



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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The Ascension *Seventh Sunday of Easter* May 24, 2020

Dear Friends:

The Ascension, described as Jesus being "carried up to heaven" (Luke 24:51) or "lifted up" forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9) is an essential part of the mystery of the exaltation of Jesus and expresses the risen Christ's entry into glory. Being at "the right hand of the Father" He exercises power over the whole of creation, through the Holy Spirit whom He has promised to send upon his disciples. So, it is easily seen that the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost are intimately linked.

We find pre-figurations of the Ascension in several Psalms of the old Testament: "Who shall Go up to the mountain of the Lord?" (Ps 24:3); "God goes up to shouts of acclaim..." (Ps 47:5); "You have climbed to the heights..." (Ps 68:18); "Take your seat at my right hand..." (Ps 110:1). Other occurrences in the Old Testament are foreshadowings of Christ Ascension as well: the ascension of Enoch who was "taken up" by God, (Gen 5:24, Heb 11:5) and Elijah who "went up to heaven in the whirlwind." (2Kgs 2"1-18)

While there are only three accounts of the Ascension in the New Testament (Lk 24:50-53, Acts 1:3-11, Mk 16:19-20), there are many allusions to it without specific mention of how it took place, and what it signified. The Ascension means that Jesus, now enthroned at the Father's right hand, has established His universal rule "far above every principality, ruling force, power or sovereignty." He is "Head of the Church, which is His body." (Eph 1:21-23)

With the Ascension, the time of the Church begins, marked by the gift of the Spirit in service of the reign of God. It is through the Spirit of the glorified Christ, "The promise of my Father" (LK 24:49) that the disciples are empowered to go out and proclaim the Good News. The

Ascension of Christ is the guarantee of our human destiny and the fulfillment of Christian hope; St Paul tells the Thessalonians, "We shall be taken up... and so we shall be with the Lord Forever." (1 Thes 4:16-17)

In Faith, Hope and Love,

Deacon Steve McKimmee



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, David Dixson, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

New Website!

We are excited to announce that St. Michael Parish and the Mission of St. Dominic now have a new and improved website! You can see for yourself at:

www.stmichaelbaden.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Only one Sunday Mass is being offered for Parishioners, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.

Sunday	05/24/20	Parishioners & Families
Monday	05/25/20	Alene Martin +
Tuesday	05/26/20	Hedy Pirner +
Wednesday	05/27/20	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	05/28/20	John A. Chapman, Jr +
Friday	05/29/20	Jeanne Ten Broeck +
Saturday	05/30/20	John Jr & Linda Brown

VISITS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All of you are encouraged to visit Jesus at least weekly in St. Michael Church for a time of personal prayer and adoration of God who is present among us. He chose to remain hidden in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar so that we could make a great act of Faith by drawing near to Him under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We are currently most in need of weekly adorers for the following days/hours:

Wednesdays: 10-11 AM

Thursdays: 1-2 PM

Fridays: 11 AM-12 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM

If you can make a weekly commitment, go to our website <https://stmichaelbaden.org/>

to sign up for a recurring weekly holy hour! Thank you! Even if you cannot sign up, please join us for prayer anytime 6am-9pm.

Sign-up - Perpetual Rosary on our website



The Perpetual Rosary still has many slots open. You DO pray the Rosary, don't you? Join us in praying for the evangelization of our parish! How pleasing it is to God and to our Lady when

we pray the Rosary for souls! The idea is to have someone praying the Rosary throughout the day for the growth of our parish and mission. The prayer of the Rosary will help you understand Sacred Scripture, draw your heart closer to Jesus and help you understand the role of our Lady in your life. You can add your name to the list on-line or call the parish secretary to add your Rosary to the effort:

<https://stmichaelbaden.org/>

Priests for Life offer this Life-Saving Information!

Good Counsel are homes for any pregnant, homeless mother in need. Mothers, with or without other born children, including those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges, may live in a Good Counsel home for a year or longer, return to school and begin a vocational training program or work. Visit www.goodcounselhomes.org or call **800-723-8331** any time of any day for help or to offer help. Good Counsel also offers healing and hope for men, women and siblings suffering the aftermath of an abortion. Many are suffering silently in our pews today. Confidential, compassionate, counseling is available at www.postabortionhelp.org or by calling **877-586-4621**.

NEW Parish Group: Join from Home!

The Sharers of the Cross



Even before this quarantine started, a new **from home** group was in the works for St. Michael and St. Dominic: **The Sharers of the Cross!** There are no meetings, and the only commitment you have to make is one in your heart: members of the Sharers of the Cross will unite their sufferings through Love to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, choosing to offer whatever trials they bear for the salvation of souls and in reparation for sin. In a particular way, they will pray and offer sacrifices for all those souls within our parish boundaries, and for the special intentions of our parish. Every month, members will be updated on specific parish intentions. They will be provided with a member handbook, a rosary, and a scapular.

We all have a cross to bear, a yoke to shoulder. Some are large, others small. Whatever yours is, make it one with Christ's by bearing it united with His Love, and your burden will become light. To join, or just to find out more, please contact Joanna Mason at evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com or call the parish office.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:29)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

5-17-2020

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$ 2660.00
St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$ 930.00

Thank you! May God reward you.