



# ASCENSION *of the Lord*

## **SS. Edward & Lucy Parish** Clustered with St. Helen Church

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### **St. Edward**

16150 Center St. Parkman, OH

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#### **Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

#### **Adoration**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### **St. Lucy**

16280 East High St. Middlefield, OH

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#### **Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

#### **Adoration**

Thursday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

#### **Weekday Mass Times @ St. Edward in the Chapel**

Monday: 6:00 PM Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM

**Confession @ St. Edward Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM**

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Rightly understood, the in-carn-ation (in-flesh-ing or in-human-ization) is the central mystery of our Christian faith. The Son of God - the Word - *assumed* human nature to Himself. Jesus is, to put it colloquially, two "whats" and one "who" or, more technically, two natures and one divine Person. I present the following reflection on the Incarnation and Ascension before your discernment, in light of Scripture and Tradition, and do not intend to say anything out-of-line, although it might be spoken about in a unique way. If I do miswrite anything, I'll happily correct things. With that caveat, a very short reflection on the Incarnation and the Ascension:

The Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, eternally begotten of the Father, always was and always will be. The Word/Logos is, then, the "schema" which patterns the Universe (Cosmos) and the one in whom it finds its origin and goal. The Trinity *knew* about the Word's Incarnation before time began. All the order of the elements of creation were set in place to conform to the reality of the Incarnate Word. In the person of Jesus Christ, humanity (our nature in which we participate) is assumed into the Godhead by a free choice of the Trinity's love. What we see played out in space-time is something like a refracted display of the eternal desire of the Trinity to have creation itself participate in the eternal dance of Divine Love through the love and worship of human beings conjoined to the Trinity through the Son. The Ascension, therefore, is not Jesus' "peace out" moment as he leaves earth and shouts "good luck" from heaven. The Ascension blares like a trumpet of grace from heaven that our humanity, assumed and redeemed by the Son, now sits at the righthand of the Father FOREVER in the Son by the Holy Spirit. The Ascension, then, is not simply a "past event," it's an apocalyptic unveiling of the desire of the Trinity regarding us and His creation, from Higgs bosons to your pet chihuahua to the galaxies. We, us, you and I, cannot exist apart from all the laws of physics, quantum mechanics, and the interaction and connectedness that makes creation truly a uni-verse. Properly understood, our humanity gives voice to creation in our praise, we shape and form creation by our actions conformed to God's love, and, through Jesus, we join, by grace, in the perfection of Love found in the Trinity. The Ascension, then, is both a revelation and a promise, a revelation of our dignity in Christ and the promise of Jesus' fidelity towards us unto eternal life. May our worship and prayer be shaped by this ascended dynamism now at work within us through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. May our minds and hearts joyful grapple with the wildness of this love of the Trinity. And, may this mystery of the Ascension open our hearts to the wonder of Pentecost we celebrate next weekend.

Peace,  
Fr. Jacob

#### Franciscan Saints & Blesseds This Weekend:

**May 16 - Saint Margaret of Cortona** was born in Italy to a poor farming family and having lost her mother at a young age she eventually left home to live with a man of whom she bore a son but never married. After the murder of her companion her life had changed suddenly and she tried to return home to her father with her son. She was rejected and found refuge with the Friars Minor where she was given shelter and spiritual guidance. She had a great conversion that was intense, severe and public asking for forgiveness for the scandal of her past. She eventually joined the Third Order of St Francis and later her son also entered the Franciscan Order. She spent the rest of her life in performing acts of penance, in devout meditation, great love for our Lord in the Eucharist. She died in 1297.

**May 17 - Saint Paschal Baylon** was born to a peasant family at Torre Hermosa in Aragon, Spain, on Whitsunday in 1540. He was christened Pascua in honor of the feast day. In his youth, Paschal worked as a shepherd and was noted for his devotion to the Holy Eucharist, deep spirituality, and exceptional virtue. Self-taught, he learned to read without formal education. Paschal was renowned for his austerity, rigorous asceticism, and was believed to have performed miracles.

