

The Ascension of the Lord

Masses for the Week

MONDAY 8:00 a.m.	May 25 MEMORIAL DAY MASS at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery ✠ Jory Konrade
TUESDAY 7:30 a.m.	May 26 ✠ Patsy Nix
WEDNESDAY 7:30 a.m.	May 27 ✠ Vera Dick
THURSDAY 7:30 a.m.	May 28 ✠ Frank Wessling
FRIDAY 7:30 a.m.	May 29 ✠ Rita Horan
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.	May 30 People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m.	May 31 ✠ Bonnie Haslouer
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Don's Ordination Anniversary
2:00 p.m.	For R.C.I.A. class



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 30, 5:00 p.m.

E.M.C. Tim J., Volunteer
Lector Tim R.
Ushers Volunteer
Servers Mason W., Aiden W.

Sunday, May 31, 8:00 a.m.

E.M.C. Mike W., Sarah G., Tony G.
Lector Ben I.
Ushers Bob H.
Servers Volunteers
Musicians Kris F., Volunteer

Sunday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

E.M.C. Maxine K., Jon K.
Lector Cynthia D.
Ushers Volunteer
Servers Bentley S.
Musicians Betsy C., Ann S.



Cleaners
Needed
after Mass,
PLEASE!
Thank you!

MINISTERS for MASS

We are planning for the June 1 to September 6 cycle for Mass Ministers. Please let us know your non-available dates by Monday, May 18 on the Ministry Scheduler Pro on our <sacabilene.com> website or to Theresa Brierton (#479-6559). We are going forward with a tentative schedule, knowing that adjustments may have to be made.

Stewardship of Time & Talent

YOU were spotted being good stewards:

~ to Marc Anguiano and his family for sitting up the Parish Hall for the American Red Cross Blood Drive;

You are a blessing to us!

Stewardship of Treasure

MAY 17, 2020 / WEEKLY GOAL \$7,940.00

Envelopes: \$	5,010.00	YTD Goal: \$365,240.00
Loose Plate:	323.05	Amt. Given <u>365,122.96</u>
Online Giving:	<u>570.00</u>	
Total:	\$ 5,903.00	YTD Difference: - 117.04

May God bless you for your generosity ~

May 24, 2020 ~ The Week Ahead

MONDAY (25)

- Blessing of cemetery crucifix, 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY (28)

- Adoration, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., Church

SATURDAY (30)

- Wedding of Will Whitehair and Haley Bulk
- Reconciliation, 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., Church

SUNDAY (31)

- R.C.I.A. Mass, 2:00 p.m., Church



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Please pray for Johanna Nelson and family, Sharon Flores, John McGuire, Ernest Lee Pastran, Bill Gross, Robert Goeden, David Anguiano, Sr., Irene Nevitt, Kody Sorrell, Mary Breshears, Karen Foster, Helene Szczerba, Betty Nebelsick, Mary Janet Chaput/Brumfield, Brenda Olson, Michael Kooser, Lyle Hight, Jill (Voran) Glasser, Karin Ward, Theresa Callahan, Jim Mayhew, Annette Cox, Megan Ebert, Eileen Bergman, Natalie Mason, Nathan Montgomery, Amelia Rupp, and the poor, the unborn, the abused, and those who are suffering.

Please pray for our homebound

Joseph Anguiano, Dodie Becker, Bea Cole, Margaret Dillon, Bruce and Marilyn Dimmitt, Mary Lou Fair, Agnes Garten, Janice Kleinsorge, Betty Grant, Gordon Kippenberger, Lydia Leonard, Betty Martell, Maria McCullough, Marcella McMahon, Mary Randall, Val Rohleder, Marcella Steinhauser, Karin Ward, and Mary Jean Wilson.

Please pray for our troops and first responders

Jared April, Travis Bacon, Keith Blasi, Jared Casanova, Jennifer Chaput, Joshua Chaput, Zac Chaput, Matt Cole, Casey Collier, Matthew Collier, Gehrig Geissinger Katrina Hargraves, Sean Hargraves, Jon Hauswirth, Cole Hiatt, Eric Hiatt, Kevin Herrman, Sean Herrman, Charles Hinkle, Brent Hirsch, Ted Houlton, Collin Issitt, Brian W. Kite, Matthew Kooser, James LaFlamme, Tim Mason, Bill McKenna, Jesse Morton, Cody Neff, Michael Orth, Jimmy Orton, Marcus Pastran, Dawn Potter, Brian Rowe, Cale Strunk, James Swisher, Robert Tanoury, Curtis Velasquez, Tyler Wassenberg, Tim Wilkins, Daniel Woods and Justin Zeller.

