

FRIDAY FOCUS

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Good News



In Sunday's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)).

The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

Have you?

Thought about Vacation Bible School?
June 17-21

Information is available at St. Anne's
parish by calling (906) 786-6202



Summer Activities

See attachments for various fun events to sign up for....

Coming back next school year? Registration fee for returning families will increase from \$150 to \$200 after 06/07/19.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Week of June 7

06/04 8th Grade graduation Mass 6 p.m. & then graduation ceremony following @ HNCS @ 7:30

06/05 8th grade class trip

06/06 No Mass
Last day for PS & RK

06/07 Mass @ 9:10
7P/DK-L in gym
Last day of school/
The "Shirt Day"

Week of June 14

Summer office hours begin week of June 17

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

9:00-12:30

Week of June 17

June 20 is the last day to pay tuition in full to receive a 2% discount

Signed up for FACTS tuition ACH? Then you are all set!

It's more than a school....it's a way of life!