A visionary experience led him to join a nearby Franciscan community, and in 1564 he became a Franciscan lay brother of the Alcantrine reform within the Order of Friars Minor. Assigned menial tasks, he served humbly as a doorkeeper throughout most of his religious life. Alongside his duties, Paschal wrote spiritual treatises reflecting his own religious experiences, and his wise counsel benefited many.

His fervent love for the Blessed Sacrament marked his life. While on a mission to France, he courageously defended the doctrine of the Real Presence against a Calvinist preacher, despite threats from irate Calvinists. Paschal died at a friary in Villareal in 1592. He was canonized in 1690, and in 1897 Pope Leo XIII named him patron of all eucharistic confraternities and congresses.

## Marriage Banns: III Chasity Todaro & Trenton Piacella III

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT? SCARED? NEEDS HELP? CALL 1-800-712-4357 24 HOURS**  
SS. EDWARD & LUCY PRAYER LINE: Call Rebecca 330-389-0728 or email prayer request to Rebbanne@gmail.com.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Saturday, May 16 Saturday Vigil**

5:00pm Mothers Day Novena Intentions

6:30pm Mothers Day Novena Intentions

### **Sunday, May 17 Sunday**

8:30am Mothers Day Novena Intentions

10:30am Mothers Day Novena Intentions

### **Monday, May 18 Weekday**

6:00pm Mothers Day Novena Intentions

### **Tuesday, May 19 Weekday**

8:00am Dave & Chris Hippely

### **Wednesday, May 20 Weekday**

8:00am Fr. Jacob Bearer/Wolfram Family

### **Thursday, May 21 Weekday**

8:00am Walt Ciokajlo/Beris Family

### **Friday, May 22 Weekday**

8:00am Frank & Regina Fritz/Adrienne Fritz

### **Saturday, May 23 Saturday Vigil**

5:00pm Frank TyCast

6:30pm \*No Mass\*

### **Sunday, May 24 Sunday**

8:30am HB Jason Traggiai/Becca

10:30am Lou Glassburner/Jayne Kracker

4/26 Weekly Collection	St. Edward	St. Lucy
<b>Saturday Collection</b>	\$	\$
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	\$
<b>Restricted Donations</b>	\$	\$

Thank you for you generosity and supporting our parish!

## Weekly Schedule of Events:

### **Monday:**

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Adoration E

6:00 pm Mass & Rosary Devotion E

### **Tuesday:**

8:30 am Rosary Group in Chapel E

### **Wednesday:**

7:00 pm Bible Study E

### **Thursday:**

10:00 am Rosary Makers E

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Adoration L

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle L

### **Saturday:**

9:00 am St. Vincent Food Kitchen / Warren

5:00 pm Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass E

\*No Vigil Mass at St. Lucy 5/23\*

### **Sunday:**

10:00 am Rosary Before Mass L

### Baccalaureate Mass

Are you a high school student who is graduating this year? We want to invite you to our Baccalaureate Mass! Contact the office at (440) 548-3812 or office@SSEdwardLucy.com to let us know so we can get you the information!

### Vacation Bible School

Interested in donating to help out with our Vacation Bible School supplies? We have an Amazon Wishlist posted under the Vacation Bible School tab on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches. All current Preschool through 5th grade students are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School the week of July 27-31 from 9am to Noon at St. Lucy. Students older than 5th grade and adults are welcome to help us with this wonderful week! Volunteer forms can also be found on our parish website or near the doors at both Churches.

### **FREE FOR ALL! COME BE INSPIRED! THE ST. HELEN DANCE MINISTRY**

invites you to their **Annual Spring Prayer-formance** at **Cardinal Middle School Sunday, May 17th at 3pm!** All are invited to this inspiring and **FREE** event! Come experience the power of the **Holy Spirit** through beautiful music and choreography as you are treated to this moving form of **worship!** The performance will be in the Auditorium of the Cardinal Middle School. The address is 16175 Almeda Dr. Middlefield, OH 44062. Doors open at 2:30pm. For more information, please contact **Cristina Thompson - [cluvrt@yahoo.com](mailto:cluvrt@yahoo.com)**. We will have baked goods for sale to support the ministry. We are so grateful to all those who have supported us! We are praying for you!

