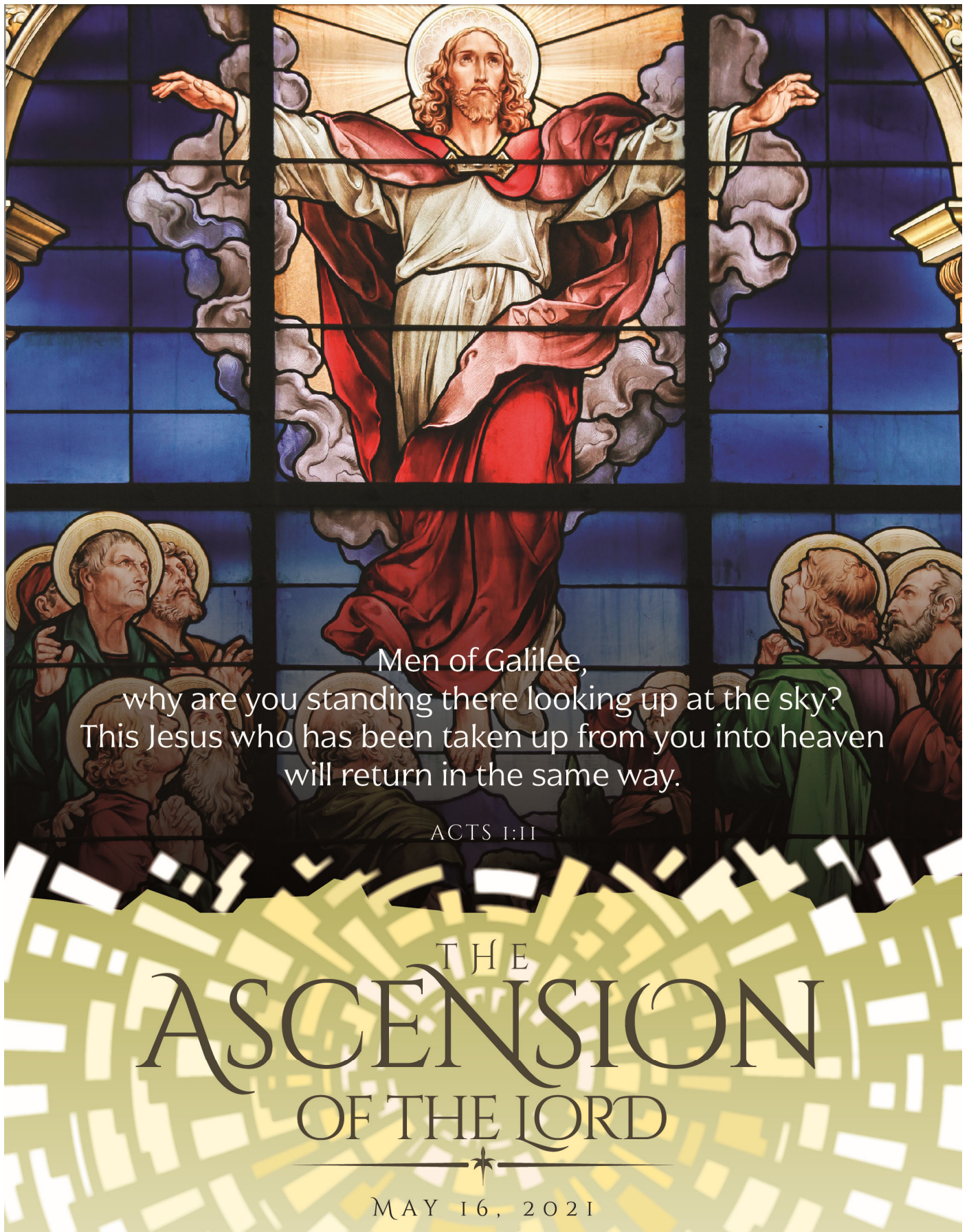




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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

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THE CENTRAL MYSTERIES

Throughout the season of Easter, we ponder the mysteries that are central to our faith in Jesus Christ. We reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection and consider the meaning of Christ's life and love. Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SKY?

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" We can only imagine the apostles' astonishment, not only at Jesus' ascension, but at the message from the men in white garments who appeared at that very moment. Jesus had been crucified and died, rose from the dead and spent time with them, teaching them to understand how he had fulfilled all that had been written about the Messiah, and suddenly, he was taken up to heaven. Surely they would have wondered what was happening and what the meaning of Jesus' ascension was. We wonder with them. What does Jesus' ascension call us to be or do? We rely on the testimony of those who were with Jesus to grasp the mystery of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Their witness calls us to believe in Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and live as his disciples in the world.

YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, NOW GO DO

It isn't enough to say we believe in Jesus. We are called to live as members of Christ's body and share the joy of faith with others. We do this by discerning and fulfilling our vocation, the ways in which God calls each of us to live. Often when we think of vocation, the first thing that comes to mind is the priesthood. But each of us experience vocational calls, to our state in life and to the ways in which we live, work, and serve. Each of us has been given different gifts and are called according to our gifts. We are equipped with talents and skills through which we may contribute to bringing the mercy, compassion, truth, goodness, and beauty of God's love to the world. What are your particular gifts and talents? How may you be called to use them to bring Christ's love to others, leading them to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]
Mark 16:15-20

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

Alan Amann, Sue Atkinson, Mary Ann Bach, Joseph Barberio, Joyce Barry, Ken Barry, Tina Bershere, Rose Bina, Bill/James Bleacher, William Boggio, John Bovard, Judy C., Helen Cieslek, Bishop Daniel Conlon, Katy Counihan, Frank Cosenza, Mario Cristofaro, Pina D'Amico, Frank Dipodiva, Brooklynn Drab, Nancy Fisher, April Fernandez, John M. Foresman, Darlene Garoza, Sue Geever, Jessica & Italia Getz, Linda Hall, Moreen Hall, Joan Haremza, Gail Hayes, Mark Herwaldt, Jan Hillerud, JoAnne Hug, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Joyce, June Kaduk, Pearl Kalinski, Dan Kieras, Bob Kobliska, Mary Lipscomb, Lee Liston, Rev. David Lord, Amy Lynch, Emily Ma-son, John Matt, Donna Menard, Joan Novak, Tommy O'Driscoll, Bill Olivanti, Gloria Pavesich, Cathy Lou Pear-son, Rose Marie Pedryc, Tom Peknik, Helen Peschel, Agatha Piwcwicz, J. Pisarczyk, Pedro Quijano, Cita Quizon, Mike & Lena Ramaglia, Joan Ritzert, Roger Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Laura & George Rossano, Charlie Sanders, Maria Santos, Tony Sekera, Joyce Smith, Karlton Smith, Estelle Sniegowski, Bertha Sobotka, Jim Sobun, Marylyn Sobun, Patricia Soukup, Ernest Stankiewicz, Andy & Marilyn Stanley, Diane Treend, Phyllis Trout, Renee Tucci, Sophia Zabinski

**And for the seriously ill children
of our Parish:**

Damien Turrubiarres,
Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



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Andy Shreckengost*

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Catholic Ministries
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Parish Goal : \$95,000

Amount Pledged: \$150,124

Amount Paid: \$132,881

Balance Due: \$17,243

Donor Count: 527

2021 Rebate: \$26,517



May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at
sundown

Tuesday: St. John I

Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost

FEAST OF FAITH

The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. —St. Boniface

THE LOAN

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents. We're borrowing it from our children —Chief Seattle

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed



BAPTISMS

Through the Saving Waters of Baptism, we will welcome...

Joseph Buonavolanto IV

On May 15, 2021

Hannah James Soltis

On May 23, 2021

Cecilia Marie Thompson

On May 30, 2021



WEDDING Banns

It is with joy that we announce the upcoming wedding

Callie Huebener &

Brock Liston

On May 30, 2021



PARISH REGISTRATION

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Or call the Parish Office at 630-323-4333 ext. 100

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$66,382

Surplus: \$382

March Budget: \$82,500

Actual: \$86,013

Surplus: \$3,513

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MASS INTENTIONS May 15/16

Saturday 5/15	5:00pm	Velma & James Gartland (D)
Sunday 5/16	8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Filomena Serpe (D) Alfredo Angliongto (D)
	10:00am	People of our Parish
	12:00pm	Mary Talty (D)

MASS INTENTIONS May 17-23

Monday 5/17	7:30am	Fe Soloria (D)
Tuesday 5/18	7:30am	Vincent Mesch
Wednesday 5/19	7:30am	Ken Kallen (D)
Thursday 5/20	7:30am	Robert E. Cahill (L) (Birthday)
Friday 5/21	7:30am	Stephen W. Stoll (L) (Birthday)
Saturday 5/22	7:30am	Frank Barzyk (D)
	5:00pm	Alvina Jankowski (D)
Sunday 5/23	8:00am	Fr. Mark Baron (L) Anniversary of Ordination William Pua (D) Wellington Pua (D) People of our Parish
	10:00am	Patrick Piwcewicz (D)
	12:00pm	Marvin Cieslak (D)

saint snippets



I am full of
confidence in the
power of God.

