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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office: 270-683-6525

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Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face

of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

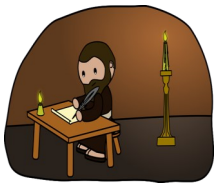
Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)



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The Spirit will guide you to all

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Festal Blessings! Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Christian community and the birth of the Church. As we are given this promised helper in our lives, this celebration shall encourage us to think of the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We shall permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives; by constantly remembering His holy presence, by praying for His daily anointing in order to fight against all temptations and evils, by asking His assistance to pray, and listen to God, and by letting Him to use us to do good in this world.

Proud of you friends! I would like to congratulate 2 young “soldiers of Christ,” Ethan Gough and Aubrey Ottofy, who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on this Pentecost. Confirmation strengthens or confirms the grace of the Holy Spirit we received at Baptism. We are called to be filled with the Holy Spirit and manifest His gifts and fruits. Spirit-filled people acknowledge their weaknesses and ask for strength, anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit. They continually try to grow in Faith, and seek out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be Children of God. Best wishes my dear friends!

Hearty Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Corey Dale Bruns. As we have been part of his journey to the ministerial Priesthood, let us continue to support him through our prayers. Let us come together at 6.00 pm on Monday, May 24th, the Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to celebrate Holy Eucharist with him.

We are just 2 weeks away from Fr. Jerry’s retirement. It will be really hard for us as we miss him in our parish life. But we need to joyfully, thankfully celebrate his ministry to us, to the diocese and to the People of God. On the next Sunday, June 30th, Fr. Jerry will be celebrating the Mass. I invite you to join for the Mass and meet Father personally to share your appreciation and good wishes.

And now we know the next Rector of the Cathedral, Fr. John M. Thomas. He is currently the Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green. Let us welcome Fr. John Thomas into our midst. He will take his assignment on July 13th. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Jerry Riney and Fr. John Thomas as they make their transitions.

Father Sinoj, HGN

May Birthdays

14--Steve Coble

18--Tina McHenry

19--Lad Ottofy

22--Charles Brown, SR

23--John Carson Malone

26--Diane Hatchett

27--Herbert Millay

30--Karen Leachman

31--Layson Brooks,
Barbara Hammond



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

May 16--Mary Ann Calhoun

May 23--Donald Moorman

May 30--Grace Medley Ebelhar

June 6--Charles E. Thompson

June 13--Louie Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Father Jerry, Herbert Millay, Stephen Hall, Linda Connors, Doris Smith, Gene Forsyth, Robert Johnson, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Place. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

GUIDE US TODAY

Holy Spirit,
you who pointed out the way for your disciples
to announce the gospel,
we pray to you:

As in the time of the apostles,
guide today’s messengers of the Good News.

Coming Events

CALENDAR



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- May 23---Confirmation of Aubrey & Ethan at SSC 11 am
- May 30--Father Jerry’s last Mass with us
- June 4-5 Yard sale Friday (8-2,) Saturday (8-12)
- July 13--Father John Thomas arrives



- May 16--\$951
- Weekly budget--\$952
- MTD collections---\$2671
- MTD budget--\$2856
- YTD collection-- \$49,710
- YTD budget--\$43,792



May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



Prayer during Coronavirus Pandemic
O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn’t call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we’re supposed to do, in any situation. It’s that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can’t.* We’ve all got our list of reasons why not, don’t we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I’m not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don’t want to come across as pushy. I’m not going to make amends with my cousin because she’ll just walk all over me again. I’m not going to say a Rosary tonight because I’m tired and it’ll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of “reasons why we can’t” together, I don’t think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven’t been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

God had a plan. He didn’t call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

- READINGS FOR THE WEEK**
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 - Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 - Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
 - Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 - Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
 - Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Saints and Special Observance

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi,
- Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
- Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity



WORRIES
The greatest of worries can’t pay the smallest of debts.

ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God’s promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul’s letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.



June 4 and 5.

Blessed Sacrament is co-sponsoring a yard sale on June 4 and 5. We need items that will sell and workers. Workers are needed on Thursday (3rd) to price items and workers on June 4 and 5. We must have parishioners present for insurance purposes. If you can help, please volunteer for a couple hours or the day.

May 23: Barbara Bisel
Sarah Malone

May 30: Aubrey Ottofy
Kathi Skidd

June 6: Layson Brooks
Sarah Malone

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Our relationship with the Holy Spirit can be strengthened through daily prayer. Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit when you face a difficult decision or challenge, in large things or small. Pray for an open heart. Ask for guidance to receive your gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them justly and lovingly, and return them with increase to the Lord. No one has ALL the gifts, but we ALL receive gifts! Can you identify yours? How do you share them with our parish and community? Pray about whether you believe the ways in which you live your life reflect that you are a disciple of Christ.

Bearing the Fruits of the Spirit

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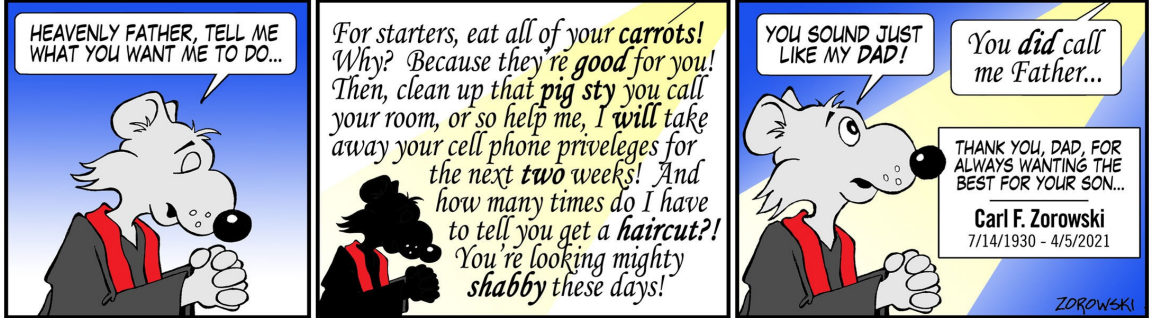
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The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are looking for kind, caring, and compassionate people to work with our Sisters in St. Joseph Villa. We are looking for **nursing assistants and nurses**. If interested please go to INDEED and fill out an application or call us at 270-229-4103 and ask for Human Resources.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an “eye” in the roof open to the sky, called an *oculus*. After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the *oculus* onto the assembly. Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the “birthday of the church.”

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8 Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life

1. *Count your blessings*
2. *Practice acts of kindness*
3. *Savor life's joys*
4. *Thank a mentor*
5. *Learn to forgive*
6. *Invest time and energy in family and friends.*
7. *Take care of your body*
8. *Find ways to cope with stress and hardship.*

Are we open to “God’s surprises”? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God’s newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions.

Before Pentecost the apostles locked themselves in the Upper Room but when they received the Holy Spirit, they were compelled to go and spread the Gospel. What barriers keep you from hearing the Holy Spirit and sharing the good news? --Pope Francis