# SAVE THE DATE SS. EDWARD & LUCY PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, June 13



Mineral Lake Park

Located at the corner of Lake Ave. & Sperry Rd. in  
Middlefield

Mass at 4pm with dinner to follow  
More details to come!

# PENTECOST Vigil

Receive the Holy Spirit and join us to celebrate the holy feast of Pentecost with confession, adoration, individual prayer, and an extended vigil Mass!

**Saturday, 23 May**

**4:00pm – 8:00pm**

St. Edward Parish  
16150 Center St.  
Parkman, OH 44080



4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Confession, adoration,  
praise and worship

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Extended Pentecost Vigil  
Mass

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Praise & worship, adoration,  
individual prayer offered

## St. Edward Spring Clean up and Mulching:

Join us on on May 23rd from 9:00  
AM until Noon as we clean up  
and mulch the flower beds around  
the church! Any and all help is  
greatly appreciated!



Tractor, Truck, & Semi Pulls •  
Delicious Food  
Rides, Games, Contests & Giveaways  
Big Midway • Trade Booths  
Great Live Bands !  
A/C Dining Hall  
Nightly Drawings  
Souvenir T-Shirts • Family Fun

**July 17-18-19**

11045 St Joseph Blvd  
Mantua, OH  
330-274-2268



## Rosary Rescue

Do you have:  
Broken rosaries?  
Unwanted rosaries?  
Incomplete rosary pieces?

The Rosary Makers Ministry is having a rosary rescue collection from May 8th until May 21st, as we honor Mary this month. Rosaries can be donated so they can be repaired, re-blessed, and recirculated within our parish and to those in need.

Look for the marked containers by the entrances of St. Edward & St. Lucy to drop off your donations to be repaired and given a new home.

Join the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery for a day of outdoor and indoor work projects, prayer, food and fun on Saturday, May 23, at the monastery and the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Work projects happening 1-4:15 p.m., followed by Vespers at 4:45 p.m. and a potluck dinner. Come whenever available, and bring a side dish to share if you're staying for dinner. Please RSVP by Monday, May 18, by filling out the form at [www.christthebridegroom.org](http://www.christthebridegroom.org). With questions, email [info@ctbridegroom.org](mailto:info@ctbridegroom.org) or call 440-834-0290.

## For the Week of May 17, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### Look, Up in the Sky!

Around holidays, people tend to look fondly back on past celebrations and romanticize old relationships. For some, remembering the past is the best part of their holiday. That is the image we get from the first reading as the apostles look up to heaven after the Ascension. They think it is Jesus' last Resurrection appearance and that they will never see him again. Maybe they were still amazed at seeing him ascend that way. Or maybe they were remembering all the things he said and did with them.

We too sometimes look at the great feasts of Christmas and Easter in that way. We may dwell on the beauty of the decorations, on the innocence of the baby Jesus, on the horror of his passion and death, or on the wonder of his resurrection. Then when the holy day is over, we go back to our normal routine. Perhaps we need an angel to chide us for "looking at the sky."

The angels were trying to tell the apostles two things. One was that Jesus would return as he left—in glory. This was not a time to say goodbye but a time of hope; the Lord who had changed their lives so radically would change the world next. While they certainly should remember Jesus and all he taught them, they should also expect to see him again. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they would see how Jesus was present in the church, the mystical Body of Christ.

The second thing the angels were telling them was to begin following Jesus' command to spread the Good News to all nations. They would soon realize that Jesus was alive in them, not just as a fond memory, but with the power of his Spirit. With this power they would do mighty deeds in Jesus' name and be his witnesses to the world.

Because of what the apostles accomplished, we are now Jesus' witnesses to the world. We celebrate his death and resurrection not as a fond memory, but to encourage each other to spread the Good News. We too have the hope of seeing Jesus come in glory, even as we see him now with the eyes of faith. Tom Schmidt

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ's presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistery.

Ascension day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ's life among us, but it does not have much to do with God's absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of "the nearness of God." In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place, and is "closer to us than he ever was."

Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world's true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!—Rev. James Field