PRAYER REQUESTS please contact **Debbie Wickersham #785-280-9229** or wickershamdebbie@gmail.com for prayer requests or to be a prayer warrior.

BE AWARE OF LOCAL CHURCH SCAM

Our parishioners have been calling in to let us know they are receiving texts from Father Don requesting money or the purchase of iTunes Gift Cards. Please know that our priest, not any other priests will be doing this via a phone call, text or email. If you get a request, please call the office #263-1570 so we can help to stop this fraudulent activity.

Stewardship a way of life

"I am praying for them..." ~ John 17: 9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **Stewardship**. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first and best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Growing in Faith Together

CRE (Catholic Religious Education)

Directed by Shannon Woods

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

Directed by Cynthia Deters

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Directed by Kristi Anguiano

These leaders will continue to keep you posted.



We are OPEN for DAILY/WEEKEND MASSES

We are celebrating our regular daily Masses at 7:30 a.m. as well as weekend Masses while practicing social distancing. Weekend Masses are Saturdays – 5:00 p.m.; and Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bishop Vincke is offering dispensation to anyone during this time and you are not obligated to attend. If you or anyone in your family is sick, please do not come to Mass.

SATURDAY MASS RECORDED this weekend

You can watch the 5:00 p.m. Saturday service on our Facebook page (real time) and after the service on our Website. Listen to it on St. Therese Catholic Radio 106.5 FM, Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH is open daily

The Church is open daily until 5:00 if you'd like to visit!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS with Bishop Vincke



will be Monday, May 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Mount St. Joseph Cemetery. Bishop Vincke and Fr. Don will bless the refurbished Crucifix and Statues. The VFW Flag Raising Ceremony will follow Mass. Please bring your lawn chairs! Contribution envelopes will be available. If inclement weather, services will be in the Church at 8:00 a.m.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Please remove any items placed on graves that you would like to keep by Sunday, June 7.

FR. DON will be leaving:

Father Don has been assigned the Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center. Father Randy Weber and Father Peter O'Donnell will be here at St. Andrew Parish. This transition will take place by July 1. We are planning a farewell event in June for Fr. Don. More details forthcoming.

FR. DON BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY card shower

Let's celebrate with Father Don via a card shower for his birthday on May 24 as well as the 47th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 2. His address is 311 S. Buckeye Avenue, Abilene, KS 67410.



DRE POSITION OPENING

We have a part-time, paid position responsible for the Religious Education Program. Will you prayerfully consider this position? Please call Fr. Don to visit about details. This is a great opportunity to make a difference!



ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

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Mrs. Whitehair #785-250-9129

School Office #785-263-2453



School is out for summer break. We hope God blesses all with a safe, healthy and fun summer, and that all affected by this pandemic are kept in God's loving care. Please continue to pray for everyone's safety and well-being.

Thank you to all who helped with and/or attended Fifth Grade Promotion Mass! God bless our fifth graders as they move on to middle school. We will miss you so much!! You will keep you in our prayers!

Thank you and God bless Debbie Wickersham who retires this year. We have been blessed to have her at St. Andrew's working with our students for many years. She will be greatly missed!

It has been an honor partnering with you, parents, closer than ever these past two months. God bless you for working so hard with your child's teacher to continue providing positive educational experiences during this difficult time. Thank you, also, to the many grandparents who also helped students at home. God bless you all for helping our students!!

Please reach out if you need help with anything as we continue to move forward through uncertain times.

June –

1 – Summer School Begins

17 – Fifth Grade vs. Parents Kickball Game and Reception (Tentative), 7:00



Christina L. Whitehair, Principal

THANK YOU for CARING

May God bless those who have so generously responded to God's call to help our children, youth and adults know and understand His Word and the teachings of the Catholic Church. You have made a difference in their lives!

