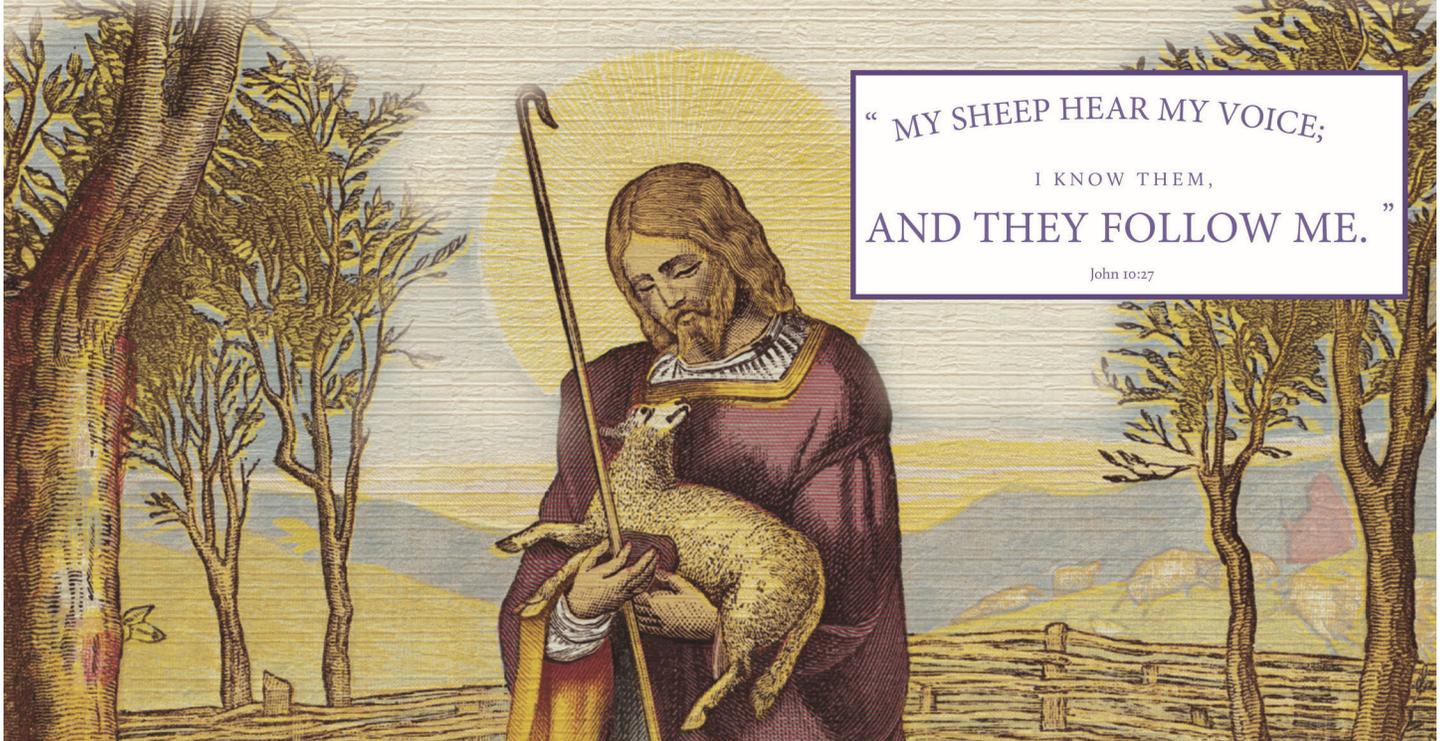


# Ascension of Our Lord Church

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May 12, 2019 | Fourth Sunday of Easter



“ MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;  
I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME. ”

John 10:27

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**Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon**  
*Bishop of Joliet*

**Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI**  
*Pastor*

**Deacon Peter J. Rooney**  
*Deacon*

## OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

## WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

*The following are our parish societies and organizations. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of our activities, kindly contact the parish office or number listed below. We welcome and encourage all members.*

