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The Ascension of the Lord

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony: Saturday 4:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 5:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

St Anthony: First Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



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Music For Liturgy



Entrance:	#197 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Gloria:	#907 Mass of Spirit & Grace
Offertory:	#483 We Walk by Faith
Communion:	#596 Worthy is the Lamb
SA Recessional:	#387 Take the Word of God with You
OLH Recessional	#396 Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

**God Mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**
Psalm 47

Father Thomas' Message Corner

Jesus continually taught His disciples, even up to and after his death and resurrection. He inspired them with His presence and His words, erasing the doubt and fears that the disciples had felt. He filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit, gracing them with full truth and understanding, then He left them to return to the Father. Jesus did not leave them empty and alone. The Holy Spirit worked within them so that the disciples, no longer filled with fear, rejoiced openly in the glory of Jesus' promises. They went forth confidently to preach to all nations.

We are called to bring the joyful promise of Christ's resurrection to those around us; The hope that only His resurrection can bring to a world trapped in turmoil. His promises should erase the fears and anxieties of our own lives. We are renewed by Him each time we partake of the Holy Eucharist, when He nourishes our souls and sustains us for each day to come. Rest easy in that you are never alone, for His presence goes forth with you, just as He was present to the disciples. Trust in Him.



Happy Birthday, on May 31st, to Fr. Thomas
May God continually bless you in your life and your service to His church. Do not look at the number of years, but rather the moments of life that have enriched you.



SACRED SILENCE IN CHURCH

Please remember to maintain a sacred silence when you are in the main body of the church, especially before Mass. This allows others to pray and sets a very important example for the younger members of our community who are still learning about the sacred nature of the church. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas and make sure that the door is closed behind you.

You may converse with each other after the completion of the mass in sanctuary.

Thank you.

Bulletin & Mass Announcements — The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.** & for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!

Meditation: Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

The Risen Lord is with us always to the end of time
 Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work
 Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.
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Minister Schedule

Week of	June 1, 2025	June 8, 2025
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess	J. Polak
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Ferguson	J. Bowles
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton & B. Ashworth	J. Bowles & C. Arnold
Counters:	S. Bossie-Maddox & N. Swecker	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Lanna & C. Lothes	T. Lanna & T. Stodola
Gifts:	J. & M. Akers	M. & D. Sisler
Counters:	C. Stodola & D. Sweeney	J. Felber & T. Lanna
Host:	Felber	Kozera