CATECHISTS

Kristi Anguiano

Debbie Baier

Theresa Brierton

Mandy DeDonder

Cynthia Deters

Angela Elliott

Angie Evans

Jenell Hartman

Kathy Lounsbury

Karen Saltkill

Jim & Lisa Schartz

Connie Simpson

Kim Simpson

JoAnna Tompkins

Mack and Inge Teasley

Leslie Welsh

Fr. Don Zimmerman

Shannon Woods, Director

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

Kristi Anguiano

Sara Buller

Kiley Crider

Angela Elliott

Marlene Herrman

Aline Hunter

Staci Meuli

Jack & Brenda Olson

Steven & Kellie Olson

Angie Radabaugh

Jayne Randles

Becky Ryan

Manuela Simenson

Thea Stoneberger

Debbie Wickersham

Sharon Wilson

Dan & Shannon Woods

Christina Whitehair, Principal

Greetings from Fr. Don Zimmerman



We are slowly "opening up" once again! While we are exercising caution and maintaining a safe distance, let us continue to grow in the awareness of God's presence with gratitude and petition. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended; however, may we culture the desire to participate in God's life through the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Mass is still the closest reality of Heaven on Earth, the source and summit of God's Life!

And so, in the meantime, we are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven the weekend! It was the plan of God from the very beginning that His Son should be given life as we know it, suffer and die, as we experience it in various ways, and the promise of Eternal Life. That promise is a little more difficult to wrap our heads around, because we haven't experienced it, yet! Oh, we shall certainly die, when or how or where, sometimes the question is "why"? But the very life of Jesus has shown us the path to take. He promised that He would go to the Father and the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, would come strengthen and fortify our very lives during our own life's struggles.

At all times, even during this time of the pandemic, we hang onto the hope that Jesus brings, and let us also appreciate the folks on the "front-lines" who are going the extra mile in the behalf of a fellow human being. Let us also be aware of the moment in which each of us can step forward and make a positive difference, whether it's at home or among our friends.

This being Memorial Day Weekend, let us remember all the deceased in our thoughts and prayers, especially our fallen men and women in the armed forces. Whether in battle or other cause, may each be rewarded in eternal life with God's peace.

**God's Peace & Blessings to you,
Fr. Don Z.**

"Lord, have mercy on us. We have put our hope in you. Protect us day by day and save us in times of trouble." -Isaiah 33:2

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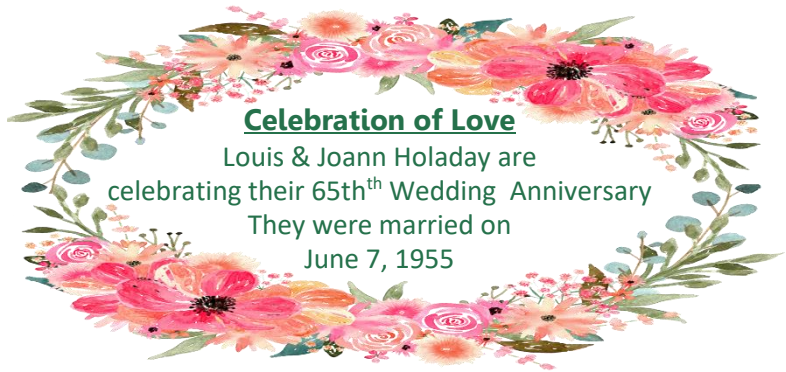
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.



Celebration of Love

Louis & Joann Holaday are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary
They were married on June 7, 1955

THE WORD AMONG US – June 2020

The June copy will be available next Friday, May 29 on the table in the Church. It is a Catholic Devotional magazines based on the daily Mass readings. It contains daily meditations and great stories! Supplies are limited/one per family please.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Our local station... **St. Therese Catholic Radio, Abilene**
106.5 FM, An EWTN Catholic Affiliate

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See our website – sacabilene.com

Sunday Readings:

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts of Apostles 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Romans 5:5, 8:11

Genesis 11:1-9

Exodus 19:3-8,16-20



EWTN Global Catholic Network



provides Catholic news coverage from around the world. It is an exciting resource for adults. Children can watch cartoons and see stories about saints. EWTN News Nightly brings news and analysis from a Catholic perspective to TV viewers across the world.

Welcome to our Parish !

We are happy you are with us today! Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass. If you recently moved to town, and would like to make this your home parish, please call the office #263-1570 and we will be happy to meet you!