<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	<i>Mr. Joe Ciaccio</i>
<b>Council of Catholic Women</b>	<i>Mrs. Mary Thon</i>
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<i>Mrs. Pauline Mitchell</i>
<b>Pastoral Care Ministers</b>	<i>Mrs. Pauline Mitchell</i>
<b>Prayer Group</b>	<i>Ms. Nilda Cinco</i>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b>	630-953-4419

**Sunday, May 12, 2019 - Mother's Day**  
8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of All Mothers

**Monday, May 13, 2019**  
12:00 PM †Anne Giannini - Dr. Barbara Santucci

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**  
12:00 PM †Hubert "Bud" Grane - Pauline Mitchell

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**  
12:00 PM Intention of Bojan Family - Martha Bojan

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
12:00 PM Intention of Brenda Hark - Loving Sisters

**Friday, May 17, 2019**  
12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the  
Tumino and Demma Families - K & M Demma

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
4:00 PM †Enrichetta Christofano –  
Dr. Barbara Santucci  
†Pablo Quindipan - Loving Family  
†Ann Renaldi - Connie  
†Sarina Varco Conmy - Loving Sister  
†Ted A. Calinog M.D. - Family  
†Eugene Connors - Tony Klazura

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM †John Tumino - Family  
†Gloria Power - Estelle Graham  
†Julia Kubacka - Bill & Barbara Cizek  
†Roque L. Dungca - Brother  
†Michael F. Kenny - Judy Kenny  
† Dr. Jose & Ofelia Lasala &  
Reynaldo Estacia - Steve & Christine Agins  
Special Intention - Family

† Denotes Deceased



*Calendar***Monday**

MAY 13

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

**Tuesday**

MAY 14

*St. Matthias,**Apostle*

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

**Wednesday**

MAY 15

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

**Thursday**

MAY 16

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

**Friday**

MAY 17

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

**Saturday**

MAY 18

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

**Sunday**

MAY 19

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 14:21–27

Rev 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

*Dear Padre,***My young son asks, “If Jesus was Jewish, then why are we called Catholics?”**

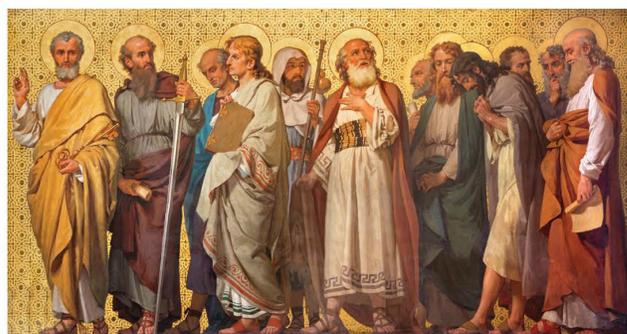
Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus’ resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that he was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in AD 36 (Acts 6–7). Nevertheless, Jesus’ followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion.

The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus’ ascension in Jerusalem to Paul’s imprisonment in Rome.

It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle their expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region—where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to “Catholic Church” is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. *Catholic* means universal.

“The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is missionary of her very nature” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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FRESCO OF TWELVE APOSTLES BY ENRICO REFOLO (1741)

*A Word from Pope Francis*

*The Gentiles, observing the early Christians, said: How they love each other, how they wish one another well! They do not hate, they do not speak against one another. This is the charity, the love of God, that the Holy Spirit puts in our hearts....*

*Our smallest gesture of love benefits everyone!*

—General audience, November 6, 2013

# Parish News

Thanks

*Last Sunday our Parish celebrated  
May Crowning.  
Thank you to all who participated.  
An extra special thank you to  
Pauline Mitchell, our First Communicants  
and Kathy Demma for their assistance.*

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

*Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all** children, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have **your children** participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

