

What enters our minds whenever a loved one leaves or goes away is most probably what the disciples had in their minds too on that day when Jesus ascended into heaven. We feel somewhat lonely and question such as how do I start and what will happen next? In our first reading, Jesus, did not fail His chosen men. For forty days, He did His best to debrief His disciples before going up to heaven, inspiring them that He will send the Holy Spirit. This only signifies Jesus' faithfulness to His disciples.

During our prayer meeting with the Apostles and their wives, we meditated and shared on the Gospel for last Sunday. Terri asked me and said, Father, how would it look like when Jesus comes again on the last day? Honestly, I simply said, I really do not know in detail how it will look like. For those who may have the same question, somehow, we can definitely find the answer to that in the first reading today, as it is written, "While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven." (Acts 1:1-11). Whatever questions we may have, we believe with certainty that Jesus will come again as He promised.

Meanwhile, our Responsorial Psalm expresses the same joy when the disciples saw Jesus ascended into heaven as He will be seated at the right hand of the Father Who sits upon His throne. He is indeed a God of all nations. "God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9). It is an invitation for us to always remember God's might and glory, worthy of all our praise and thanksgiving. Sing praise to God, sing praise!

We can find another answer as how Jesus would look like when he comes again as the second reading reveals to us the truth that, "Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23). Jesus most likely would appear to us again on the last day the same as we know Him as a loving and compassionate God who saves especially to those who believe in Him.

What wealth do we still long for when we already have the richness of our faith, a treasure of eternal life. In this passage, it numerates to us how blessed we are for having a Father Who allowed His Son to suffer and die for our sins. Jesus, Who redeemed us on the cross is the same Jesus, our eternal priest, Who is present in all of the sacraments made accessible for us through God's mercy and grace as we prepare for His second coming.

In our Gospel today, Jesus reassures us of His love and continuous presence among His apostles through the Holy Spirit Who will be sent down by His Father as they preach nation to nation about repentance and salvation. His apostles are the primary witnesses of all these. But by virtue of baptism, we continue professing and witnessing to this faith that Jesus has ascended into heaven. As it is written, "Then He led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As He blessed them, He parted from them and was taken up to heaven" (Lk 24: 46-53).

As we are celebrating Jesus' Ascension into heaven, what are we called to do then? As one family of God, we are all invited to become His true disciples who eagerly await His coming by leading our lives according to His teachings. It is also very timely that during this Jubilee Year of Hope, God calls us to be bold in proclaiming our faith because Jesus is always with us through the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Intentions

† **Deceased**

Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, May 31st, Mass

† Will Lindal

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, May 31st, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, June 1st, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, June 1st, Mass

† Dennis Malcore

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, June 3rd, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, June 4th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, June 5th, Mass

† Goldie & Grace Thiry

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, June 6th, Mass

† Available Intention

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, June 7th, Mass

† For the People

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, June 7th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, June 8th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, June 8th, Mass

† Available Intention

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, June 10th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, June 11th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, June 12th, Mass

† Available Intention

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, June 13th, Mass

† Available Intention

Sanctuary Light

May 25-31: Francis & Pearl Pinchart

June 1-7: In mem. Goldie & Grace Thiry



Sacrificial Offerings

May 7-14, 2025: \$1,808.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

May 19-25 Sales: \$2836.00

Gross Profit: \$166.87

FYTD profit: \$6029.62

Kwik Trip car wash cards: The cards should be used within 2 years. After 24 months of non-use, a monthly fee of 1 wash will be deducted from the card.

Liturgical Ministers:

May 31st, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

June 1st, 10:00 am Lincoln

Lector: Tammy Barta

Comm Distributors: Tammy & Jerry Barta

Servers: Lainey Barta, Natalie Brunette, &

Kennedy Berceau

June 7th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

June 8th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Jason Jandrin, Sandy Maccoux

Servers: Clayton, Chase, Landon Barta

Parish News

Father Rex - 20th Sacerdotal Anniversary: There will be a special Mass on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am at St. Francis & St. Mary Parish in Brussels. The reception is at the Union Town Hall at 11:30 am. Please remember to RSVP as soon as possible. If you would like to bring a dessert (cut into serving size pieces) that would be welcomed.

Second Collection – Pentecost Sunday: We will take up the **Home Missions-Our Own Needs Collection** on Pentecost Sunday, June 7-8. This collection calls us to work as a family to help our brothers and sisters to share the Love, Faith, and Hope of Jesus Christ. The four major beneficiaries represented in this collection are: Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Communications – Evangelization, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and Catholic University of America.



Bringing Hope to the World Bishop's Appeal

2025: Our goal is \$44,059.00 and we are at 52% of our goal due to the generosity of our 86 members who have already donated. Your gift will help in countless ways.

It's That Time of Year: The Time and Talent donation forms are out! Please consider donating by filling out the form and returning it to Julie Pinchart or Julie Engebose. Please be sure to return the form by **Sunday, June 22.** Thank you for your generosity!

Father Timothy Machila: Starting July 1, 2025, Father Timothy Machila is the Administrator of St Peter & St Hubert Parish and St Mary Parish in Algoma. Father Timothy was ordained in 2016 in Kenya and arrived in the Green Bay Diocese in 2022.

Fiscal Year End: A gentle reminder that our fiscal year ends June 30. Please consider getting your financial support in now.

Easter flowers: If you donated an Easter flower(s), you may take them home.

Pianist/Organist: We have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

Area News

Casco Village Park: 15th Annual LCPL Dean Opicka Memorial Softball Tournament, May 29 – June 1, which supports local academic scholarships and local hardship gifts. Numerous raffles, softball games, food and fun.

Casco Fire Dept Cookout: at Bank of Luxemburg, 100 Old Orchard Ave., Casco on Friday, June 6, 2025.

Belgian Heritage Center: is open for regular hours starting Friday, May 23, from 10-3 on Friday, Saturday & Sunday through Oct. 26. BHC is looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors and assist the tour guides. No experience necessary, call Julie at 920-619-6363 if interested.

Parish Contacts

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Parish Office

**Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday
8 – 11 am & 12 – 4 pm**

Gospel Readings for Week of June 1, 2025

Monday, June 2: John 16: 29-33 (Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs)

Tuesday, June 3: John 17: 1-11a (St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs)

Wednesday, June 4: John 17: 11b-19

Thursday, June 5: John 17: 20-26 (St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr)

Friday, June 6: John 21: 15-19 (St. Norbert, Bishop)

Saturday, June 7: John 21: 20-25