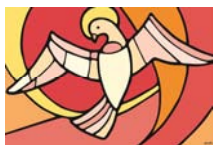


May 27, 2012: Pentecost Sunday



"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me."

— Jn 16:12-14a

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 27, Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family

8:00 am- Ludwig Lanik

10:30 am- Srs. Anne & Constance Kubena, & Sr. Florence Broz

Monday, May 28 (1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27)

7:00 am- Adolf, Ludmila, Emanuel, Mary & Peter Novak, Olga Supak & Leon Janca

10:00 am- Special Intention (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 29 (1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31)

7:00 am- Harry & Irene Hruzek

Wednesday, May 30 (1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45)

7:00 am- Alvin J. Grahmann

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of George & Apolena Bujnoch Family

Thursday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56)

7:00 am- Emma Trojcek Donnelly

10:00 am- Special Intention (Stevens)

Friday, June 1, St. Justin, Martyr (1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26)

7:00 am- Chris Jares

8:05 am- MaryAnn Koenig

Saturday, June 2, Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33)

5:30 pm- Joe & Stella Smolik

Sunday, June 3, The Most Holy Trinity (Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Lou Kubena

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of Srs. Anne & Constance Kubena & Florence Broz.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Alphonse & Helen Steffek by their family.

Vigil Light Sponsor: Ron Ridgeway Family in memory of Mary Lucario & Lena Cappellano.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,092.50; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$1,893; Loose-\$1,121; Children-\$55.

Pray for the repose of the soul of *Max Machac* of our parish family. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice are in memory of Tyler Bludau.

Calendar Membership: May 17: Carol Reiler-\$100; May 18: Roy Schaefer-\$100; May 21: Ethan Walker, Austin-\$50; May 22: Dale Steffek-\$50; May 23: Mark & Karen Janak-\$100.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 27

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, KC Hall.

Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with homemade dressing & all the trimmings, serving 10:30am-1:30pm. Adults \$8 & children \$4. Drive thru plates-to-go 10:30am-1pm (Adult plates only). Inside the air-conditioned hall, bingo (noon-6pm), cake walk, country store & religious articles booths. Auction 1pm on Main Pavilion. Kiddie games & rides all afternoon. *Guinea Pig Plop* sponsored by Sacred Heart Youth. Washer Pitching Tournament begins 5pm. Music on Main Pavilion 11am-1pm by J & S Playboys. Free dance on Polka Pavilion-Biergarten 1-9pm by The Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Delicious hamburgers, french fries, nachos, popcorn, funnel cakes, sno-cones, soft drinks & cold refreshments all afternoon. *Fun & entertainment for all ages! See you at the picnic!*
Blood Drive 10:00 am-2:00 pm – KC Hall Parking Lot

MONDAY, MAY 28

-Rosary & Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Men's ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sweet Home.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

-Parish Finance Council Mtg, 6:00 p.m., Family Center.

-Parish Advisory Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Family Center.

-V.B.S. Adult Volunteer Meeting, 6-8pm, Cafeteria.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30pm, Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in church. Intention this month: *In honor of the Sacred Heart for reparation of sins.*

-Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, 7 pm in church for the intention of the priests & seminarians of our diocese & for more good & holy priests for our diocese.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in church.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

-Serra Club Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Mary Church, High Hill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

-Sacred Heart Church Picnic, Flatonia. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, Horseshoes & Washer Tournament, music.

Anniversaries:

Joe & Pat Kallus	40 years	May 27
R.L. & Elsie Orsak	45 years	May 27
Roy & Kay Henrichs	40 years	May 27

Safe Environment Training for new volunteers, Monday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the Family Center.

From the Desk of Father John

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. With this Feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, we end the Easter Season. Today we also celebrate the birthday of the church.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit who bears witness that we are children of God. That same spirit, the Advocate, was given as a gift to the disciples to teach them everything and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord to renew the face of the earth.

Today is our Spring Picnic. We welcome all who have come to share in this day.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Dan & Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Bill Gohlke, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Anita Bohuslav, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Chris Layton, Larry Korenek, Theresa Steffek, Hank & Marion Morris, Denise DeBord, Vernell Bozka, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemecek, Geneva Strmiska, Brenda Bludau, Lois Dornak, Patricia Schlageter, LaNora Konvicka, Anne Mae Technik, Grace Ritchie, Benedict Brosch, John Schlageter, Chibana Alfaro, Lambert Pollock, Liz Woytek, Frank Gutierrez, Sr., Delores Grahmann, Joyce Bucek, Bernice Neskora, Willie Mae Peterson, Benedict Bujnoch, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

www.facebook.com/SacredHeartReligiousEducation

Save the Date: "A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments, Jesus in My Heart" Vacation Bible School is June 18-22. Pick up registration forms at the Rectory. Adult volunteers are needed: a Faith Sharing Station leader and a Registration coordinator. All materials are provided! First adult meeting May 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Youth Leader Training June 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please call Angela if you can help (361-741-8730).

