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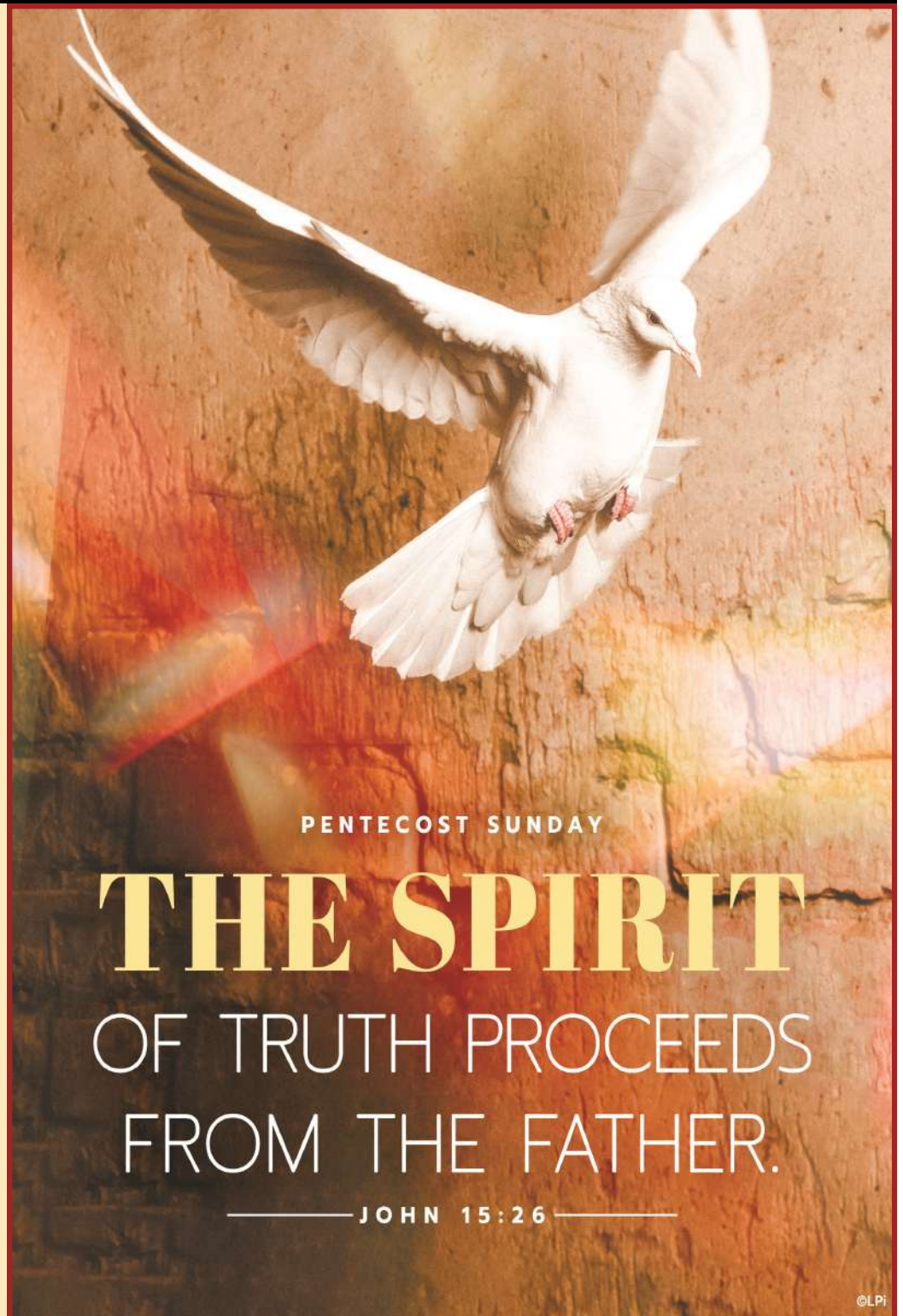
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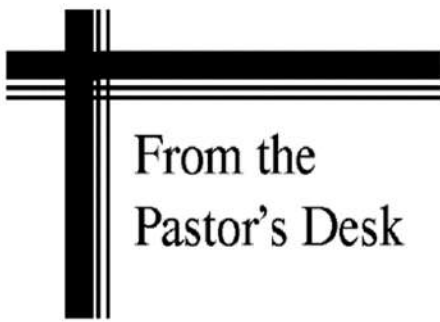
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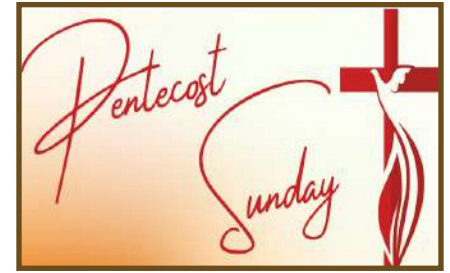
PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS
FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —



Pastoral Musings: The Power of Pentecost



Pentecost is a watershed moment in the life of the Church, as it celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the followers of Jesus Christ. It's often regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church and holds immense theological, spiritual and practical significance. It is the crucial moment that led to the phenomenal movement and growth of the Church throughout the centuries.

