



As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24:51–52

## How Far Is Up?

**I**t depends upon your understanding of **cosmology**, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Pray the responsorial psalm today.*
- ✦ *At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?*

# Dear Padre,

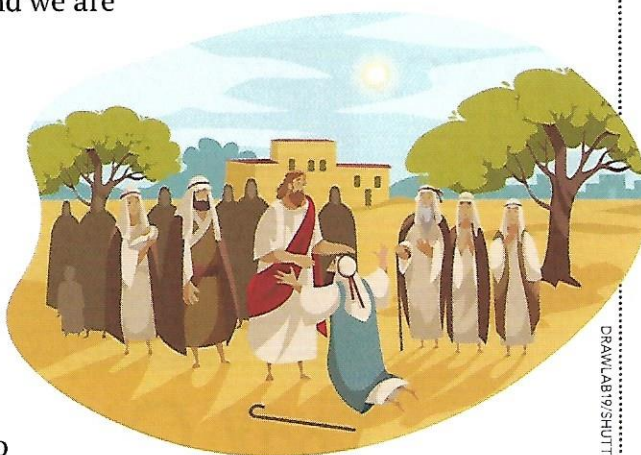
## Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

**J**esus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.



Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.*

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

### Tuesday

MAY 31

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Zep 3:14–18a or

Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

### Wednesday

JUNE 1

*St. Justin, Martyr*

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

### Thursday

JUNE 2

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

### Friday

JUNE 3

*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

### Saturday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20,

30–31

Jn 21:20–25

### Sunday

JUNE 5

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

or Rom 8:8–17

Jn 20:19–23 or

Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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## MAY 29, 2022 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Mass Intentions

Monday, May 30th	<b>9:00 AM Mass - St. Mary's Cemetery</b> <b>+Fr. Paul Hartley</b>
Tuesday, May 31st	<b>5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> <b>+Bill Worland</b>
Wednesday, June 1st	<b>8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg</b>
Thursday, June 2nd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Evelyn Pool</b>
Friday, June 3rd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Robert Merz</b>
Saturday, June 4th	<b>5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville</b>
Sunday, June 5th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg</b> <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Valerie</b> <b>(Readey) Neudecker</b>



**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

### Church & School Financial Report:

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>April 2022</b>	\$47,101.01	\$65,348.33	\$-18,247.32
<b>Fiscal Year July-March 2021-22</b>	\$590,025.09	\$534,320.69	\$55,704.40
<b>Needed Weekly - \$ 12,995.00</b>			
May 1st - \$13,045.38			
May 8th - \$ 8,246.13			
May 15th - \$ 9,396.00			
May 22nd - \$ 9,325.30			
May 29th -			

Last Week's Envelopes: 50 of 189

*Thank you!! With God all things are possible!*

*(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

**To Become a Catholic:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

### Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exist in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

### Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment



### Liturgical Ministers for June 5th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	None at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Tudie Simpson
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	NO MASS	Owen Merz Kendra Rakers
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberg

**Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

For all expectant mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 30th 	<b>9:00 AM Memorial Day Mass - St. Mary's Cemetery</b>
Tuesday, May 31st	<b>5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Wednesday, June 1st	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, June 2nd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Friday, June 3rd	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Saturday, June 4th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, June 5th Pentecost Sunday 	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)</b>

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 30th	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, May 31st	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, June 1st	4:00 PM-Harvest Picnic Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus
Thursday, June 2nd	
Friday, June 3rd	
Saturday, June 4th	
Sunday, June 5th	



### *Wedding Anniversary*

*Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!*

*There are no couples celebrating anniversary's this week.*

### **Additional Financial Information** (Not included on Page 1)

Home & School Donation	\$5,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 75.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 100.00
(Reimbursement on Trim)	
Special Collections:	
Infirm Priests	\$ 20.00



### **Memorial Day Mass**

Fr. Ernest will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on Memorial Day (May 30th) at 9:00 AM. Please join us and bring a chair!

Did you know that Memorial Day is celebrated to remember and honor those who died in the American wars. It originated during the American Civil War when people placed flowers on the graves of those who were killed in battle.