Results of Parish Council Election: Gayle Bludau, Jennifer Kraatz, Pat Fawbush and Charles Haas.

Results of School Board Election: Brian Popp and Glen Steffek.

Diocesan Boy's Vocation Camp, Cooper's Farm, July 15-18. Please call Fr. Tommy for application forms. This camp is open to young men who have completed 8th Grade through 21 years of age. This camp is staffed by the Diocesan Seminarians and some of the junior clergy of the diocese. Spaces are limited, so sign up today!

Experience another culture by hosting an international exchange student for the 2012-2013 academic year. The students are 15-18 yrs. old, have their own spending money & health insurance. For more information, call Ayusa at 888.552.9872 or visit www.ayusa.org.

~~~ Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 27 ~~~

Cash Donations: Are being accepted. May be dropped off at the rectory or dropped in the collection basket.

Please bring to the KC Hall on Sunday morning:

Auction: You may bring auction items to the auction trailer on the Main Pavilion.

Bingo Prizes: Please bring prizes to the stage. Suggested items – groceries, household items, children's toys & books, gift cards, etc.

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes.

Country Store: Craft items, fresh produce, home canned goods (pickles, vegetables, jelly, jalapenos), home baked goods (pies, cookies, strudels, kolaches, bread, etc.), homemade noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Pickles, cakes, & kolaches are needed for the noon meal.

Raffle Books: Please bring them to the Raffle table on the Main Pavilion.

Auction: Jerome & Alice Kocian Estate-1920's-30's GE Monitor Top Refrigerator Ice Box (it still works!); Robert & Louise Pesek- love seat; Marie Grafe- pie safe; Ed & Peggy Scherer- 4' x6' S.H. knitted throw; Jayne & Lance Easterling- Madonna Necklace with Czechoslovakian crystal beads; Sacred Heart Parish- Centennial Plates; Bea Heinzl Estate- handmade quilt; Ed & Judy Aulick- marble coffee table & TV console (for 50" TV); By Dawn's Light Photography (Dawn Krejci)- Portrait Package (1-8x10, 1-5x7, 8-wallet size); Ron Ridgeway Family-Rival Frozen Delight 4 Qt. Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt/Sorbet Maker with mix & 4 Dublin Crystal dessert cups, Weslo Cardio Glide low impact exercise equipment, & RCA Nipper & Chipper stuffed animal set with paint by number set & learning cents flash cards; Anthony & Joan Corte-Dewberry jelly; Migl Feed & Grain- 1 ton 32% liquid fertilizer; Marvin & Lillian Rabel-wicker rocking chair; Liz Woytek-pearl rosary with rosary bracelet, & pink beaded rosary; Anthony & Rachel Siegel- 3 "Texas Footprints in the Sands of Time" books written by St. M. Alberta Novosad, IWBS Convent-Victoria.

Cattle: Wink & Ida Bludau- 8 mon. crossbred heifer; Frank Chovanetz- 20 mon. Brangus bull; Charles & Doloris Leopold- 3 yr old Brangus cow & 1st calf; Marcus & Margie Grahmann- Angus cow with 1st calf (6wk. bull); Andrew & Jane Pesek-10 mon. Beefmaster heifer; JBar Angus-Mark & Karen Janak- 17 mon. registered black Angus Bull; Richard & Frances Henke- 10 mon. Jersey-Brahma heifer; Charlie & Kathy Haas- cow & calf; Dennis & Gerardette Haas- cow & calf; John & Beverly Haas- Angus heifer.

Cash Donations: Magdalene Steffek-\$100; R.L. & Elsie Orsak-\$100; Marjorie Krupala-\$300; Judith Renger-\$300; Daniel Kuhn-\$100; Johnny & Esther Kelley-\$100; David & Shadra Pastucha-\$500; Joana Bochat-\$25; Lillian Haas-\$100; Frank & Bernadette Bludau-\$100; Dr. S.R. & Gladys McMasters-\$50.

The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY*

Acts 2:1–11

1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13

John 20:19–23

MONDAY

Mark 10:17–27

"...for God all things are possible."

TUESDAY

Mark 10:28–31

"...and the last will be first."

WEDNESDAY

Mark 10:32–45

"...to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant..."

THURSDAY**

Luke 1:39–56

"Blessed are you among women..."

FRIDAY***

Mark 11:11–26

"...whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it..."

SATURDAY

Mark 11:27–33

"Did the Baptism of John come from heaven...?"

*Alternate readings exist for this day.

**Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***Memorial of Saint Justin, martyr

Sustaining Spirit

The feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and at the same time the birth of the Church. Christ outpours the Holy Spirit in abundance, fifty days after his Passover.

The Jewish people of that era celebrated the Feast of Weeks. This was a time of prayer for a plentiful harvest. Saint Luke, knowing what this feast meant to the ancient Jewish people, uses it as the backdrop for the narrative of the descent of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts.

Most of us can relate to the way Luke describes the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost because we have experienced the sounds of a loud fierce wind blowing or seen the burning fiery tongues of flames on logs or lumber. And in the information age we live in now, many have heard different languages being spoken. Now, imagine all of that happening all together as symbols of the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve.



