

JUNE 12, 2011: PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." — Jn. 20:21-23

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

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

8:00 am- Maggie Timm

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor of the Church (2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42)

7:00 am- Anton Steffek

10:00 am- Annie & Victor Leopold (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, June 14 (2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48)

7:00 am- Robert Guenther

Wednesday, June 15 (2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

7:00 am- James Bludau

8:05 am- Edwin & Bill Chovanetz

Thursday, June 16 (2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am- Richard & Stazie Jahn

10:00 am- Margaret Janak Roeder (Stevens)

Friday, June 17 (2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23)

7:00 am- Janet & John Brier

8:05 am- Linda Cortney

Saturday, June 18 (2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34)

5:30 pm- Mass of Thanksgiving – Hubert & Mary Grahmann's 59th Anniversary

Sunday, June 19, The Most Holy Trinity (Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18) (Father's Day)

8:00 am- Henry Jones

10:30 am- Father's Day Novena

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Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,294; Building Repair Fund-\$1,695; Loose-\$1,215; Children-\$27.

Anniversaries:

Howard & Margaret Dolezal	63 years	June 14
Calvin & Eleanor Schaefer	56 years	June 15
Hubert & Mary Grahmann	59 years	June 18
William & Marie Hermes	45 years	June 18

Perpetual Adoration – adorers are needed at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays. If you are able to spend this hour in adoration with our Lord, call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

The Christian Mothers will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Mary's House. All members are encouraged to attend as we will discuss and make plans for our 100th Anniversary celebration to be held on July 24th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

-**St. Mary's Church Picnic.** Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30 am (dine in or drive thru). Auction 1:00 pm. Bingo, raffle, cake & plant walk, country store, game booths & kiddie rides. Music by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & Red Ravens. Delicious hamburgers, ice cream, snowcones, popcorn, & cold refreshments all afternoon!

-**St. Rose Church Picnic,** KC Hall, Schulenburg.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-V.B.S. Crew Leader meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

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

-Christian Mothers meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Robert Butschek, Derrick Berger, Anita Bohuslav, Anita Kallus, Daniel Wick, Josephine Janak, Paul & Leona Najvar, Betty Hernandez, Gene Drozd, Irene Bordovsky, Steven DeLaRosa, nursing home residents & the homebound.

The Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Victoria are holding a car raffle with proceeds benefiting vocation efforts in the diocese. Current cost to educate one seminarian is \$25,000 per year. Total education cost per seminarian is \$225,000. Currently we have 10 seminarians. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and extremely necessary to the church. A 2010 Toyota Corolla Sport car is scheduled to be given away on July 14. The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each or 3 for \$10, and are available for purchase at the Rectory or from Ed Scherer 798-3414.



The Sacred Heart Catholic School Cheerleaders will be hosting a mini cheerleader camp on July 11-13 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. This is for girls ages PreK to the 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the school office or Debi Bludau at 798-4728.

Sacred Heart Catholic School 2011-12 final registration will be held on June 28 & 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedules. Parents of students in grades K-8 who have pre-registered will need to come only to pay their fees and first month's tuition. The first month's tuition and all school fees must be paid at the time of registration on June 28 & 29. Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church on this Feast of Pentecost. It was at that first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and gave the disciples the courage and strength to go forth and spread the faith. It all began there and has continued to be spread throughout the world. We trace our roots as Catholic Christians back to that very day, the first Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

**Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124
Angela McConnell, Coordinator**

June 13: VBS Crew Leader meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School (4 yrs old – 5th Grade) The fun begins June 20-24, 8:30 am-12pm. Forms may be picked up in church or at the Rectory. We are going to have an awesome week! **Adult volunteers are needed for PreK.** All youth that signed up should plan to attend a crew leader meeting. Call Angela at 798-3124 or cell 741-8730 to volunteer or for more information. Fee is \$12 per student.

PRAYER FOR RAIN – Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear, then this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all Who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.



Youth ConneXion
Greg & Kris Hermes 798-0655

Teen ACTS Retreat: June 30 – July 3. Forms in the church foyer.

Young Adult ACTS Retreat: Forms available in the church foyer. (20-30 year olds) Register ASAP....limited space.

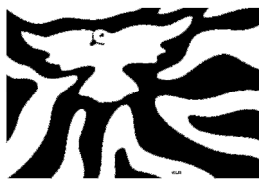
Notice: We are making plans to attend NCYC in Indianapolis (Nov. 17-20). High school youths interested in attending should contact Greg & Kris at 798-0655.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Michael & Janice Jares' 25th Anniversary:
Glenn & Mary Ann Janca 30.00
In memory of Emogene Kahanek & Clemence Leopold:
Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann 40.00

You can help your marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the Aug. 19-21 program, call 361-580-2770 or email jbvjov@sbcglobal.net.

Pentecost Sunday –



Watch any national broadcast of a sporting event, and immediately after the game the play-by-play announcers and color commentators will launch into a recap of the most important plays. Since

the victor is known, these highlights are now portrayed as the most significant plays of the game that contributed to the victory. A single run in the first inning, or a field goal in the first quarter, when initially scored may not seem that essential. But when a team wins by that margin, those early events take on added relevance at the conclusion of the game. And in the recap, the sports commentators will underscore that meaning.

Today's Gospel is a recap, a reprise of the Gospel we heard on the Second Sunday of Easter, six weeks ago. We may have missed this little part then, because it is the lead in to the story of Thomas, the apostle who was not in the upper room the first time the risen Lord appeared to His disciples. On the Second Sunday of Easter, it was more important to concentrate on Jesus' words that those who have not seen the risen Lord – believers like ourselves – are blest as well.

