



**ST ANDREW**

**Sunday Bulletin**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 24, 2020**

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### **Mass**

Priests continue to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass without a congregation. I am honoring specific intentions, as well as, all our intentions and the people and needs of our St. Andrew Parish.

**May 24 - 31, 2020**, in addition to offering Mass for the intentions of all our Parishioners on Sundays, these specific intentions will be remembered at mass offered privately:

Ascension Sunday: People of Saint Andrew Parish

Monday: Doris & Neil Salmans

Tuesday: Les Slattery

Wednesday: Bernie Stegman

Thursday: Ben & Jean Schawe

Friday: Cecilia Fleck

Saturday: Ione Konda

Pentecost: Sunday: People of Saint Andrew Parish

**NOTE:** Bishop and Cathedral priests are live-streaming mass from the Chancery/Rectory Chapels. Go to [www.dcdioocese.org](http://www.dcdioocese.org) to see the schedule of times. To view click on the Facebook icon (you don't have to be on Facebook) in the upper right hand corner.

### **Call to Parish Leadership**

This is the time of the year when we usually nominate and call parishioners to leadership and service on our Parish Commissions and then form our Pastoral Council for another year. Finding ourselves in this unique pandemic situation and with a new Pastor coming July 1<sup>st</sup>, at our last Pastoral Council Meeting, it was decided that members of Commissions and Pastoral Council would be invited to serve an additional year. Thank you to all who are serving our Parish in these various capacities presently and are willing to extend for an additional year.

### **Getting back to Mass**

Bishop Brungardt has posted the "Sacramental and Pastoral Care Update Regarding the Covid-19 Crisis" at [www.dcdioocese.org](http://www.dcdioocese.org). While this document presents the parameters and restrictions for permission for public masses in the Diocese of Dodge City to begin May 27, it does continue the suspension of public masses indefinitely in Ford, Finney, and Seward counties due the high number of cases that continue to increase. There is no date at this time as to when the suspension will be lifted.

### **Continued Blessings...**

...upon Robert and Kelly Askew who exchanged their consent one to the other in holy matrimony this past Saturday. Let us continue to hold them in a special place in our prayer during this week. Congratulations, Robert and Kelly!

### **If you know someone...**

...who does not have internet access and may appreciate receiving our Sunday Bulletin and Sunday Homily, perhaps you might consider printing these off and mailing both to them. You could always let me know and I'll see that they receive them in the mail. [rschremmer@dcdioocese.org](mailto:rschremmer@dcdioocese.org) or 620-227-3363.

### **Stewardship**

These are uncertain times for all us. This includes uncertainty about our financial stability. Families will have varying degrees of ability to support the mission and life of our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church especially during this crisis.

With no liturgies, there are ways you can continue to give your stewardship offerings: If you have not done so, you may wish to sign up for online giving. A number of our parishioners have been giving this way for some time now. It is simple and it provides various ways of making the payments:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>.

You may mail your offering: PO Box 125, Wright, KS 67882. You may drop it by the church just slip it under the door to the west sacristy. That's up front by the statues of Joseph and Mary. There's a sign on the door.

## **Stewardship Report**

Received since last Sunday's Bulletin Report: \$1,010.00 in envelopes; \$545.00 in electronic giving; \$10.00 for St. Bonaventure Mission & School; \$70.00 for Karen Stegman Memorial; \$20,000.00 for the church vestibule window project. **Thank you to our faithful stewards** for supporting our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church especially at this trying time.

## **Let us continue praying for one another**

We continue to hold our President, Governor, and all government and health leaders in prayer that they receive wisdom and guidance in keeping people safe.

We ask blessings on all medical personnel and all involved in essential work. May they be protected.

We intercede for those who have been infected by the covid-19 virus, for their families, for all awaiting test results.

Let us continue to pray with and for Pam Kirkby as she continues to prepare for baptism.

We pray for Berniece Lea Groth, the mother of Jim Groth, who has been dealing with some health issues and is in the hospital in Wichita.

We remember Kenneth McCarty, the father of Melvin McCarty, who died recently. May he rest in peace and may Melvin and Sheila, and all the McCarty family receive comfort and solace as they mourn.

We pray for all those dealing with floods.

We lift up all those caught up in the recent acts of violence.

We pray for all who are ill in our parish. We pray for the safety and health of all.

## **Catholic Charities...**

...staff members want to help you if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at [COVID19Help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org](mailto:COVID19Help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org). We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

## **Father Ted Stoecklein...**

...will become Pastor of Saint Andrew Parish on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Among his assignments Father Ted has served as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral and Pastor of St. John, Spearville. He presently serves as Pastor of St. Anthony, Liberal, and St. Alphonsus, Satanta. Perhaps you might want to send him a note of welcome: Fr. Ted Stoecklein, 1510 N. Calhoun St., Liberal, KS 67901.

## **Home liturgy around the table on Ascension Day**

Here is a simple liturgy to celebrate when you gather to eat.

Reader:

Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God (Lk 24:50-3).

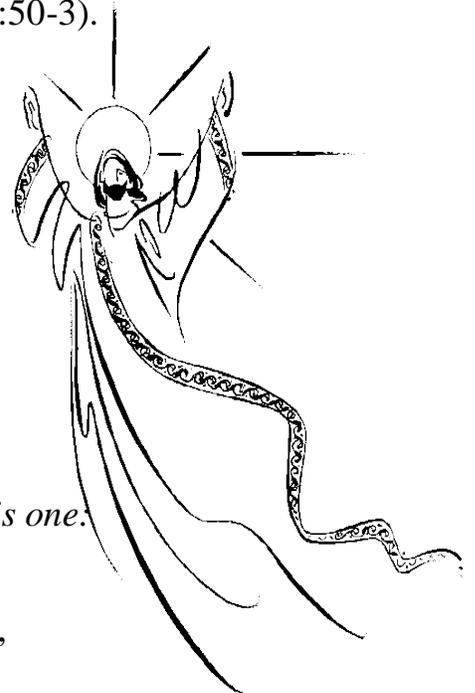
Leader:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Bless us now as you blessed those gathered in Bethany  
By asking the Father to hear our prayers  
For all who are suffering from this virus  
In a whole complex range of ways,  
As well as for all who care for them,  
And for us gathered here in your presence. Alleluia!

*This prayer can be your "grace before meals".  
Then end the meal with a "grace after meals" such as this one.*

God our Father,  
Look on us gathered here in the presence of Jesus Christ,  
Risen from the dead and seated at your right hand,  
And bless us on our journey.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

*Adapted from prayer service by Thomas O'Loughlin.*





## Memorial Day Prayer

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts,  
let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us  
is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing ...

Hear our prayer for all who have died,  
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others  
ahead of their own  
and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives  
in the service of others,  
and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world  
where we will lay down the arms of war  
and turn our swords into ploughshares  
for a harvest of justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones  
and let your healing be the hope in our hearts ...

Hear our prayer this day  
and in your mercy answer us.

*- adapted from prayer by Austin Fleming*