

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

### The ASCENSION of the LORD

Ascension is the entry of Jesus into Heaven forty days after his resurrection when he was exalted at the Father's right hand where he remains in glory. The feast of the Ascension is a holy day of obligation in the United States. It is celebrated either on the Thursday that falls forty days after Easter, or on the nearest Sunday. The bishop of each Diocese makes this decision.

The world's most stupendous event was the paschal mystery, that is the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Each time Mass is celebrated, this mystery is present again. Here is the story of the Ascension:

After Jesus rose from the dead, he stayed on earth for forty days. He still had things to do and people to see. On each of the five Sundays after Easter, we hear Gospel readings about Jesus teaching his friends more lessons. He wanted his disciples to see that he was alive. He let them touch his wounds in his hands, feet and side. He wanted them to believe with all their hearts that he really has died on the Cross and risen from the dead. They did believe and were filled with wonder, joy and gratitude. He then gave his disciples a very important mission or assignment. He said to spread the Good News. *Go to everyone around the world and tell them about me. Teach them the lessons I gave you. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Everyone who believes in me will be saved and will live with me forever in heaven.* This is called the Great Commission.

When we read these words from the Gospel of Matthew, we realize Jesus is speaking to all believers, not just those first disciples. We are disciples of Christ, too. We can go out and share what we know about Jesus with others. We can spread the good news by what we say and what we do. Our kind and good actions let everyone know that Jesus is alive in us!

It was the end of Jesus' time on earth. He was with some of his friends when suddenly he was lifted up in a cloud until he was no longer seen. Two angels appeared and told them that just as Jesus had been taken up to heaven, he would come back again one day. As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. **On this day, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, living in a manner worthy of the call we have received.**

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

<u>*NEEDED*</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	
	<b>May 13-14</b>	
	<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 867.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 107.25	77.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 974.25</b>	<b>*1,047.00*</b>
Month of May		
Building Fund =	\$ 1,359.00	*1,667.00/mo*
	<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 775.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 103.00	77.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 878.00</b>	<b>*577.00*</b>
Month of May		
Building Fund =	\$ 904.00	*500.00/mo*
	<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 780.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 169.00	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 949.00</b>	<b>*947.00*</b>
Month of May		
Building Fund =	\$ 216.45	*667.00/mo*
	<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 320.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 120.00	29.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 440.00</b>	<b>*279.00*</b>
Month of May		
Building Fund =	\$ 95.00	*84.00/mo*
<i>*The weekly Envelope &amp; monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.</i>		

## *Centered in the Eucharist*

### Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

<b>Due</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Payments &amp; Pledges</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 4,110.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 9,049.00	Paid in Full
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 1,289.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 3,018.00	Paid in Full

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