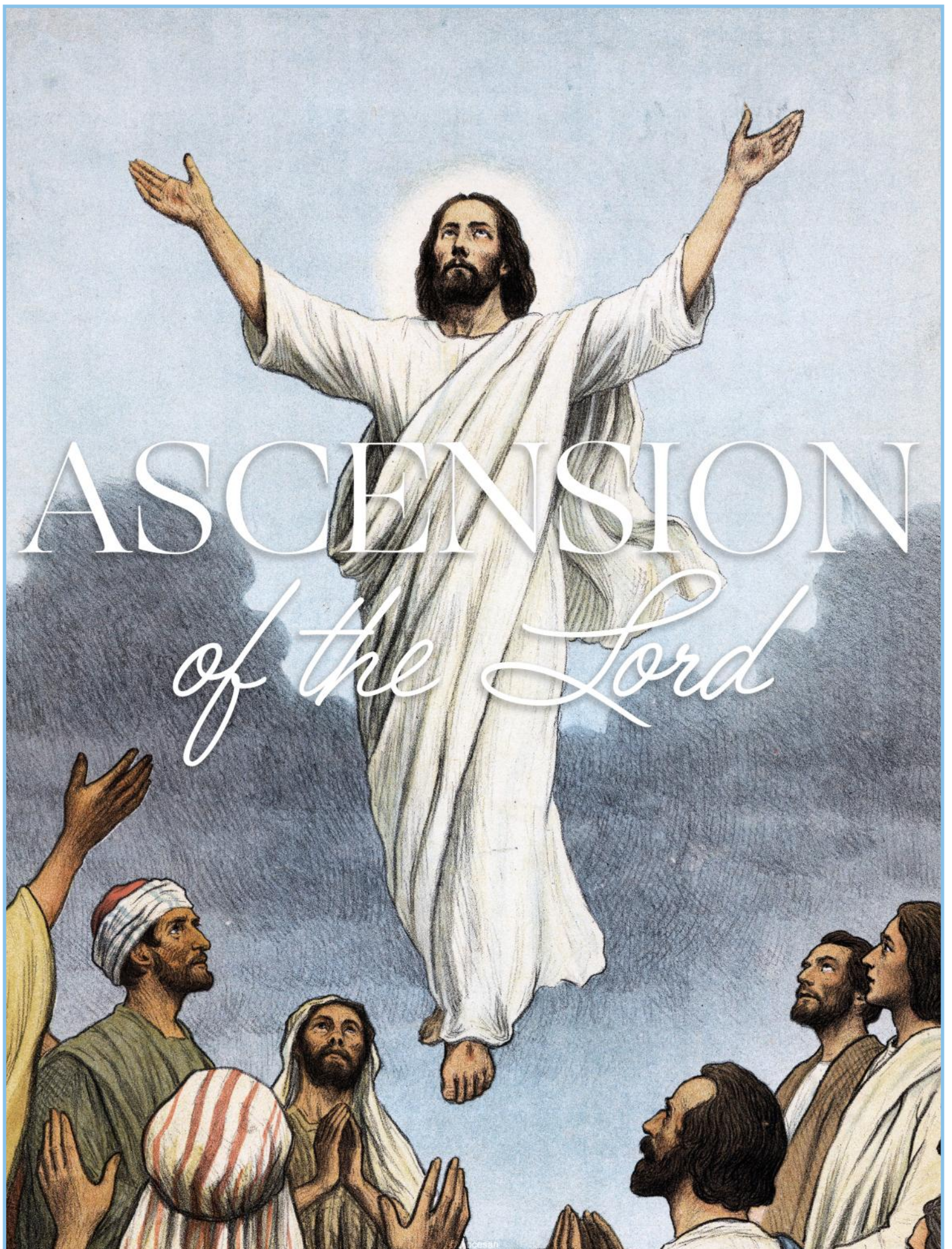




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**May 10, 2026 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose \$4,422.00
School Support..... \$350.00
Retirement Fund..... \$30.00

Total..... \$4,802.00

Cemetery..... \$585.00
Mass Stipend..... \$10.00
Building Fund \$50.00
Food Pantry..... \$40.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, May 16th**

