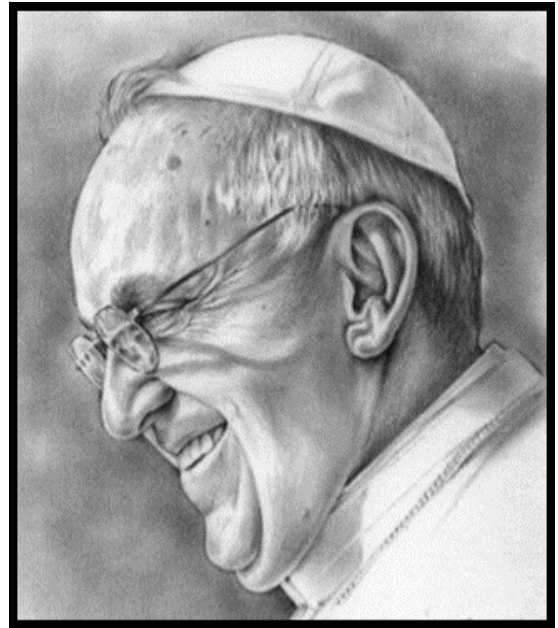
**THE FOOD PANTRY!**

Christ is with us.  
Christ has gone up into Heaven and is with us.  
Christ is alive!

We must carry this mission with us!

The Apostles were witnesses of  
Christ's death, Resurrection, and Ascension.  
And they returned to Jerusalem  
and joyfully testified about the risen Christ,  
in whose name they would preach conversion  
and repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

This witness – made not only with words,  
but also with daily life –  
should go beyond Church on Sunday.  
Rather, it should extend throughout the entire week  
in our homes, offices, schools, in places of entertainment, in hospitals, in prisons,  
in homes for the elderly, in places crowded with immigrants, and on the city's peripheries.



Jesus, God, is true man; with his human body he is in Heaven!  
And this is our hope, our anchor, and we are firm in this hope if we look to heaven.  
And he remains always God-with-us – that is, Emmanuel – and he never leaves us alone!  
In the Ascension of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One,  
there is the promise of our participation in the fullness of life with God.

***Here lies the secret of our mission:***  
**the presence among us of the Risen Lord,**  
**who with the gift of the Spirit continues to open our minds and our hearts,**  
**so that we may proclaim his love and mercy even in the most resistant areas of our cities.**

*Pope Francis*



Each May, one special day  
is devoted to mothers everywhere  
for having given the gift of life.  
But for the Mother who gave life to Jesus,  
the entire month is set aside in her honor.  
For more than 300 years,  
Catholics have designated May to be the month of Mary.  
The tradition developed out of customs  
dating back to medieval times,  
when May was a time of devotions  
in honor of the cross and the new life it brings.  
And, with its images of natural beauty and new life,  
May is seen as an especially fitting time  
to focus on Mary.



**May God continue to bless our First Communion Class of 2018!**  
Pictured here with Father Peeters, front row (l. to r.): *Kaylen Gregoire, Leah Mohler, Emilia Skelly, Natalie Castro, and Sierra Mulholland.*  
Back row (l. to r.): *Aden Lazdins, Luis Espinosa, Sean Boyd, Christopher Burnett, Andrew Watters, Owen Ortman, Max Guevara, and Jhaiden Ochoa.*

*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.* If the disciples ever thought they could keep Jesus to themselves, his Ascension makes it pretty clear they can't do that. They can't limit Jesus, they can't hold him down, and they definitely can't keep him to themselves. The Father sent Jesus, and now he sends them into the world. With prayer and the Holy Spirit, the disciples became preachers and the converts became missionaries, bearing witness to Christ "to the ends of the earth." They stopped looking up toward heaven, looked at each other instead, and got on with their mission. *Almighty God, fill us with power and courage that our lives may bear witness to your love.*

*Celebration Publications*



**NEXT  
SATURDAY  
AND SUNDAY!**

**Annual Spring  
Clothing and Household Goods Drive  
We all have something to share!**

**Take a walk through your house and think about donating  
“gently used” items that you are no longer using.**

**Did you find Clothing ... Shoes ... Household items?**

**On the weekend of May 19 / 20,  
the Salvation Army truck will be on the East parking lot.  
Someone will be there before and after the weekend Masses  
to help you unload your donations!**

**FILL THE TRUCK and help others!**

*A Stewardship Moment ... Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions, in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?*