St. Eugene de Mazenod

19th-century Bishop of Marseille who
dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel

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May 21



LIFE IN ACTION | MIRACLE OF THE MONTH

April 2021



“Andrea” isn’t one of our typical patients. Already in OB care, she knew her pregnancy was at 12 weeks gestation. She had an abortion scheduled at a PP location but they referred her to another PP near her high school because the first did not provide surgical abortions. Concerned for her teen daughter, Andrea’s mother, “Jane” called Waterleaf for advice and to schedule an appointment because “I want my daughter to have all her options presented to her in a safe and confidential environment.”

At her first appointment and accompanied by her mother, Andrea stated she is overwhelmed at the thought of her pregnancy and is wavering between parenting and abortion. She told her advocate that she canceled her abortion appointment since she is so unsure of what decision to make. She shared that she feels pressured by her family to parent because they oppose abortion but felt they will support her in any decision. Additionally, she said her boyfriend, “Chuck” said that he will support Andrea in whatever decision she makes and that while he wants to go on to college after graduation, he will stay home to help her with baby. Jane said the family would support Andrea financially through the pregnancy.

During her ultrasound, Andrea remained very quiet as she watched the movement of the baby on the screen. Jane, however, expressed joy, stating she was thrilled and amazed to see her grandchild. Andrea said “I’m still undecided.”

At her follow up visit at Waterleaf, Andrea told her advocate she has decided to parent. Stating she understands things will be challenging, she knows how much support her family and Chuck will provide and is interested in the services of Aspire.

Since her last visit, Andrea told us she has seen her OB again and she and Chuck are planning a gender reveal party. “I’m having the baby!”

Girl Scout Marian Medal and Spirit Alive Classes 2021

A program to help Girl Scouts who are in 7th, 8th or 9th grade and live in the Joliet Diocese earn their Marian Medal will begin Saturday, June 26th at 1:00 PM in the home of Rosemarie Courtney, 529 70th Street – Darien, IL.

The group will meet the 4th Saturday of each month from 1 – 2:30 PM. Registration is required by calling Rosemarie at 630-964-8415 or emailing her at rdcourtney1940@gmail.com before June 12th. Each Scout is to bring the workbook titled *Mary, the First Disciple*, a spiral notebook and a pencil to the meeting. The workbook can be purchased at www.NFCYM.org – click on Store then Girl Scouts.

A program to help Girl Scouts who are in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade and live in the Joliet Diocese earn their Spirit Alive Medal will begin Saturday, June 26th at 3:00 PM in the home of Rosemarie Courtney, 529 70th Street – Darien, IL. The group will meet the 4th Saturday of each month from 3 – 4:30 PM. Registration is required by calling Rosemarie at 630-964-8415 or emailing her at rdcourtney1940@gmail.net before June 12th. Each Scout is to bring the workbook titled *Spirit Alive*, a spiral notebook and a pencil to the meeting. The workbook can be purchased at www.NFCYM.org – click on Store then Girl Scouts.

congratulations to our 2021 confirmandi!

May God continue to bless you!