4:00 pm/Henry & Josephine Kocher

Sunday, May 17th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

Monday, May 18th

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 19th

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, May 20th

8:00 am/Mary Jean Hauger

Thursday, May 21st

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, May 22nd

8:00 am/Paul & Mary Moore

Saturday, May 23rd

4:00 pm/Lakan Family

Sunday, May 24th

10:30 am/Frances Wood

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, May 16th @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Brian Barnes

Ushers: Dennis Winslow, Rick Bates

EMHC: Becky Hand, Beth Hewing

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, May 17th @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Diane Ducey

Ushers: Gary Ducey, Alan Schwenk

EMHC: Michele Ducey, Carol Miller

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Carol Miller, Beth Erwin

Hospital Rules

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

Father Pat's Office Hours

If you would like to speak or meet with Fr. Pat,
please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email
frpkoneal@yahoo.com

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment.
Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher, Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Marco & Celia, Sandra Novak, Amanda Clark, Jeff Hester, Gavin Holt, Jodi Huebner, Alice Kaufman, Mike Adams and requested prayer intentions.

UPCOMING TEC RETREAT WEEKENDS

The retreat schedule has been adjusted after feedback. They will begin early Friday evenings and conclude on Sunday after lunch.

Upcoming dates are:

Girls TEC 383, June 19-21, 2026
Boys TEC 384, July 10-12, 2026

For more information visit:

<https://peoriatec.org>

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS**STM Job Opportunities**

STM is currently seeking applications for a Full Time Special Education Teacher, Part-Time Custodian, and an Athletic Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family! If you and your student would like a tour of the school, contact Mrs. Yallaly at jyallaly@gmail.com to make an appointment.

May 26 through July 31

STM Office will be on summer hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, May 27 through July 31. The office will be closed during the week of June 22 and July 3. The office can be reached at 217-352-7210 or by emailing info@hs-stm.org.

REQUEST FROM FR. PAT

I have been asked by the Diocese to send two parish representatives to the Mass at the Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, on Friday, June 12th, 5pm. On this date, bishops throughout the USA will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the end of Mass, the representatives will receive a packet of holy cards with the image and prayer to the Sacred Heart to bring back to the parish. If you are interested, please contact me via email or by calling, as soon as possible, so I can send your registration to the Diocese.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING**Celiac Disease Awareness**

May marks National Celiac Disease Awareness Month, a time to highlight a condition that remains widely underdiagnosed despite its significant impact on health and quality of life. Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder in which ingestion of gluten found in wheat, barley, and rye triggers an immune response that damages the small intestine. Because symptoms vary widely and can mimic many other conditions, early recognition is essential.

Why Awareness Matters

Celiac disease affects an estimated 1% of the population. Untreated disease can lead to complications such as nutrient deficiencies, anemia, bone loss, infertility, and increased risk of other autoimmune conditions.

Key Signs and Symptoms

Celiac disease does not present the same way in every person. Some experience classic gastrointestinal symptoms, while others have non-GI or even silent presentations. Common patterns include:

- Digestive symptoms — chronic diarrhea, constipation, abdominal pain, bloating, nausea
- Nutritional consequences — iron-deficiency anemia, weight loss, fatigue
- Dermatologic findings — an intensely itchy rash
- Skeletal effects — osteoporosis or loss of calcium from the bones
- Neurologic or systemic symptoms — headaches, neuropathy, joint pain, mood changes

Diagnosis involves blood tests for screening and the definitive diagnosis is dependent on a biopsy of the small bowel near the entrance of the colon or small bowel.

The Importance of Early Diagnosis

Identifying celiac disease early allows individuals to begin the only current treatment: a strict, lifelong gluten-free diet. Early diagnosis also helps identify at-risk family members who may benefit from screening.

TEACHING POSITION OPEN

St. Thomas School is seeking a part-time music teacher for the 26-27 school year. We are happy to work with the teacher to create a schedule that fits both their availability and the school's needs. Responsibilities include teaching music to students in Preschool through 5th grade. Experience with or willingness to lead a beginning band program would be a plus. Contact Mrs. Cothron if interested at 217.684.2309.

WISCONSIN PILGRIMAGE

Catholic Spirit Radio is hosting a Wisconsin pilgrimage on August 10-12, 2026 to The Basilica of St. Josaphat (Year of St. Francis Indulgence Site) in Milwaukee, Holy Hill – Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Hubertus, The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Franken, and The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse. Details for registration will be announced later. catholicspiritradio.com to register before May 31st