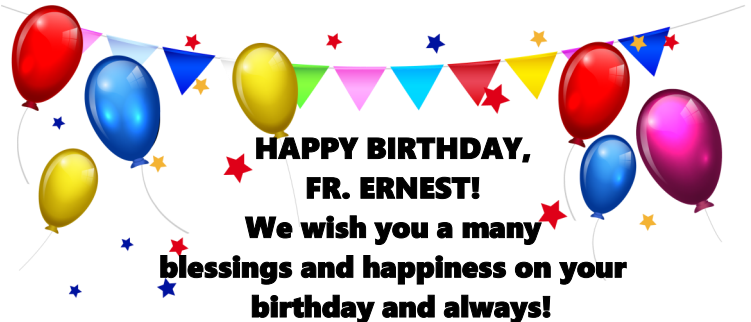
Please do not forget all those who have given their lives so we may enjoy our freedoms.

### **Congratulations Graduate!**

We also want to congratulate post-secondary graduate, Devon Oden. Devon graduated from UMC with a degree in Architecture Studies!



**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.**



**Your Immaculate Conception Parish Family**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on June 5th at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Pentecost Sunday is observed fifty (50) days from Easter. This is when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and other followers of Jesus.



### **Diocese of Jefferson City Seminarians**

Please remember to keep in your prayers the Jefferson City Diocesan Seminarians. Their dedication to reaching their vocation is inspiring. May God be with them threw their journey.

### **Accepting Bids on Parish Van**



The parish is accepting bids on their 1995 Chevrolet red van "as is" (yes, it does run!). Bids are due in the parish office by 3:00 p.m. on June 15, 2022. The van is currently parked in the school parking lot if you would like to take a look at it. For more information, contact Gary Hoette at 564-2577.

## Immaculate Conception School News



Have a safe and fun summer, ICS students!  
See you next August!



### IC Scrip Program

Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

### Survey for women

The Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Ministry Office invites Catholic women throughout our diocese to take a few moments to complete an online survey before June 1. All information gathered will be used to discern proper resources, educational formation opportunities, programs and events specifically targeted to women in your parish and throughout the diocese. The results of the survey will be shared with pastors and parish women's ministry representatives.

To complete the survey online, enter the following link into your browser [diojeffcity.org/womensministrysurvey/](http://diojeffcity.org/womensministrysurvey/) or visit the women's ministry website page at [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/) For opportunities to get involved in the ministry, please contact your parish women's ministry representative or [LeAnn Korsmeyer](#), director of Women's Ministry, by email or 573-635-9127 ext. 222.

### Vacation Bible School



Because we are not able to have Vacation Bible School this summer for our children, we checked around for other parishes who are offering it.

Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland will have Vacation Bible School July 14th and 15th at Valentine Hall in Starkenburg from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch and snacks are included. There is **no** charge, and all kiddos Preschool-5th grade are welcome. Registration forms are available this week-end in the back of church, or can be found on "Church of the Risen Savior" Facebook page. Forms can be mailed to the Church of the Risen Savior Rectory, 605 Bluff Street, Rhineland, MO 65069 or emailed directly to Jesse Bolte at [jjbolte@gmail.com](mailto:jjbolte@gmail.com).

More information and pictures from last year's Vacation Bible School can be found on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search Church of the Risen Savior.

## Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

June 5th - Picnic at Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein, 9 miles north of Linn on 1665 Hwy. C, Bonnots Mill, MO.

### Job Opportunity at Catholic Charities

**Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO)** is launching a micro-lending program alongside an education program that seeks to provide the know-how needed to break the cycle of financial hardship. CCCNMO is seeking applications for an **AmeriCorps Member** who will serve clients struggling with or stuck in a cycle of debt, made worse by predatory loans. This AmeriCorps Member will use approved curriculum to provide financial education, help clients achieve financial goals, and enroll clients in the new micro-lending program. Learn more about AmeriCorps and this position on the Diocese website.

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### Please Keep in your prayers the following people:

**Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center,**  
Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for:** Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan, and Valerie Readey Neudecker.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip) Hill, and Noah Richard.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



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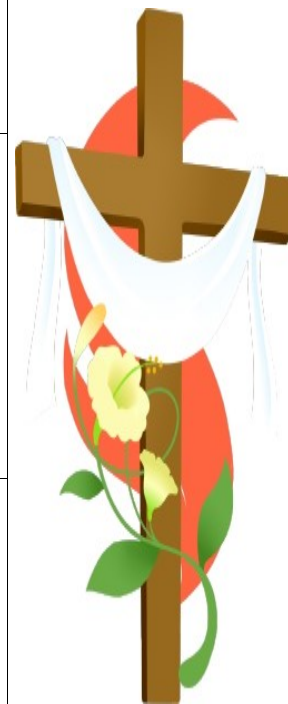
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