On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The Gospel for today relates that the gift of the Spirit is intimately involved with the forgiveness of sins. And while we often associate forgiveness with the absolution that comes in the sacrament of penance, it is the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts that prompts us to reconciliation. The ability to forgive others is a result of the Spirit's action within the human heart. We may not think of Pentecost as a day to celebrate reconciliation, but forgiving others is one of the hallmarks of our Christian faith. This feast could be a day in which the Spirit prompts you to extend forgiveness, or a day in which you seek the forgiveness of someone harmed by your sin.

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In memory of Ora Nell Satsky, Lou Kubena & Ann Gerlich:
Kenneth & Dolores Renger 30.00

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In memory of Lou Kubena: Henry Joe & Marcella Henke 10.00

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In memory of Ora Nell Satsky: Herbert & Georgie Etzler 20.00
In memory of Beulah Wilson: Leo & Dorothy Henke 10.00
Daniel & Monica Matula 15.00

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 21:20–25

MONDAY

Matthew 5:38–42

“Do not resist an evildoer.”

TUESDAY

Matthew 5:43–48

“... pray for those who persecute you ...”

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 6:1–6

“Beware of practicing your piety before others ...”

THURSDAY

Matthew 6:7–15

“... forgive others their trespasses ...”

FRIDAY

Matthew 6:19–23

“... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ...”

SATURDAY

Matthew 6:24–34

“... do not worry about your life ...”

*Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Inspired to Be One in the Spirit of Jesus

Sin is aptly described as separation from God. The most significant moral evil that we ever encounter in life is division, our division or separation from God and from each other. The original sin of our first parents set the pattern. They alienated themselves from God, and it rebounded into their relationship with one another.

The redemptive work of Jesus Christ moves in the opposite direction. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians expresses this unifying work of Jesus Christ: “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:13–14).

Today’s readings for the great feast of Pentecost tell us how the unifying and reconciling work of Jesus Christ is carried out among us. It is in the power of the Holy Spirit that

we become one in God. We are truly inspired or “in-spirited” to unity.

The divisions of language are overcome by the Spirit who enables us to speak a common language of faith. That is the message of the reading from Acts. Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians speaks to the way the Spirit brings unity out of diversity in the Body of Christ, his Church. And finally, Jesus, in the Gospel, sends his Holy Spirit to enable us to forgive sin and so heal the wounds of division that separate us from God and one another. In the Spirit, we find our oneness.



The Faith of the Church

The very identity of the Church, the Body of Christ, is tied to a mission of unity in the world. At the beginning of Vatican II’s *Constitution on the Church*, the Council tells us that the Church is like a sacrament of all humanity’s unity in God. This can only be the work of the Holy Spirit (Cf. *Lumen gentium*, no. 1).



Questions of the Week

People around the world seem to be so divided from each other. Often the source of division is not even clear. What is clear is that it is not God’s will that we be alienated from one another.

Adults

When I take an honest look at my life, how do I determine the major fault lines of division that keep me separated from other people and from God?

Children

How do I know that everyone belongs to one family, God’s family?

Responding to God's Word . . .

"Spiritual people" are often considered to be other worldly. They seem to live in a different realm of concerns. In faith, we know that is not the case. Spiritual people are people led by God's Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit of God is active in this world in works of reconciliation, transformation, and unification. The Spirit draws us into the very oneness of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A truly spiritual person, then, manifests those same works of the Holy Spirit in the course of daily life. A spiritual person is solidly committed to bridging the divides that keep people

away from each other for whatever reasons. The Spirit enables forgiveness and clarity of knowledge of others, which fosters connection and unity.

To live spiritually means to live responsibly. We take up the gifts and the mission of the Holy Spirit and seek to foster reconciliation and unity among all people. It begins in family life and extends out into our communities, our nation, and the entire world. If we have been gifted with God's Holy Spirit, then we are responsible to carry on the work of the Spirit in the particular circumstances of our lives.



Meditation Moment

The Cross and the Switchblade describes Rev. David Wilkerson's work with young derelicts in New York City. One firsthand report in the book comes from a heroin user named Joe. He says: "The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter, they told me. When I thought of comfort, I thought of a bottle of wine and a dozen goof balls. But these guys were talking about comfort from heaven where I could feel clean later. I got to wanting this. . . . I cried to God for help and that's when he [the Holy Spirit] came. . . . I didn't want any more drugs. I loved everybody. For the first time in my life I felt clean."

For reflection . . .

What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life? Do I pray to the Holy Spirit?

O COME, O HOLY SPIRIT, COME!
COME AS HOLY LIGHT AND LEAD US.
COME AS HOLY TRUTH AND TEACH US.
ANCIENT PRAYER (ADAPTED)

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

A Litany of the Holy Spirit for Unity

When we are divided in our family, Holy Spirit, make us one. When wars divide us, Holy Spirit, make us one. When injustice and exploitation build barriers, Holy Spirit, make us one. When divisions beset your Church, Holy Spirit, make us one. When sin separates us from the Body of Christ, Holy Spirit, make us one. When we come to the final stage of our life's journey, Holy Spirit, make us one. Amen.

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

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." When Saint Francis prayed this prayer, he asked to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit whose action and gift is peace and unity.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Begin a conversation in the family. Ask an important question: what is it that really brings the family together as one?

In the workplace or in school. Identify a situation or a relationship that seems to be divided. Take one step to foster reconciliation and unity.

In the community. Inform yourself of resources in your community that seek to build bridges among different people.

Profile in Faith

Saint Josaphat

Saint Josaphat (?–1623) was a bishop and martyr of the eastern Church. He strove with every possible effort to work for the unity of the Church, especially the eastern Churches with Rome. He was a man sustained by the Spirit. His efforts for unity earned him hostility and, eventually, martyrdom for the cause.

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