In contrast Saint John announces the Spirit with, "Peace be with you." Thus the disciples become calm. Jesus then breathes the Spirit upon them and mandates that to receive the gift of the Spirit is to take up the mission of reconciliation.

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit—the Paraclete—the Advocate and Guide for all Christians. The Holy Spirit transforms our fears into joy and our failings into forgiveness. The Holy Spirit gives us a new identity at Baptism and Confirmation, where Pentecost becomes a lived reality in our hearts, guiding us our entire lives.



The Faith of the Church

The Second Vatican Council Fathers explained the role of the Spirit in our lives. In the document on The Church in the Modern World, they declared that the Spirit fulfills the promise that we inherit salvation as sons and daughters of God. Through the gift of the indwelling Spirit, we are renewed and share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ (Cf. Gaudium et Spes 22).



Questions of the Week

Today's Gospel combines the mission of peace with the mission of forgiveness. The Risen Christ unleashed the power and promise of the Holy Spirit upon Earth. Through Baptism, we are charged to bring peace and forgiveness into the world.

Adults

How can I bring peace into my relationships this week?

Children

What gifts has the Spirit brought into my life?

Responding to God's Word . . .

The transforming effect of the Spirit has altered the course of human events. What started as a small group of Jesus' followers has grown to over one billion. Just look at the influence Christianity has had across the world.

Religious groups have cared for the sick and poor by establishing hospitals, orphanages, and food banks. In the shelter of local parishes, immigrants have been guided and comforted. The Spirit has influenced the life we enjoy today in so many ways.

These acts of compassion were not accomplished by human will alone. It was the Spirit acting and motivating people of good will to share

the promise of peace and the Good News of God's mercy with others. Just as the illiterate and frightened band of disciples went forth into the world, empowered and enthusiastic, to preach the Good News, we are commissioned to follow their example.

The Holy Spirit's role is essential to the life of the Church and to our lives. Today, the Body of Christ is present in us—the People of God. We are filled with the new life of the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation, and we are taught, guided, and gifted for our individual missions.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. Look at photos from your family baptisms and confirmations and talk about how the Spirit has guided your faith life.

In the workplace or in school. Initiate a letter-writing campaign to bring peace to parts of the world that are at war. Several websites on peace programs will help determine where your letters will be most effective.

In the community. Hold a Pasta for Peace event in your parish or neighborhood to raise funds for Pax Christi International.



Meditation Moment

An insurance company held a cornerstone-laying ceremony for its new building. Among the items sealed in a capsule to be opened fifty years hence were predictions by civic leaders. Before they placed them in the capsule, the leaders read them to the crowd. One prediction surprised everyone: "Fifty years from now ... men and women will still struggle for happiness—which will continue to lie within themselves." That happiness, of course, is the peace that Christ gave to his disciples almost 2,000 years ago today. Happy are those who open their hearts to the peace of Christ.

For reflection . . .

How might I open my heart more fully to Christ's peace?

FIVE GREAT ENEMIES OF PEACE INHABIT US:
AVARICE, AMBITION, ENVY, ANGER, AND PRIDE.

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Spirit Fill Us

Lord, you have renewed the Earth and brought new life into the world through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. May your Spirit ignite our souls with the fire to bring your Good News into today's world. Fill us with a soothing peace that we might be peacemakers in those places where discord and war rage. Fill us with gratitude for the forgiveness and mercy of God in our own shortcomings and sins. Spirit of God, renew us each day as you continually renew your Church. Amen.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Come, Holy Spirit, and from heaven direct on us the rays of your light. Come, Father of the poor; come, giver of God's gifts; come, light of our hearts.

Based on the Pentecost Sequence

Profile in Faith

Just Faith Ministries

Just Faith Ministries is an organization dedicated to promote justice and peace in today's world. They do this through programs that provide information and opportunities for parish groups to study the Church's social teaching. Their programs and workshops empower individuals to express their dedication to justice through concrete actions.

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