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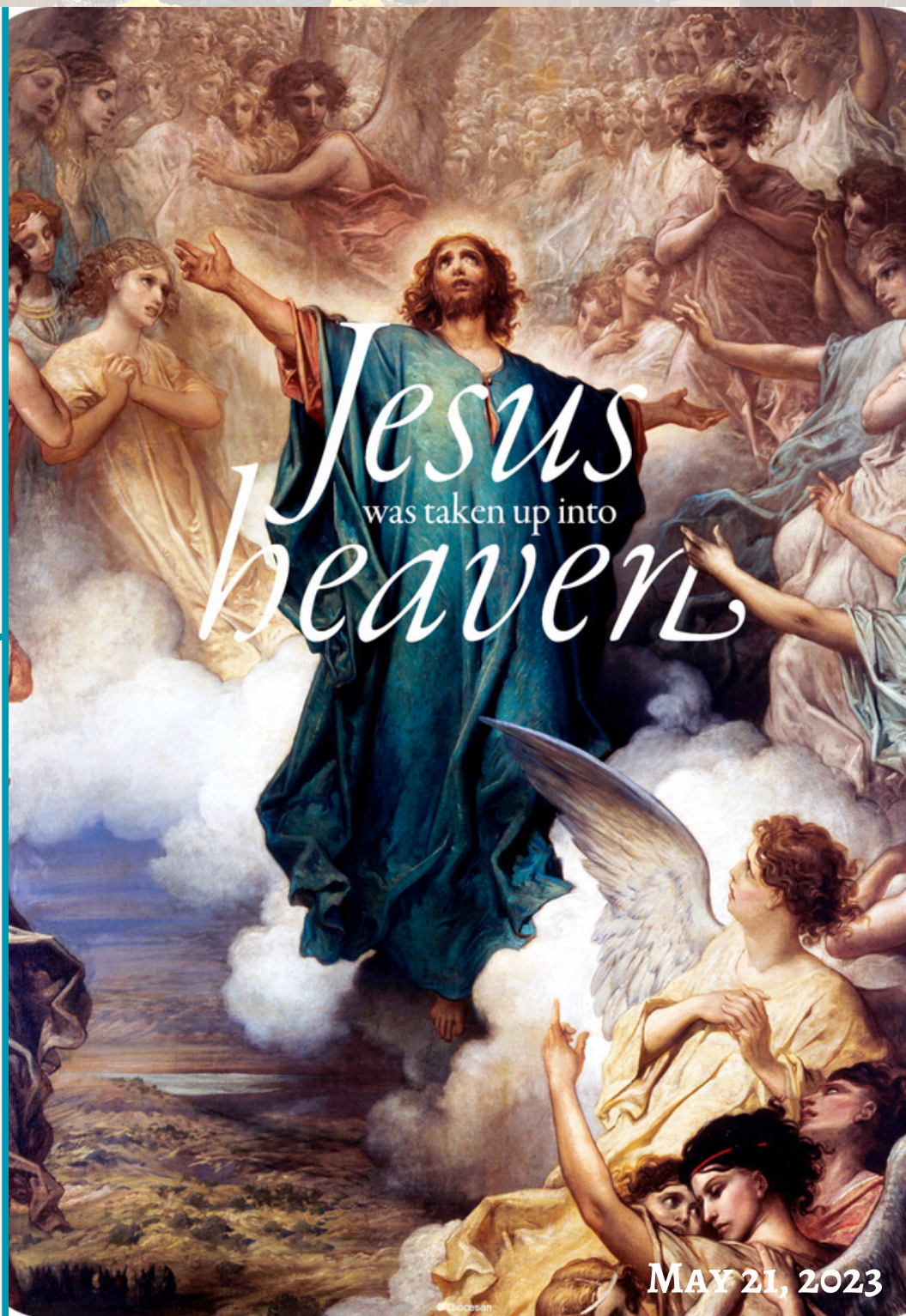
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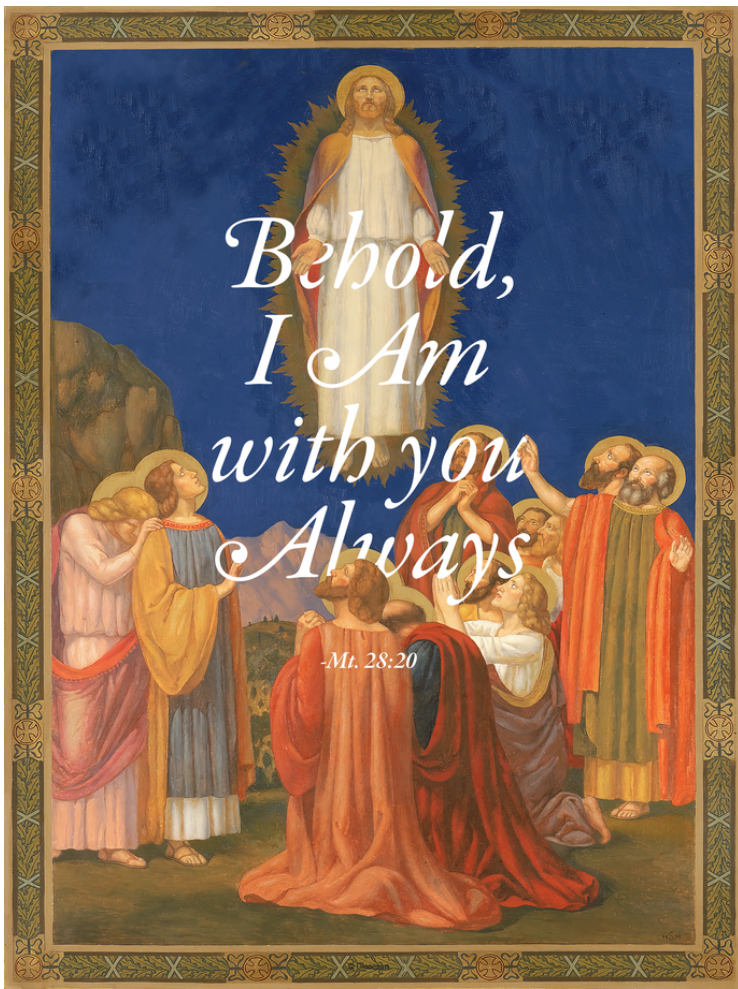
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ASCENSION: JESUS CANNOT SIMPLY GO BACK TO LIFE AS IT WAS

