All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
the great king over all the earth.
Psalm 47:2-3

May 28, 2017

Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
THE END AND THE BEGINNING

The disciples who witnessed the Ascension of Jesus into heaven saw it as an ending. It was the day when their faith in a flesh and blood person, depending on a physical presence, was ended. Now they were linked to someone who was independent of space and time.

But the ending of the earthly chapter also meant a new beginning. The disciples knew that the Ascension was the completion of God’s plan of the incarnation. Jesus Himself had predicted, “I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (John 16:28)

Although the Ascension closed His public ministry on earth, it opened a new age of the Spirit. We might even say the Ascension stands for the final liberation of Jesus from all limitations of space and time, so that He’s freed to be lovingly and powerfully present with every believer in every place, in every age.

Actually, it’s a good thing that Jesus is not with us now in a human body and therefore limited to one geographic location. The Ascension of Jesus makes it possible for Him to be close to each and every one of us—if we allow Him to be close to us.

From heaven, Jesus has a higher perspective than when He was on earth. The earthly Jesus, even though He was fully God the Son, was limited by His humanity to seeing what earthly eyes can see. He was, in His human nature, bound to the limitations of time and space. He even allowed Himself to be led by the Holy Spirit and to remain obedient to the will of the Father, even though He is in every way equal to both.

From heaven, the glorified Son of Man has an unlimited view of things. The human on earth has a limited view of things. He is one of the trees in the forest. From this perspective, one cannot see the forest from the trees. If the same person were to climb a mountain, the entire forest becomes visible. In this way, Jesus is aware of all that is going on in heaven. His view is not limited to the dusty roads of ancient Palestine.

The Ascension of Jesus is the beginning of a new presence among us. It is also the beginning of our ministry. Jesus’ last words were those of commission. After telling the disciples to put their trust in God to bring the Kingdom to completion according to the timing and means He had set, Jesus told them that they were to go everywhere to tell people about Him, to continue His mission of teaching, and to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus signified the success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished. It marked the return of His heavenly glory. He stepped down from His glory to be on earth. Now, He is back where He came from. The Ascension set the pattern for His return as well. He will return just as He left, literally bodily, and visibly in the clouds.

Until Jesus returns, we are to take up our commission. We are to continue what Jesus began: the building up of God’s Kingdom on earth, proclaiming to the world that Jesus is Lord.

Fr. Dave

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MASSES
Saturday:  5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday:   8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 4:00 p.m.
Daily:    7:00 a.m. Mon–Fri, 6:30 p.m. Wed, and 8:15 a.m. Sat.

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ADORATION
Fridays all day, with Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday: 6:45 to 6:55 a.m.
Or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Sunday of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered members and attend a baptismal preparation session, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office three months in advance to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should call the Parish at least eight months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your Pastor.

CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements at any time for Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.
The Ascension of the Lord

OUR PARISH

HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
- June 3
  Lector: Elizabeth Kelley
  Euch Min: Dennis Menke, John Kelley, Gloria Fellers, John Bingaman, Patty Bingaman
  Servers: Tom Murray, Rachel Burdette, Joey Walker

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- June 4
  Lector: Audrey Plisch
  Euch Min: Mary Shelden, Judy Deverell, Fran Hacker, Joe Hacker, Sue Berndt
  Servers: Joe Kisting, Annalise Kisting, Sam Kisting

10:00 a.m.
- June 4
  Lector: Victoria Fitzgerald
  Euch Min: Steve Carter, Jessica McMahon, Margie Hoss, Bonita Higgerson, Ben Laws
  Servers: Stephanie Burton, Veronica Burton, Regina Schmitt

4:00 p.m.
- June 4
  Lector: John Farney
  Euch Min: Rob MacKichan, Anthony Frasca, Beth Frasca, Elaine Hershberger, Mike O’Brien
  Servers: Owen Robinson, Marshall Gudauskas, Donavan Gudauskas

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day
- 9:00 a.m.
  Lector: In honor of Rosemary Fisk

Tuesday, May 30
- 7:00 a.m.
  Margaret Schwenk

Wednesday, May 31
- 7:00 a.m.
  Zachary McNabney
- 6:30 p.m.
  Marlan Mass

Thursday, June 1
- 7:00 a.m.
  Shirley Bowen Stanley

Friday, June 2
- 7:00 a.m.
  Patricia Gratkowski

Saturday, June 3
- 8:15 a.m.
  Dorothy Lierman
- 5:30 p.m.
  C. Joan Murray

Sunday, June 4
- 8:00 a.m.
  Henry Portz
- 10:00 a.m.
  Bernard Buese
- 4:00 p.m.
  For the Parishioners

NEWLYWEDS. Our prayers and best wishes go with Alex Foran and Elise Pontious, who were married here on Saturday, May 20th. May God’s grace support them throughout their married life!

COFFEE & DONUTS. Join us for Coffee & Donuts next Sunday, June 4th. There will be a sign-up sheet for those willing to volunteer their time at the Sundays of their choosing during the summer.

THE HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet next Sunday, June 4th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center Library. Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

JUNE HEAVENLY DUSTERS are Jane Sisk & Mary Giuffre.

