

The Pastor's Corner

“ÉLEVATION OU COMMUNION”

One of my favorite organ pieces is “Elevation ou Communion,” written by Camille Saint-Saëns, is quite a remarkable piece, at least in my own opinion. One of my favorite parts of the piece, and perhaps why it is one of my favorite pieces of organ music, is the climax, located roughly in the middle. In the design of the music, the piece is fairly subdued and delicate in its volume and demeanor, but in the climax, located approximately where the elevation of the Eucharist would be presumed to be, the organ breaks out into full force for just a few moments. Then it goes back to its very docile and soft theme. The contrast is remarkable in how full the organ can be, to how soft and delicate it is as well.

In all parts of that piece, the organ is certainly still present in the room, whether or not it is speaking in full force. In every level of volume, the organ never loses its physical presence in the room. The Ascension gives us a check-point of sorts to consider if we believe the very same thing about our Lord. It seems on the surface that we are simply celebrating that the Lord has departed- but notice this isn’t a simple celebration that the Lord returned to heaven. It’s a celebration that the Lord has made it known that he is returning to us- in the same way that He has ascended. In this I want to offer a simple consideration: is Jesus only present to us in the moments when it is obvious, or we can “feel” the full force of His presence? The answer is no, of course, but this is an important thing to acknowledge, because otherwise we can drift, even subconsciously, into wondering where Jesus is- and why He has left us to ourselves.

Jesus is always with us, whether we can feel the force of His presence or not. The task that remains is to trust in that presence, even when the music of His presence may seem a bit more subdued than we think it ought to be.



IMPORTANT NOTES:

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR HOUSEHOLD
INFORMATION (EVEN IF ALREADY REGISTERED)

[HTTPS://STLNH.FLOCKNOTE.COM/REGISTER](https://stlnh.flocknote.com/register)

YOU CAN NOW GIVE ONLINE!

TO SET UP ONLINE GIVING, OR TO GIVE ONCE, PLEASE
VISIT [HTTPS://STLNH.FLOCKNOTE.COM/GIVE](https://stlnh.flocknote.com/give)

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
June 1, 2025**
**Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,
12-13
John 20:19-23**

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Mass Schedule

Sat.	May	31	4PM	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich	Thu.	Jun	5	No Mass
Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Jun	6	No Mass
Mon.	Jun	2	No Mass		Sat.	Jun	7	4PM Leonard Kluesner
Tue.	Jun	3	No Mass		Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Jun	4	No Mass					

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUN 1 -Jill Pinkston, **JUN 8** – Carol Klipfel, **JUN 15** – Dorothy Deason, **JUN 22** – Margaret Heuring, **JUN 29** – Mary B. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

May 25, 2025: Loose \$188, Envelopes \$2290, Total: \$2478.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Frank & Cindy Glueck

Jason & Elizabeth Glastetter, Josh & Sonya Glastetter, Alice Gosche, Chris & Sherri Grojean.

SATURDAY, MAY 31st, CANCER BENEFIT. John Beuell Cancer Benefit, doors open at 4PM at the **St. Denis Parish Center**. Multiple auctions (oral, silent & sweet treats), 50/50, raffles, lottery tree, music, and a taco bar. Bar will be by donation, beer, soda and water available. Event tickets: Donation, Pay at the door. For more information contact Abigall Blunt 573-270-2324 or Angela Blakely 573-419-9319.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17th, DEANERY 6 MEETING. The following meeting will be held at St. Anthony's Parish, Glennon, Missouri. Rosary at 5:30PM, Mass at 6PM. Installation of Officers to follow meeting and refreshments in Parish Hall. We are still looking for a Vice-President for year 2025-2027.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. DENIS. Ages 2-12, Open to all. For more information, please call or email Mrs. Wikle at 573-545-3017, lindsay@stdenisbenton.org.

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) REPORT. To date our parish has given \$15,615 toward our \$24,075 goal. Thank You to the 59 families that have already responded! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. The goal is to have this completed by next weekend. Thank you all again for you generous donations.

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is June 15-20. Sessions for 7th-12th grade will start Sunday, June 15th 7 - 9PM Sunday through Thursday. Pizza will be served on Sunday for grades 7th – 12th. Sessions for 1st – 8th grade will begin Monday, June 16th 8:30AM – 2PM. Donations of cookies would be greatly appreciated. Thanks and please pray for a successful Totus Tuus.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat.	Jun	7	4PM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sat.	Jun	7	4PM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sat.	Jun	7	4PM	Mr./Mrs. David Beussink
Servers:	Sat.	Jun	7	4PM	Oliver Welter/Leeland Welter/Mila Burger
Ushers:	Sat.	Jun	7	4PM	Joshua Glastetter/Jacob Glastetter/Jason Glastetter/Ronald Glastetter

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Tom Blattel
Servers:	Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM	Drew Essner/Kinsey Essner/Ty Essner/Willow Bickings
Ushers:	Sun.	Jun	8	8:30AM	Derek Felter/David Glastetter/Gary Glastetter/Michael Glastetter

WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) was the papal motto for Pope St. John Paul II who dedicated his life totally to Jesus Christ through Mary. Totus Tuus is also the name of our fun and energetic summer youth program for all children in elementary, middle school, and high school. The weeklong program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, music, fun activities, Eucharistic worship, and more. Not only will the youth learn more about their Catholic faith, but they will return home excited to live it and share it! Call Pat Moore or the parish office for more information or to register your children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. www.kofc.org/joinus

*****ANNOUNCEMENT***** Please do not park in front of rectory garage. Please note that all visitors and parishioners are not to block the garage of the rectory at any time for any reason. There is a sign posted to indicate this, but unfortunately some have been ignoring the posted sign. Fr. Maurice keeps his car parked in the garage, and he needs to be able to come and go, without any extra headache or worry of being blocked in. Thank you!

*****SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN*****