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You are therefore exalted above the heavens, O God! This has come to pass. It is now fulfilled. Yet we also say of that which was proclaimed of the future: You are exalted above the heavens, O God! We have not seen it, but we believe. - St. Augustine

Jesus' public ministry begins with 40 days of prayer and fasting. We relive those 40 days each year in our Lenten fast. Then after his Resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days in friendship, eating and drinking with his disciples. The Ascension, rather than the Crucifixion, marks the end of Jesus' ministry on earth.

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. 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 1:9-11)

During those 40 days before the Ascension, Jesus continues to fortify our faith. He appears to many, that they might see that he is truly risen. The apostle Thomas famously bears witness to the Lord's wounds, the marks of the Passion, which he recognizes on Jesus' risen body. Not only does the Church receive the witness of the empty tomb, but we also see the Risen Lord himself. The Lord eats and drinks, proving he is not a ghost or apparition. Jesus strengthens our faith by leaving the Church with credible evidence that he was raised from the dead: 40 days with him.

Angels again announce the work of God. Then, the angel Gabriel announced the coming of the Savior into this world and angels lauded his nativity. Now, angels bore witness to the Resurrection, and angels praise his glory. Truly, as the angels have said, he is risen, and truly, as the angels have said, he will come again. Sharing in the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus now reveals his splendor, the glory that was his before the creation of the world.

St. John Chrysostom says, "No other was wrapped in a shroud by Joseph, nor does another hold creation in the palm of His hand. No other was laid in a tomb, nor was another hymned by the Seraphim. No other is seated with the Father, Who took root in the virginal womb."

Angels and archangels, thrones, power, and dominions, every creature under heaven and earth now exultantly sing his praise. Pope Francis says, "Jesus did not return to his former life, to earthly life, but entered into the glorious life of God and he entered there with our humanity, opening us to a future of hope."

The Resurrection has changed everything. Jesus cannot simply go back to life as it was. The Son of God has ascended his throne, and all the world rejoices.

We must not cease looking to heaven, where our Lord now reigns in glory. As Pope Leo the Great says, "And so, dearly-beloved, let us rejoice with spiritual joy, and let us with gladness pay God worthy thanks and raise our hearts' eyes unimpeded to those heights where Christ is."