**Sunday Stewardship Report for April 2018**

Amount needed each week in order to have a balanced budget:	\$ 7,009.62
Average weekly collection in April:	7,869.20
Total Sunday collections for April (5 weeks):	
Envelopes (average 117 weekly)	\$33,722.00
Loose cash & checks	\$ 3,343.00
Online Giving:	\$ 525.00
Automatic (15 families monthly)	<u>\$ 1,756.00</u>
Total collections:	\$39,346.00
Easter Collection	\$ 7,985.30

## A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

God of Love and Mercy,  
on this day when we acknowledge  
the importance of motherhood among us,  
we first give thanks and celebrate your divine love.

We give you thanks for the wide spectrum  
of motherhood represented among us:  
new mothers and young mothers  
whose children are in their most tender years;  
mothers of grown children who transition into empty nests  
and a new chapter of self-discovery;  
mothers and grandmothers whose lives are marked  
by frailty of body but a potency of spirit.



We give you thanks for all the mothers among us,  
and ask that you strengthen them in their daily tasks.  
Grant them wisdom in the lessons they teach, patience in the discipline they foster,  
and persistence in their promotion of decency and compassion, both by word and example.  
May they be given the honor and thanks they deserve but often do not receive.

We thank you for all motherly figures: grandmothers, aunts, sisters, wives, step-mothers,  
foster mothers, guardians, babysitters, teachers, health care providers, neighbors, friends,  
loved ones, and many others who practice self-sacrifice  
and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence.

Grant them vigor to carry on their work,  
and the satisfaction that their holy privilege gives to them.

We acknowledge to you, O God, that even amid our grateful celebration,  
many of us come with restless spirits, reluctant to name the difficulties of this day.

For some, this day brings the sorrowful awareness  
of their own inability to conceive biological children.

We pray for those who have suffered miscarriages, those fatigued by fertility treatments,  
and those struggling through the process of adoption.

Draw your tender spirit near to them and remind them that those who struggle  
have always shared a special place in your heart.

For some, this day is marked by loneliness and grief,  
as they spend this Mother's Day as an orphan, or a person who has lost a child or a spouse.

For some, this is a day that surfaces ongoing tensions  
that exist within our personal relationships.

Remind us to live with a child-like faith, curious about every wondrous mystery,  
attentive to your every instruction, and willing to share with every one of your children.

We give you thanks, O God, who is a loving Mother and Father to us all,  
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*M. de Vega*

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.**

<b>MAY 19 / 20</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>7:00 A.M.</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>SERVERS</b>	K. Johnson D. Mulholland G. Mulholland		S. Contreras M. Contreras M. Finks
<b>LECTORS</b>	S. Pommier	D. Berg	B. Sherman
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	P. Schiel M. Spilsbury J. Wesoloski	P. Johnson C. Olofsson S. Stanley	M. O'Brien C. Antognoli C. Wilcox-Clyden
<b>USHERS</b>	C. Denault R. Skelly J. Regnier G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole W. McCarty P. Holohan J. Wertz B. Grasser M. Born	P. Swanson R. Hartman D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
<b>LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH</b>			P. Mayer / B. Vaubel
<b>SACRISTANS</b>			M. Wayer / V. Wayer

*Please pray for the sick and the dying,  
and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.  
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound  
and those in nursing homes or hospitals.*

***Prayer Line ... Call (815) 933-6877***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, May 14 *St. Matthias*  
7:15 Dorene Hammes  
Tuesday, May 15  
*St. Isidore the Farmer*  
7:15 Francis Kroha  
Wednesday, May 16  
7:15 John DesMarteau  
Thursday, May 17  
7:15 Jane Boone (Birth. Ann.)  
Friday, May 18  
7:15 Marc F. DesMarteau (Ann.)  
Saturday, May 19 *St. John I*  
7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors  
4:00 Philisee Massa (Ann.) /  
Ed Billadeau  
Sunday, May 20  
**PENTECOST**  
7:00 Virginia Rauworth  
10:00 Glenn Dressler /  
Joanne Dressler /  
Mary Moody /  
Len Mulcahy

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*The Holy Family Candle* burns for  
the intentions of Georgina Rowan and Family.  
*The Blessed Sacrament Candle* burns for  
the intentions of Marlene Huot.



**The SPIRIT of the LORD  
will come upon you  
and remain with you  
FOREVER!**