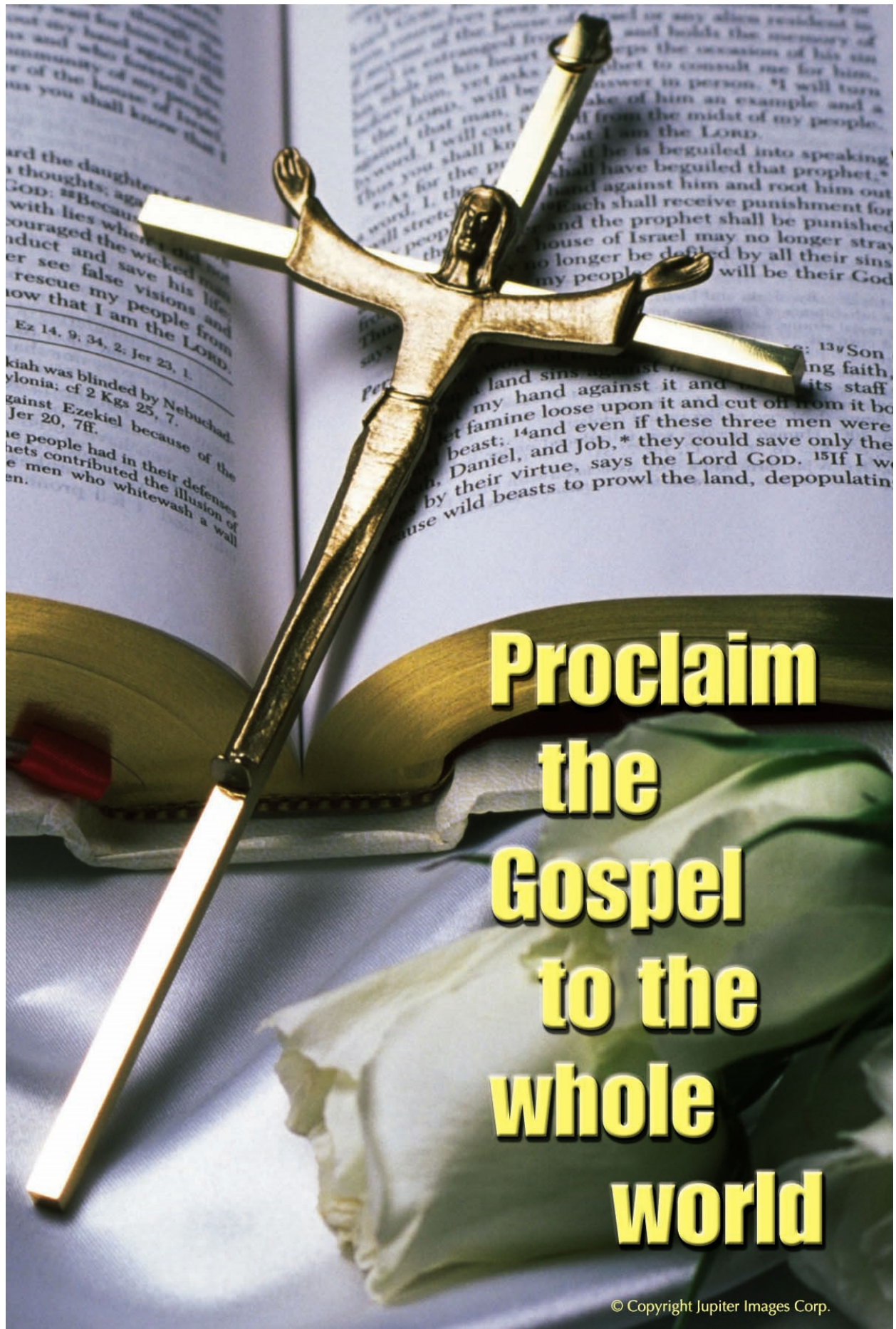
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Maya	Teresa	Chrzanowska
Maya	Teresa	Ciochon
Angelina	Anthony	Domer
Margaret	Ann	Fleming
Riley	Regina	Flood
Claire	Ann	Gilliam
John	John	Kadolph
Jack	Joseph	Krolak
Aiden	Sebastian	LaPat
Luke	Sebastian	Laval
Luca	Michael	Materazzo
Dylan	Louis	McGinley
Diana	Julie	McMillen
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Marcin	Sebastian	Narejko
Alexi	Catherine	Newsome
Anthony	Michael	Newsome
Gabriella	Dymphna	Phelps
Vincenzo	Anthony	Porro
Martin	Anthony	Viau

Congratulations to our 2021 first Communicants

May God continue to bless you!

Abigail Abraham
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Connor Butler
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Nathaniel Chlebek
Ricardo De La Garza
Sean Dunleavy
Garrett Fleming
Deacon Hyravy
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Nicholas Mistretta
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1-3 years' experience in the field of Catholic faith formation necessary. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.stjude.org).

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and contact information for two persons of reference to the attention of the St. Jude Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Katie Neu at kneu@stjudes.org or mail to 241 West Second Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451. Interviews will begin immediately.

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MARRIAGE:

Our Parish is a wonderful setting to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage. Couples must make arrangements at least 1 year before your proposed wedding date to allow for ample time for Marriage Prep.

Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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