Let us not be caught thinking of the things of this world, but let our hearts be raised always to those things that are above!

STEWARDSHIP
MAY 14, 2023

Offerings	\$1967.75
St. Nick	\$110.00
Total	\$2077.75

BECOME A SPONSOR OF OUR NEW BULLETIN

If you have a business and want to advertise, or if you want to put a personal message for a loved one or in memory of someone, we have space on the last page of our new bulletin. Please call the office at 570-925-6969 or contact Adam Snyder at ASnyder@Diocesan.com or 814-771-8628

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE AND
 - FR. SOLA
- CARL BARCHIK
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
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- BERNIE NICHOLS
- NANCY OMAN
- RICHARD SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- MAX WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENEY
- ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF CTK.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

Don Zimmerman by Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, May 21

Anna Zumchak by Judy & Sonny Womelsdorf

Monday, May 22

Dolores Bauman & Lynne Greenly
by Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka

Friday, May 26

No Mass

Saturday, May 27

Kathy & Richard Walker by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, May 28

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lector Schedule

May 21 - Paul Haden
May 28 - Stephen Root

Extraordinary Minister

May 21- Paul J. Haden
May 28 - Shanna Haden

Collection Stewards

May 21 - Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler
May 28 - Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka

LITURGY OF THE WORD

" Give glory to God."

Today's Liturgy of the Word offers insight into what it means to glorify God. It is not about just praising occasionally with words, but rather, it is about glorifying God with our lives. What we say and what we do ought to glorify God every day. Jesus has shown us this way by his very life, from his public ministry to his passion and resurrection.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the first disciples return to Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension, and devote themselves to prayer. In the second reading, Saint Peter counsels those who face persecution that they will be glorified by God. In the Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father as his hour has come. He describes how everything he has done on earth has been for the Father.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Did you know that many parishioners are in our system without a working phone number? As more people drop their landlines, we are in urgent need of updated phone numbers and email addresses. We keep all contact information private.

Please call the office at 570- 925-6969 or email us at ctk@epix.net to update your information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School this year: July 17 to July 21. VBS will be held at the same time, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Columba Church.

Hope to see you all there! Watch the bulletin for registration and volunteering information.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We have the opportunity to sponsor two of our parishioners here at Christ the King who will be attending World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Eric Weibel and Father Andrew are attending this year and will personally be absorbing the cost of \$2,998 per person.

It is for young adults ages 18-39 who will have the opportunity to experience this exciting adventure to convene with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. The pilgrimage will take place July 30th - August 7th and will also include a visit to Fatima where our Blessed Mother famously appeared to the three shepherd children. The costs include lodging, flights and other travel accommodations.

If you are interested in donating to help with their expenses, please make your check payable to Catholic Campus Ministry which can be tax deductible. You can drop it in the collection or give to Father Andrew or Lee Ann. Please mark on the envelope "World Youth Day", Thank you in advance for your generosity!

THANK YOU

A special Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Mother's Day Breakfast. It was delicious and truly appreciated!

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month.

Month of May - Meg Geffken for Kohberger Family

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of June we will be collecting canned soup due to the Food Bank by June 18th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

PENTECOST COLLECTION

**The Pentecost Collection is the weekend of May 27th & 28th. Your generosity helps to fund education of future priests and care of sick priests.
Please be generous!**

CYE PROGRAM

As we continue to rejoice in the risen Lord and celebrate the reception of initiation sacraments with our youth, we reach out to you, our church family for support of our religious education, (CYE) program.

Now is the time for adult parishioners both young and old to consider participating in our CYE program. Now is the time to consider sharing your faith journey with our children. Now is the time to follow that urge to participate in our program and begin the required diocesan clearance process. It's time, fellow parishioners to share the gift of our Catholic faith with the youth of today. Please contact Ms Betty or Lee Ann Boiwka to obtain clearance forms. We welcome you and encourage you to join our journey of sharing our faith with Christ the King youth. Thank you!

90TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Nancy Wisbar will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on May 18th. Her address is 5063 State Rte 487, Lot 4, Benton, PA 17814

Joe LaBonte will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 20th. Suite 4, Brookdale, 420 Shaffer Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

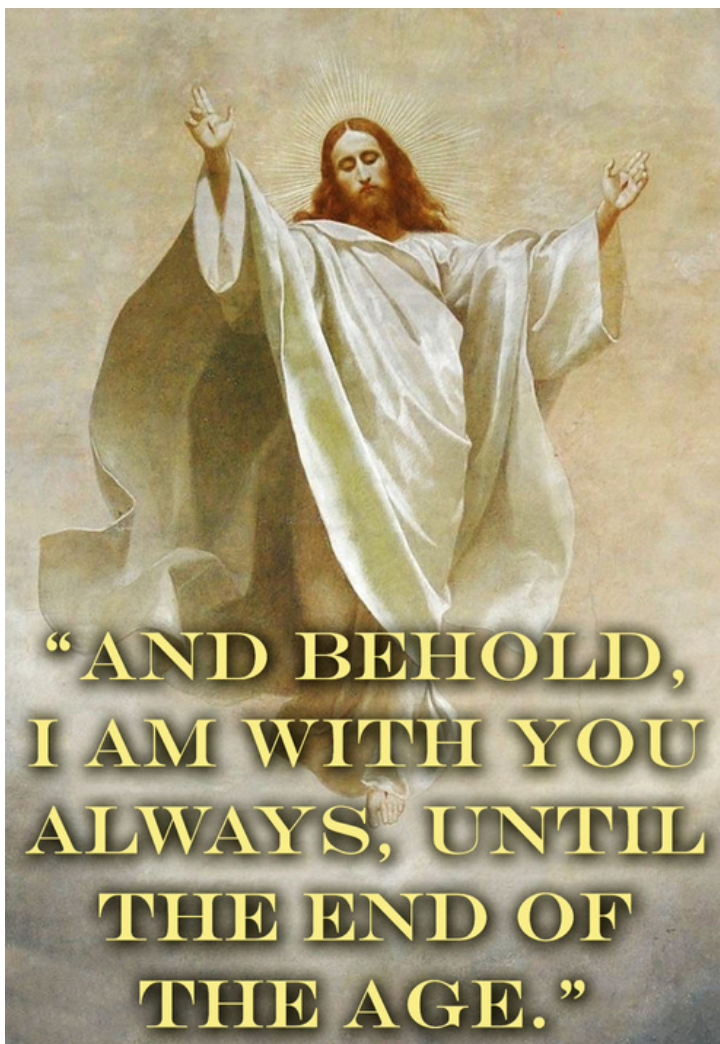
It would really make their day to receive birthday cards from their Christ the King Family!

**2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
AS OF MAY 1, 2023**

Parish Goal for 2023:	\$8,509.74
Total Paid:	\$10,880.00
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$2,370.26
Average per donor:	\$473.04
Number of Donors:	23
Registered Households:	120
Percentage of Participation:	19.17%

To date we have only had 23 donors. If you are willing and able, please make your pledge to the Diocesan Appeal.

CYE News - Please join us on Sunday May 21 as we celebrate our students who received Confirmation; Brianna Kishbaugh and Chloe Schumacher. Cake and fellowship will follow after the 9:00 am Mass. In addition all our students, their families, and fellow parishioners are welcome to join us for our field day to celebrate a successful CYE year. Games and refreshments will be available for all.



2023 – EVENTS IN THE SPRING

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE
Saturday, May 20 - 10:00 a.m.
at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28 at CTK
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday - 9 a.m. Masses

DAY OF RECOLLECTION,
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 9:00 a.m. at CTK
The Third Order Carmelite Community is planning a Day of Recollection to be held at Christ the King led by Father Andrew St. Hilaire. If you are interested, please contact Meg Geffken or call at 570-204-9031

**THE HARRISBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN (HDCCW)**

invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the Eleventh Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 9 until noon on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Our Retreat Master is Father Michael Rothan, Chaplain, Apostolic Ministry, Hanover, PA. The registration deadline is May 31, 2023. Registration forms and more details are available at <https://hdccw.webs.com/retreat>

QUO VADIS DAYS

Calling all young Catholic men - are you wondering what God's plan is for your life? Do you need guidance in your discernment? Join us for Quo Vadis Days for a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and guidance as you explore God's call for your life. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation and sports, discernment talks, and great food are all included in this weeklong camp. Quo Vadis Days is for men ages 15-25 and will be June 25 - 29 at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. Cost is \$100 per person. Register by June 16 to attend. Details and registration can be found at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/quo-vadis-days/>. Questions? Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.