

# SAINT WENCESLAUS PARISH

Feast of the Ascension

May 28, 2017

## Parish Announcements:

### Family Directory Photos

Register immediately for a free family photo session this June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Unless more households schedule soon there will be no new parish directory. Register online today at: [tinyurl.com/Pix-Times](http://tinyurl.com/Pix-Times)

### Confirmation Photos

202 photographs by Veronica Kramer of May 17<sup>th</sup>'s Confirmation Mass are available for viewing and download at: [tinyurl.com/confirmations2017](http://tinyurl.com/confirmations2017)

### "Nun Camp"

Two Dominican sisters will lead a Bible school here this June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Youths who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to this week of faith & fun. Registration forms are in the back of church.

### Picnic & Homecoming Raffle Donations

To donate items to be raffled at this year's Picnic & Homecoming, contact Ronald & Joanne Prew at 874-4542 before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## On Jesus' Ascension

*From Catechism of the Catholic Church #659-664*

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and Source, has preceded us.

Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified." (St. John Damascene, 676-749 A.D.) Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision about the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the kingdom that will have no end.

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Saturday Evening Mass 4PM - Sunday Mass 10AM  
Confession Available Before Every Mass

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### Contributions from May 20-21:

Adult Envelopes	\$982.00
Collection Plate	\$295.50
Youth Envelopes	\$2.00
Votive Candle Donations	\$93.00
Confirmandi Donations	\$94.00
Hall Rent Donation	\$100.00
Other Donations	\$125.00

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### Mass Schedule:

Mon, May 29 - 8am (Easter Weekday) for:  
**Bernard Boylen by John & Norma Gillitzer**

Tue, May 30 - 6:30pm (Easter Weekday) for:  
**Greg J. Fisher by Greg & Mary Fisher**

Wed, May 31 - 8am (Feast of the Visitation) for:  
**Joey Sprosty by Tim & Shannon Sprosty**

Thr, June 1 - 8am (St. Justin Martyr) for:  
**Jack & Norma Slama**

Fri, June 2 - 8am (Votive of Sacred Heart) for:  
**Dan & Agnes Slama by Frank & Lois Oswald**

Sat, June 3 - 4pm (Pentecost Sunday) for:  
**Health & Healing for Gert Morovits**

Sun, June 4 - 10am (Pentecost Sunday) for:  
**Blessings on Donnie Fisher**

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### Upcoming Liturgical Roles:

#### Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> : 4pm

**Lector:** Gloria Wall  
**Ushers:** Art Wall & Derek Wall  
**Servers:** Any Available Servers

#### Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> : 10am

**Lector:** Greg Fisher  
**Ushers:** Tim Sprosty & T.J. Sprosty  
**Servers:** Group F: Isaac & Ben Kramer,  
Jonah & Ethan Klema

#### Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Rosary Leaders:

*The Tom & Sharon Martin Family*

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### June Hospitality Activities:

Hall Spring Cleaning (June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9am) All Groups  
Farewell Potluck (June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11am) All Groups

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## **The Two Seasons: Lent & Easter**

*By St. Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430 A.D.)*

Because there are these two periods of time – the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord’s passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord’s resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbor, “Praise the Lord!” and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other’s voices, so do God’s ears hear our thoughts.

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### **Events in June**

- June 6 @ 7pm PCCW Meeting
- June 8-10 Family Directory Photos
- June 10-11 Fr. Rajen Visits Parishes
- June 11 @ 7pm Life Guardians Meeting
- June 12-16 Bible School / Nun Camp
- June 13 @ 6:30pm Rosary & Sisters’ Talk
- June 14 @ 7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- June 17-18 Euch. Miracles Exhibit
- June 19 @ 7pm Finance Council Meeting
- June 24 @ 9am Msgr. Baer Hall Cleaning
- June 24 @ 10:30am Ordination Mass in LaX
- June 25 @ 11am Father’s Farewell Potluck

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## **Jesus’ Gift of Peace**

At the Last Supper, as Jesus speaks to his apostles around the table, he is also speaking to his future disciples in every age of the Church. He intends to console us as well when he declares: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

In the original Greek of John’s Gospel, the word employed for Jesus’ “peace” is εἰρήνη (or *eirene*, from which comes our English word “*irenic*.”) But Jesus is referring to a peace far richer than a mere external calm. The Hebrew word Jesus may have actually voiced is *shalom*, which means peace inside and out, wholeness or completeness, harmony, prosperity, welfare, and tranquility. The peace Jesus gives is not unreliable like the peace of this world. His peace would guard our hearts from being troubled or afraid. Are we currently experiencing Jesus’ pervasive *shalom* peace? If not, where do we find it and how can we possess it? The answer is suggested by Jesus replies the three times his apostles voice questions or requests in this same chapter where Jesus’ gift of peace passage appears.

When Jesus says, “Where I am going you know the way,” Thomas counters, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus says to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Next, Philip says to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” And finally, Judas (not the Iscariot) asks, “Master, what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answers him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

Each time these apostles ask for something more, Jesus answers that what they seek is already in their midst: Jesus reveals the way, he reveals the Father, and Jesus and his Father shall reveal themselves to whomever in the world would receive them. Likewise, if we seek Jesus’ *shalom* peace, it is never far from us nor unobtainable. It is offered and found in Christ. Unlike worldly happiness, which relies on fickle happenstance, Jesus offers a joyful peace which rests on truths that do not change: his love for us and his promises. These treasures he leaves us, and his peace he gives us.

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### **Pope Francis’ June Prayer Intention:**

*That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.*

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