*Happy  
Mother's Day!*



## Minister Schedule

### SATURDAY, MAY 18 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose  
Euch. Min.: R. Hariman, Jodi Palmer  
Lector: B. Santucci

### SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose / Deacon Peter  
Euch. Min.: J. Klamut, D. Morrissey  
Lector: M. Klamut

### SUNDAY, MAY 20 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Bob  
Euch. Min.: N. Cinco, M. Neffke, J. Racila  
Lector: R. Sandoval

## This week's calendar

**Tuesday, May 14:** Parish Council Meeting  
7:00pm - Office

**Wednesday, May 15:** Choir Practice - 7:00pm in  
Corpus Christi

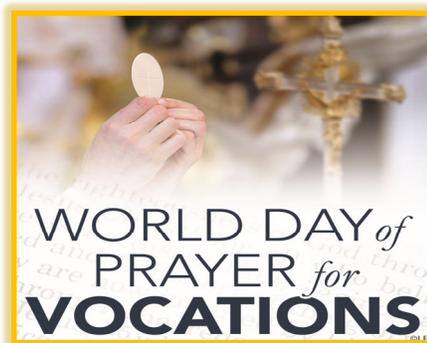
**Thursday, May 16:** Legion of Mary Prayer  
Group, 10:00 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer

**Friday, May 17:** I Thirst Prayer Group-Founders  
Foyer - 10:30am, Good Shepard Prayer Group -  
Church 7:00pm, Good Shepard Prayer Group -  
Teen Zone 7:30pm

Are you aware that our Pastoral Care Ministers will come to your home to visit and bring Communion to the elderly, sick and homebound?

Please call **Pauline Mitchell at 630-627-0471** to arrange a time.

Father Jose is also more than happy to stop in for a chat, visit and to bring Communion to our "in house" parishioners. Please call the parish office at **630-629-5810** to schedule an appointment OR to advise us of a prolonged hospital or rehab stay.



*Mother's Day Weekend  
C.C.W. will be distributing  
roses to all women.*

## STEWARDSHIP

**May 6, 2019 - \$7,348**

**WeShare - \$1,636**

*Thank you for your generosity and  
ongoing support.*



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Today the Church across the country is celebrating **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's Instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

“As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. **While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries** (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.”

~<http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm>

Here at Ascension we have Father Jose and Father Bob who have given their life to the Church for so many years as Priests. In fact, Father Jose just celebrated his 34th anniversary of his Priestly Ordination last Sunday. We are also particularly blessed to have Priests like Father Jose who have left their native home to be of service to us here in the Diocese of Joliet. Just like the sheep in today's Gospel, Father Jose and Father Bob have both heard the call from Jesus.

Today we also recognize and hold in prayer our Deacon Couple, Peter and Paula Rooney. Peter and Paula, through the Permanent Diaconate ministry, have given much service to this parish by answering Jesus' call. During formation, the wives of Deacon candidates are strongly encouraged to attend classes with their husband so they can share in their learning and understand the call to the diaconate ministry to serve, and how they can serve together as well.

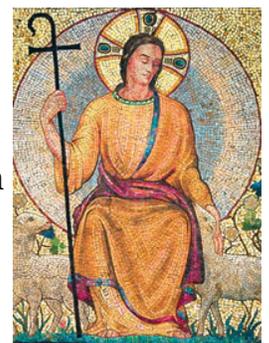
As we look to the examples of those ordained for ministry in our parish, we can ask ourselves on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations three questions.

- A) Do I pray daily for those who serve our Church in ordained ministry?
- B) Do I pray daily for an increase of vocations to serve the Church?
- C) How can I encourage someone to listen for the call to ordained ministry?
- D) Would I consider serving on a committee to help foster vocations in our parish?