Memorial Day Mass
Will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29th. Also, the Parish Office will be closed that day.
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2017**

- Noah Michael Anaya
- Calum M. Beckett
- Jonah T. Borbely
- Lauren Paige Brown
- Emma Marie Brunson
- Mercedes X. Calle
- Ethan Douglas Carney
- Marissa Anne Charleston
- David Clark
- Emily Rose Constable
- Philip Dale Fisk III
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- Emily Louise Goad
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- Joyson T. Kakinga
- Joseph T. Kisting
- William John Layton
- Kaleb J. Leininger
- Ashley Renee Mills
- Molly T. Moomaw
- William Isaac Moore
- Robert A. Myers
- Joviane Vapo Pembele
- Gracie Marie Percival
- Malani Marie Smithenry
- Susan Ann Sofranko
- Jacob D. Studer

**BLESSING AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE!**

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**MAGNIFICAT RENEWAL AND NEW ORDERS**

It is time to either renew your subscription to the Magnificat or start a new one. If you already receive one, please fill out the renewal form included in your June issue. The Magnificat is ordered through the Parish Office, so make your check payable to “Holy Cross,” not Magnificat, and bring it or mail it to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Magnificat.”

If you’d like to place a new order, please call 352-8748. The cost is $25.00 per year, which is half the regular subscription cost because we order as a group. Payment and order form must be in by Thursday, **June 15th**.

**RECYCLE YOUR MAGNIFICATS:** Please place your old Magnificats in the basket provided at the back of the church.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

“Everything is a gift from God”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays, “I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do.” Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God. **(John 17:4)**

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**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**

Are you looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness? **Join us Monday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m.,** and the following Mondays, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration.

Gain new insights into Marian Consecration as we read and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Mother Teresa, and St. Pope John Paul II. They’ll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary.

Call the Parish office to **register**—by **June 5th**—in order to have a Participant Packet. Cost of Packet with book is $30; without book is $20.

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**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 16-17**

Msgr. Stuart Swetland and Zachary King will present **Our Lady, Safely Within Her Mantle, Virgin Most Powerful**

Msgr. Swetland of Relevant Radio’s “Go Ask Your Father” is President of Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS, and former Head Chaplain of the St. John Catholic Newman Center at the Univ. of Illinois. He is an accomplished speaker, educator, and teacher. He will touch your heart and help deepen and renew your faith.

Zachary King is a strong pro-life advocate who experienced a miraculous conversion to the Catholic faith from a life of occultism and satanism.

FREE. All retreats are held at the Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother, 318 N. 8th St., Vandalia. Lodging is reasonably priced at local hotels. Register at osmm@sbcglobal.net or contact Mariann (618) 292-8039 or Ann (618) 267-3876.

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**Parish Office Summer Hours**

The Parish Office will close at **Noon on Fridays** throughout the summer months.

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**NEW DIACONATE CLASS ORIENTATION MEETING**

The Office of Permanent Diaconate of the Diocese of Peoria will host an informational meeting **Saturday, June 3rd,** for men interested in diaconal ministry. The meeting will be held at the Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 N.E. Madison in Peoria between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Applicants should be men of deep faith and prayer, be in good health and between the ages of 30 and 60.
WE HAVE FINISHED another school year! May everyone have a restful and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing our students again in August! God bless!

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS, PRESCHOOL AND GRADES K-8 is open for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school office so we can get your preliminary information and schedule a tour of our school.

ENGaging in prayer, the sacraments, devotions, and fraternity. Listen to vocation stories and talks by seminarians, priests of the diocese, and Bishop Jenky.

Session 1: June 9-12
College Age & Young Adults
Nazareth House, Henry, IL

Session 2: June 16-19
HS Juniors & Seniors
Nazareth House, Henry, IL

Session 3: July 9-12
HS Freshmen/Sophomores
Peoria Notre Dame High Sch.

Session 4: July 12-14
7th & 8th Graders
Peoria Notre Dame High Sch.

“Were our hearts not burning within us as He spoke to us on the way?” (Luke 24:3)

www.comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays

“THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH”
The annual Diocesan Summer Institute will be held Saturday, June 3rd. We welcome author, international speaker and radio host Jennifer Fulwiler as keynote speaker. She will tell us about her journey from Atheism to Catholicism and how to speak about Christianity in a secular culture.

The event will be held at the Peoria Civic Center. It will include Mass with Bishop Jenky, breakout sessions, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and meals & vendors. Admission & meals, $20. Registration is required. Register online at cdop.org, or by mail. Questions? Call 309-671-1550.

Last Week’s Collection
Offering for May 20th-21st.........................$8,333.36
Thank you for your generosity!
A WORD FROM JOY
Thank You to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas court #1070 and other supporters for supporting our Pro-Life efforts and families in need with: diapers, wipes, and all sorts of help for women, including a piggy bank filled with coins for laundry and more! Thank you for your prayers and donations! God bless you!

WOMEN’S CURSILLO AT ST. PATRICK’S, URBANA
Are you experiencing turmoil in your life? Has your faith become lukewarm? Would you like to spend time with the Lord? Come join us at the Cursillo Women’s Weekend June 8th-11th at St. Patrick’s in Urbana. For more info please contact Larry Hewing at 217-840-3779, or visit www.champaigncursillo.com.

BASEBALL BUS TRIP TO WRIGLEY FIELD
The Twin City Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will host their annual baseball bus trip on Sunday, Sept 17th (game time to be determined) to see the Chicago Cubs take on the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

Tickets are $95 each and cover the cost of game ticket, bus ride and refreshments on the bus. Only 50 tickets available, on a first-come first-serve basis. To reserve your tickets, call 217-840-6884, or for payment, rain delay, and game postponement policy, email:the_wing33@msn.com.

CARING COMPANIONS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS
The Good Samaritan Program of Champaign and Piatt Counties is expanding its Caring Companions Program for Seniors. The program provides friendly visiting, help with shopping, transportation to appointments, and help with other needs. We need adults of all ages who can spare a little time to volunteer. To request assistance or to volunteer, contact Kim McAvoy at kmcavoy@cdop.org, or 637-2395.

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