The original moment of the Pentecost can be traced to the New Testament, specifically the book of the Acts. According to Acts 2: 1-4, the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit occurred fifty days after Easter Sunday, which was also the Easter Holy Day of Shavuot (Feast of Weeks). As the disciples gathered together along with Mary in an upper room in Jerusalem, they were suddenly filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. This was manifested through the appearance of the "tongues of fire" resting upon each one of them, and they began to speak new languages. This miraculous event empowered them to speak the message of Christ in different languages to people from various regions who were present in Jerusalem for festival.

Pentecost represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to empower his followers. The Holy Spirit is often depicted as the third person of the Trinity along side God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. The event marked the apostolic preaching and the spread of Christianity throughout the world. It also symbolizes the birth of the Church as a community of believers united by faith, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Christ through the Church.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of God. The charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit are the revelation through the Word, increased faith, gifts of healing, discernment of the spirits, gift of tongues and prophecy and miracles (1 Cor 12). The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, endurance, generosity, gentleness, faith, modesty, and chastity. These gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are present in each one of us in different measures and degrees to equip us to exercise the calling we have received in our life, whether we are married, single or consecrated.

The Christian liturgy and iconography, Pentecost, is often symbolized by flames, doves and the color red, representing the fire and the gentle power of the Holy Spirit. Various hymns are sung and prayers are said in the Church to invoke the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is observed by various Christian denominations around the world, including Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and Pentecostal Churches. The message of Pentecost continues to resonate with all of us today as a reminder of the ongoing presence and work of the Spirit in the world. It serves as an antidote to the evil spirit that could manifest in the form of desires of the flesh that are opposed to the Spirit. Paul enumerates the manifestations of these evils: immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, divisions, drunkenness, orgies and the like (Gal 5:16-25). If we live in the Spirit, the fruits of love, peace, joy, etc. will follow our lives.

Let us continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit and overcome the evil by the power of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of love and renew the face of the earth.

Happy Pentecost! Fr. Tom



Saturday 3:30 pm 4:30 pm	May 18th—Pentecost Sunday Reconciliations Ken DeBaere+
Sunday 6:30 am 10:30 am	May 19th—Pentecost Sunday Parishioners Gary McKeown+
Monday	May 20th—No Mass
Tuesday 12:00 pm	May 21st Phyllis Ketcham+
Wed. 12:00 pm	May 22nd Bud Jorgenson+
Thursday 12:00 pm	May 23rd For the Intentions of Patricia Gourley
Friday 12:00 pm	May 24th Mary Ann Berning+
Saturday 3:30 pm 4:30 pm	May 25th—The Most Holy Trinity Reconciliations Larry Young+
Sunday 6:30 am 10:30 am	May 26th—The Most Holy Trinity Wally Teten+ For our Graduating Seniors



Keep them in your prayers

Bill Hayes Helen Lewis Helen Castle Leesa Teten	Pam Gilmore Agnes Lonowski Coleen Norton Patty Woerth
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Thank You!

Our 2024 Annual Salad Luncheon was a huge success! Thank you to everyone, including those who assembled the chicken casseroles on Wednesday, decorated the hall, brought in food, helped serve and clean up. Our parish is stronger with everyone's help!

What's Happening

Knights of Columbus Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 6:00 pm followed by meeting in St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Joan Bloom for more information @ 712-534-2645.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild meets the third Tuesday of every month following 12:00 noon daily Mass.

Bible Study meets every Monday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Men's Faith Formation is now meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Adoration will be the first Friday of every month from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Sign up sheet is at the back of church.

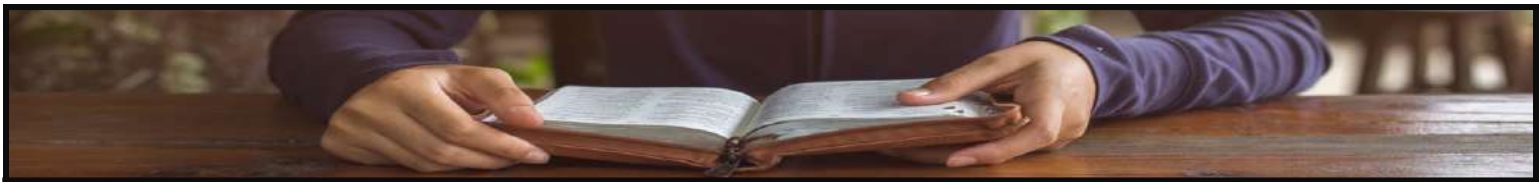
St. Mary's Church Support—Tithes and Offerings

May 5th Tithes	\$2,769.25
Tornado Victim Relief	\$ 711.26
Rice Bowl	\$ 12.94
May 12th Tithes	\$1,276.00
May Online Tithing	\$ 450.00

Thank you for your generosity and gifts!