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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# Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### RECALCULATING

Last week our Members discussed making two changes in our service work for the balance of this year. We prayed and carefully discussed some options in our program and work for the remaining months of 2019. Because of the need to “stay on Mission” of the St. Vincent de Paul Society *RULE* and *MANUAL* guidance, we carefully rethought specifically our work to have an annual Veterans Day Celebration that featured a fine meal, entertainment, and an opportunity for our military Veterans and their families to come together and “enjoy the day.” The original goal of this event was to bring the mostly young families of spouses and children of the Veterans together and introduce them to our work and how we might assist them while the military member of the family is away on overseas deployments or in training elsewhere for their next assignment. Our original intention was to invite these families of current military servicemen and help them in their adjustment needs in our community. While the VA has many very fine services to aid our men and women in service, often the families are left very much to their own resources and help from their own extended families or friends. The original idea of bringing families together came to us from several servicemen themselves who were concerned that their families often suffer while they are deployed overseas often multiple times in a relatively short number of years. With that suggestion we began the first of three years of Veterans Day Celebrations paid for NOT with money donated for the poor but from our Members and special donors specifically for these events.

Now we are rethinking this annual event as it appears we are not meeting our original intent of helping the families of current servicemen. Let us know what you think as many of you have supported and participated in these annual celebrations. We are now recalculating to arrive at a final decision for this year.

The other change is the time and date for our monthly SVDP Conference Meetings. For the last many years we traditionally met in the parish office on the first Tuesday of each month in the late afternoon. Then for the last two months we changed it to meeting on the first Saturday of the month in the morning. We made that change with the goal of encouraging new, younger families (who might be working on Tuesdays) to join our ranks as Members. We have decided for now to return to Tuesdays (but now the second Tuesday each month -- as before in the late afternoon. We agreed to go back to that schedule at least for our next monthly meeting now scheduled on June 11, at 3:30 PM. We invite your comments on these changes and invite you to attend and consider joining our ranks in service to the poor and disadvantaged. Phone your comments to our parish office at 630-953-4413. We thank you for any advice and help you have to offer and your continual prayers for our services to the poor.

*Come Learn about the Life of  
St. Andre Bessette*

**Thursday, May 23**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
(6:00 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)

**St. Joan of Arc Church**  
Parish Center, Room 22  
820 Division St., Lisle, IL

Director of Adult Faith Formation, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Andre Bessette. Born in 1845 in the province of Quebec, Andre lost his father when he was just ten years old, and his mother died two years later. His siblings would be sent to live with various relatives and friends. Andre was not educated and had difficulty with a number of professions because of his fragile health.

Andre also he had a strong and ardent love for St. Joseph. After joining the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brother Andre was given the simple task of being the porter. At this humble post, Andre began to touch the lives of countless people. Miraculous healings began to take place. Andre would rub oil from a lamp that burned near St. Joseph on many of the sick that came seeking his help. He always attributed all cures to Joseph. His meekness, love of God, and devotion to St. Joseph brought new life and faith to countless souls. To this day, the pilgrims have not stopped, nor have the miracles.

**For more information and to RSVP, visit: [www.bit.ly/2UUzZTi](http://www.bit.ly/2UUzZTi)**



*Be an Angel*

Donate to our Angel  
Fund and your donation  
will be matched!



## **Donations are matched with Catholic Charities' Angel Fund!**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is facing an especially challenging year. Significant government funding cuts to emergency homeless shelters have left the future of Daybreak Center in jeopardy. These funding changes will require the

Agency to secure an additional \$500,000 annually to operate the Catholic Charities, Daybreak Shelter.

**By the grace of God, we were blessed with an angel who will match your donations – up to \$50,000. Will you join our angel to help the homeless and others who live in poverty who are served by Catholic Charities?**

With your support, Catholic Charities can continue to serve our poor and vulnerable neighbors.

Every day, we meet individuals who are experiencing poverty, but are motivated to create a brighter future through hard work. The resources provided by Catholic Charities, including those at Daybreak Center, are vital to the well-being of our clients and to the entire community. Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help.

**Please send in a donation by May 31st.**

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Charities: Angel Fund, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Donations can also be made at [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. If you can't send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.