

# Strona Proboszcza

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

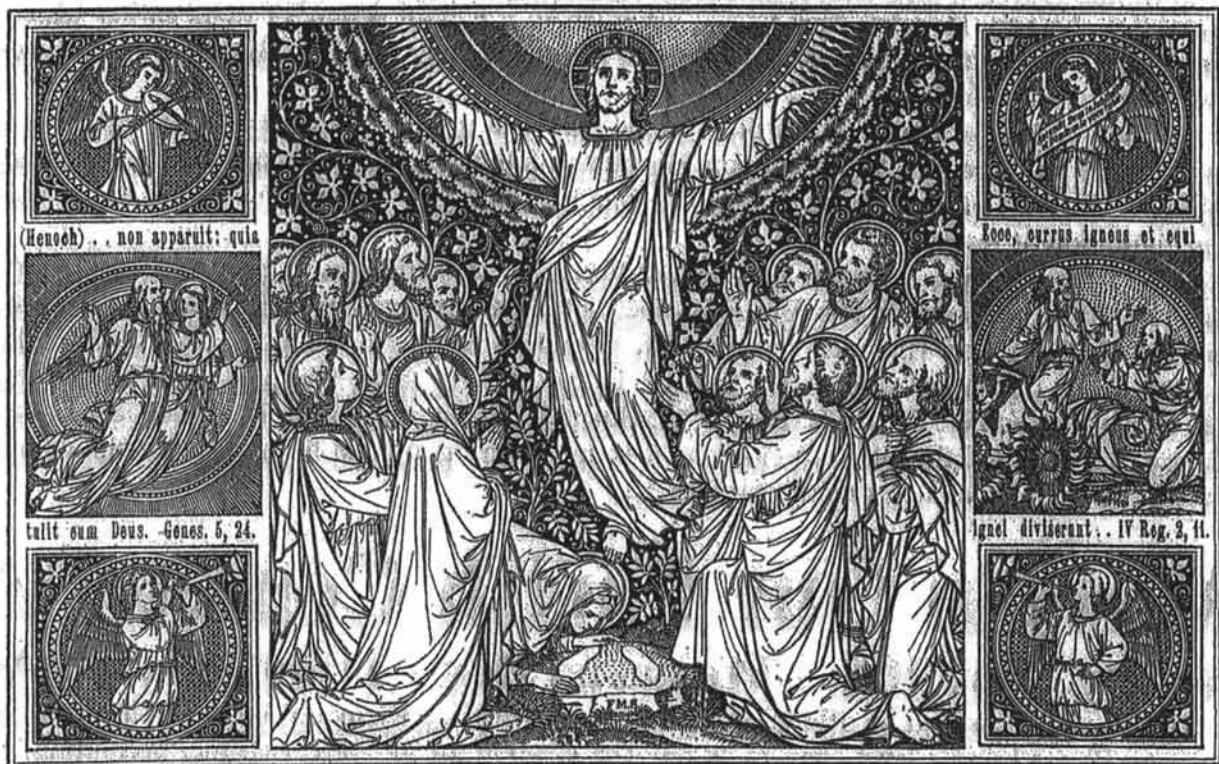
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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!

Praised be Jesus Christ!



*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,  
et Dominus in voce tubae!*

*Bóg wstępuje wśród radosnych okrzyków,  
Pan wstępuje przy dźwięku trąby!*

*God has gone up amidst shouts of joy,  
the Lord to the sound of trumpets!*

## Dear Parishioners & Friends of Sweetest Heart of Mary,

Once again today we are instructed to observe the Solemnity of Christ's ascending into heaven on a Sunday rather than on the 40th day after His glorious resurrection. The bishops of Michigan have made this decision in order to insure Mass attendance on this important commemoration of an event of our salvation history. The thought was that asking the faithful to attend Mass on a Thursday was asking too much of them and that those who were not able to participate in Mass on Ascension Thursday would forget about this important tenet of our Catholic Faith. And so... for better or worse, we now will be observing the Ascension of Our Savior on the Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season.

After His resurrection Christ spent some quality time with His disciples and His mother. His teaching continued during this time and certainly their emotions ran high with excitement and joy having Him back again after His brutal crucifixion and death. In this world, however every good thing must come to an end. When Jesus judged that day had come, He went with the disciples and His mother to Mount Olivet, a little over a mile from Jerusalem, and from that place He ascended by His own power into heaven. He went back to that place where it had all begun 33 years earlier when He left Heaven and was conceived in Mary's womb and then born in the stable of Bethlehem. There could not have been a grander exit!

So much of Christ's glory as the Son of God had been veiled during His life on earth. He was born in obscurity and died in poverty, but now His human followers were beginning to get a glimpse of the majesty of the Son of God. Peter, James and John had glimpsed it before on Mount Tabor during the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Now after enduring so much pain and suffering in this life, Jesus takes possession of the heavenly reward which is rightly His. But Jesus does not retire now to a heavenly throne removed from interaction with the people He loved so much left behind on earth. No, He goes as to send the Holy Spirit down upon the infant Church He has left below and He takes His place as THE Mediator between us and His Father. For these reasons, the Solemnity of the Ascension is a great celebration of the Victory of Christ and the Glory of God and it is good, very good and fitting that we should all be here in Church this Sunday to fervently celebrate it!

## Mass in Our Parish Cemetery

**Monday, May 28th – Memorial Day – 11:00 o'clock AM**

Once again Mass will be offered in the parish cemetery on Memorial Day at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on! The location for the Mass (weather permitting) is in front of the life-sized Calvary in the center of the old section (north of 6 mile). Come and honor the dead in the best way possible and see how conditions continue to improve in our cemetery. Of particular interest will be to see the remarkable restoration and professional landscaping that has been done around the calvary scene as a special gift of Ms. Anne Schmidt. God bless her for her generosity.

### Private Mass Intentions

Anyone who would be interested in having masses said for their own intentions exclusively, may contact the rectory to make these arrangements. Fr. Mirosław Król, who assists in our cluster churches on the weekend and who serves on the faculty of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake is willing to offer Mass at the seminary for these intentions.

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