

# You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth

June 2, 2019 • The Ascension of the Lord

The Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel use the same word, witnesses, to describe the disciples' role in the new world order. In our culture, a witness can be passive, a mere onlooker, or more active, a formal expert who provides sworn testimony in a trial. The Greek word for witness is *martyr*. That raises the stakes for the disciples. They watch Jesus float into the air, after which an angel plainly appears to them and promises them that Jesus will come again. They see this happen. Immediately before ascending, Jesus makes a promise to them: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth." Their mission is not a superficial task to confirm the idle rumor that Jesus really floated in mid-air. No, they must be willing to swear—even with their lives—that Jesus is the Christ who accepted an agonizing crucifixion on our behalf, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and promised to come again to offer final salvation.

## TRUTH MATTERS

Why would anyone be willing to die for that story? Why would anyone accept martyrdom just to make sure no one fiddles with the facts of Jesus' life? Tradition tells us, in fact, that all but one of the Twelve died as martyrs. These witnesses knew that Jesus' story is sacred, unique, and powerful—and that we have to get it right. We have to understand that Jesus is God, and that he actually conquered sin for us by dying on a cross. No other story can give us the kind of hope that Jesus' Good News does. And the story is true. Countless witnesses have died to transmit the saving legacy of Jesus Christ. We have inherited the truth. Every day, we take our place in the story, bringing hope to a needy world.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Lk 24:46–53

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## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — June 1	5:30 PM	† Patty Greene by Clare & Shirley Greene
SUNDAY — June 2	9:00 AM	Graduates of 2019
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Don Smith by Paul & Cherly Pung
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Josephine Basgall by Chris & Kay Basgall
SATURDAY — June 8	5:30 PM	† John & Sandra VanGeertruy by Pre-K thru 1st Grade REF
SUNDAY — June 9	9:00 AM	† Karen Brown by the Family

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - PAT ROWLEY (SISTER OF JIM ROWLEY), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - MARY CHADWICK, - LEAH ZAMARIPA, (COUSIN OF JESSÉ ANGUIANO), THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY) - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - NATHAN PESCH (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - SHIRLEY GREENE, MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - LILLIAN PLATTE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF PAUL PLATTE)



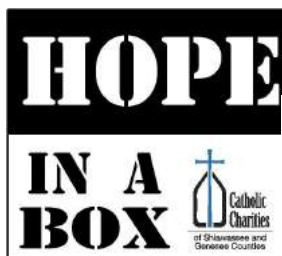
### OFFERTORY

May 25 & 26, 2019

58 Adult Envelopes	\$1,802
Loose Collection	\$235
Children's Offertory	\$13.15
18 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,430
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,480</b>

Congratulations to Fr. Ray for 51 years of the priesthood on June 1st.

Thank you for your service!



Need for the month of June:

Razors & Shave Cream





**PARISH WIDE**

June 2—Graduation Mass & Pancake Breakfast

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM  
See you in the Fall!



**Congratulations  
To All Graduates!**

Our annual Pancake Breakfast for High School Graduates is today Sunday June 2nd, beginning with 9:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be served in the large hall immediately following Mass.

May God bless you with grace and wisdom for your future endeavors.

This year's selection for the Scholarship awards are:

K of C Scholarship:  
Reanna Byrnes

Giffels Scholarship:  
Connor Brown



**Hit a Grand Slam with our Priests, Religious and Seminarians and Novices!**

The Diocese of Lansing will be holding its 20<sup>th</sup> annual **Knights' Family Night to Celebrate Vocations** during a baseball game at Cooley Law School Stadium in Lansing on Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>. The game will feature the Lansing Lugnuts vs. the South Bend Cubs. This will be a very fun event that has been designed for the entire family in a stadium that has \$23 million in renovations! The stadium will be filled by Catholics from all over the Diocese of Lansing. Please show your support by ordering game tickets (\$13 each).

**To order tickets, Call Jim Pock (517) 819-2136 or Fred Brusio (586) 292-4996**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We asking you to prayerfully consider helping with Vacation Bible School (VBS). We are in need of Treasure, Time and Talent. See the bulletin board in the Large Hall and pick up your support card today. Thank you in advance for your generous support. - Mary Stevens.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**June 2—Pancake Breakfast for Grads**  
June 12—Business Meeting—7:00 PM

**Note:** Planning Meetings cancelled for:  
June 26 & July 24

**Knight of the Month:** - Jim Pock  
**Family of the Month:** - Jim and Anita Leathers  
**Family of the Year:** - Bob and Terry McMonagle .



**K of C Yard Sale**

The Knights are now accepting donations of gently-used or unwanted items for their Annual Yard Sale. Donations can be dropped off in the large hall outside the door to the classrooms. Please, no clothes shoes, televisions, mattresses or hazardous materials. Proceeds from the sale support our scholarship program and many other charitable causes. If you need items picked up, contact Keith Kienitz 651-5957, Don Brown 517-290-4225, or Tom Mahoney 651-6638



Join Bishop Earl Boyea and thousands of others on June 22nd for a full day of Christian music, family fun, and a Catholic Mass! This extraordinary family festival will take place on the grounds of St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, a beautiful 95-acre campus where rolling hills and wooded trails permit a unique and memorable summer festival of faith. Visit [www.faithfest.com](http://www.faithfest.com) for tickets and more information, or call 517-669-8321.



# A FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FAITH

*SATURDAY JUNE 22  
AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER*

*FEATURING*  
**TENTH AVENUE  
NORTH**  
*AND*  
**MATT MAHER**

**PLUS JASON GRAY,  
JJ WEEKS, & BROTHERS WALKER**



**MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS  
AVAILABLE AT [WWW.FAITHFEST.COM](http://WWW.FAITHFEST.COM)**