Schedule	Sat. May 25, 4:30 pm Mass	Sun. May 26, 6:30 am Mass	Sun. May 26, 10:30 am Mass
Lectors	Terry Engelmeyer	Steve Berning	Ernie Aust
Cantors	Sue Hanna		Tommy H. & Linnea S.





THIS WEEK'S READINGS
May 19, 2024

Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39; *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-2



HAPPY RETIREMENT PASTOR RICK!

After serving nearly 34 years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Shenandoah, Pastor Rick Sleyster is retiring the end of May. The public is invited to a reception for Rick on Sunday, May 26th in the church's fellowship hall from 2 to 4 pm. If you cannot attend but would like to send a note, please address it to Pastor Rick Sleyster, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Clarinda in Shenandoah.

Tiffany Doyle has been appointed as Director of Religious Education (DRE). She is married to Pete Doyle and they live in Imogene. Pete farms and when she isn't helping him manage their farming operation, she stays busy running their kids to events and activities. They have 4 children—Hannah, 21, who will be going into her senior year at UNI, Delilah is 8, Penelope is 7, and Jameson is 5.

She attended school and graduated from Shenandoah High School. She enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, and spending time at the gym.

Her goals as DRE are to maintain a safe, fun-filled curriculum for the children to learn in and continue to grow in their faith. She has really enjoyed teaching at St. Mary's and looks forward to being a resource for guidance of the Youth Ministry program in this new capacity! As we wish her the best, we want to thank Kim Leininger for her invaluable service, leadership, and dedication to Faith Formation.



Next weekend at 10:30 am Mass, we will celebrate three senior graduates: above are Maci Slater and Juan Cepeda and at left is Auri Trowbridge. Maci will attend Penn Foster and study veterinary science, Juan will be entering Creighton University with a neuroscience major, and Auri will be heading to Iowa State to study accounting. We wish them much success in the future!



Blake Riesenberg	19
Wyatt Mather	19
Graham Mather	20
Maria Dominguez	21
Doug McGinnis	22
Rebecca Stanbrough	25
John Riesenberg	26
Joss McGinnis	28
Mila McGinnis	28
Emma Martin	31

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage June 23rd, 24th, and 25th

June 23rd, Council Bluffs: 1:30 pm Mass. The Eucharist will travel over the pedestrian bridge from Creighton University to Corpus Christi Parish by 5 pm. Dinner to follow with overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

June 24th, Council Bluffs to Glenwood and Imogene: Mass at 8 am at Corpus Christi followed by Eucharistic Procession on the Wabash trace to Mineola. Lunch in Glenwood at noon, dinner at St. Patrick's in Imogene at 5 pm, followed by adoration from 6 pm and overnight.

Below is the complete schedule for June 25th, which includes the liturgical events at St. Mary's Parish in Shenandoah.



Experience the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

On June 23 - June 25, 2024, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be making it's way through the Diocese of Des Moines.

During these 3 days you are invited to journey with Jesus in the Eucharistic processions, celebrate Mass, and participate in Holy Hours and overnight adoration.

You are invited to attend as many events as you interested in and able to. All events are **FREE** to attend, but registration is encouraged to allow parishes to plan for food at lunch/dinner and overall attendance.



June 23-25, 2024

Council Bluffs | Glenwood | Imogene | Shenandoah

Scan the QR code to learn more about the event, explore the full schedule for each day, and register.



9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Mass with Bishop Joensen at St. Patrick
Saint Patrick Parish - 304 3rd St, Imogene, IA 51645**

Join us for the celebration of Mass with Bishop Joensen presiding at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Imogene, IA.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Solemn Eucharistic Procession

Saint Patrick Parish - 304 3rd St, Imogene, IA 51645

This is a 1-mile Solemn Eucharistic Procession leaving St. Patrick's Church in Imogene to head towards St. Mary's Church in Shenandoah.

START LOCATION:

Saint Patrick Parish - 304 3rd St, Imogene, IA 51645

END LOCATION:

Corner of Wabash Trace Nature Trail and 120th Street

EVENT INSTRUCTIONS:

After Mass, this short procession will go south from St. Patrick's Church in Imogene towards St. Mary's using the Wabash Trace Nature Trail. The procession will stop at the intersection of the trail and 120th Street.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Holy Hour with Benediction

St. Mary's Parish - 512 W Thomas Ave, Shenandoah, IA 51601

You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. This will include day-time prayer and a reflection.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Fellowship Lunch at St. Mary's Parish

St. Mary's Parish - 512 W Thomas Ave, Shenandoah, IA 51601

Lunch will be served at St. Mary's parish right after the Holy Hour. We look forward to having you join us for food and fellowship with the Perpetual Pilgrims from the Serra Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage before they depart Iowa for their next stop.

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

