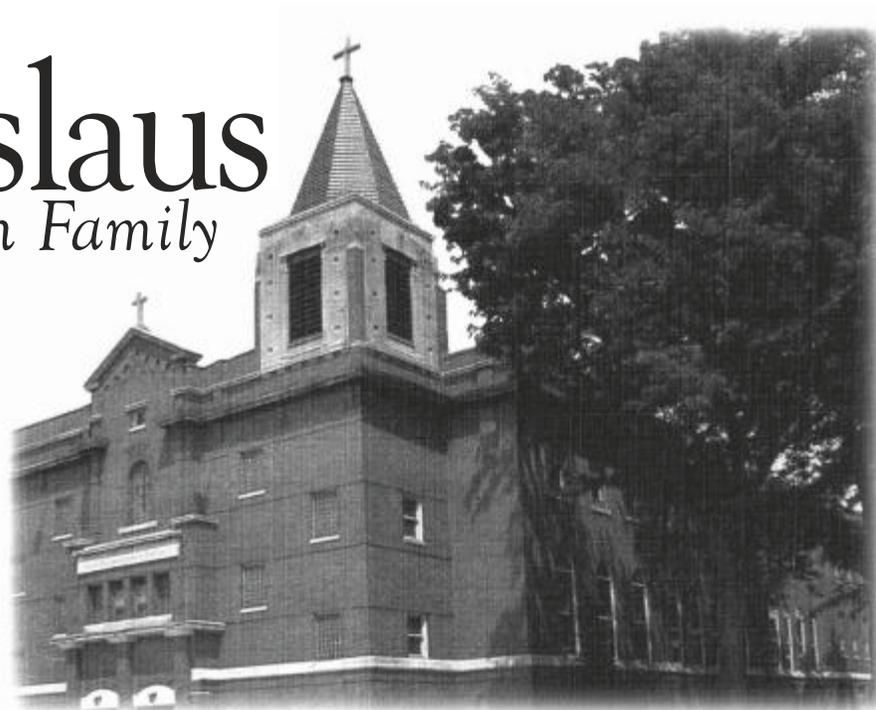


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May 23, 2021
Pentecost
Sunday



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WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses or Word &
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CONFESSIONS

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Liturgical Notes for the Week

Come Holy Spirit — Fill OUR hearts and enkindle in them THE FIRE of Your Love

Today we the Church celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the Spirit inspires, guides, and strengthens us to live as Christian disciples. On Pentecost, fifty days after Easter and a feast already honored by the Jews as a harvest festival, we celebrate the roaring entry of the Spirit, so states Gertrude Nelson in her book about the liturgical year *To Dance with God*. She continues her description of today: We celebrate the fruits and effects of the driving wind and the scorching flame of the Spirit. The apostles are filled with a new wisdom and are prompted to express themselves, their timidity transformed by and infusion of divine enthusiasm. The harvest feast becomes the fruitful birthing of the Church, of people taking on themselves the work of redemption, of people who live by the Spirit because they are given the gifts and fruits needed to do the work that needs to be done. Paul's list of the fruits of a life lived in the Spirit are the perfect deception of a healthy personality, fully human because it is truly God-like, love, joy, peace, patience and the rest are the wholly human response of a person living full their life: Open to the spirit of God's love. At peace with themselves. Every Pentecost Sunday in Rome, Mass is said in the Pantheon, an ancient building with an open roof. Through this opening thousands of red rose petals rain upon the congregation. This shower symbolizes the tongues of fire that poured over the Church on the first Pentecost. Unlike this Roman rose-rain, the Holy Spirit's work is usually invisible: our "comfort," "rest," "solace," "refreshment," and seven-fold "grace." Yet the sacraments make God's invisible grace visible: we receive the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. And say "Come!" at each Eucharist. Throughout the season of Pentecost, we should imagine rose showers—we should be attentive to the Spirit "streaming" from "above." And... perhaps some time this week you can find time to think about these words: God Comes which Sr. Melannie Svoboda has written.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection

We say it so glibly. God comes. But how does God come? Like winter thawing into spring? Like a delivery truck driver plopping a box on our porch? Like a cranky child pestering for a cookie? Answer: any of the above. For Elijah, God comes as a "still small voice" (see 1Kgs 19:12). Many of us like that sort of coming. We like a God who whispers and woos rather than one who shouts and creates a big scene. But on Pentecost, God's coming is all spectacle: howling winds, rattling walls, untamable fire, instant fluency in foreign language. But when we look more closely at both comings, we see this: no matter the form, God's coming has one purpose. God commands Elijah (albeit gently) to go back to the place he is running away from. On Pentecost, God catapults the disciples out into the streets where, filled with God's spirit, they proclaim the Gospel—like partygoers tipsy from new wine. (Their message was new wine!) In short, God comes to tell us to go. God whispers: "Go give her a hand." God nags, "Go and say you're sorry." God shouts, "Go and do something about that!" God shakes up our normal life, all in an effort to get us to go and love... go and give... go and do that hard thing... go and listen... go and play... go and pray ... go to a deeper level of trust in me... go because I am with you. Always.

Take some time today and be mindful of your breathing. Close your eyes, quiet your mind, and take deep breaths. With each breath, recognize you are in the presence of God. Rest in this quiet of God's peace and love and acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit. After some time, bring to mind different images of the Holy Spirit you have encountered, such as fire, wind, or water. Think about how each of these images, like the image of breath, draw you deeper into the reality of God.

Monday celebrate Mary, Mother of the Church. This memorial is the newest observance in the liturgical calendar. It was established by Pope Francis on February 11, 2018 and occurs each year the Monday after Pentecost fittingly honoring Mary as Mother of the Church — a title which has alas been added to the Litany of Loreto: On this May day why not pray this Marian litany to honor Our Lady.



MARY
Mother of the church

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Scripture Reflection

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy. It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

Two Acclamations.

Because locked doors cannot keep him away, Jesus comes. He given his standard Easter greeting: Peace be with you. Then he says: Go, I send you. To us, too, this very day. We cannot stay behind in licked rooms.

- ◆ What am I being sent to do? ◆ To whom am I being sent?
- ◆ What peace of Christ will I express in what I say and do?

Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$3,282.00

Adult envelopes issued.....294 (May, 2021)

Adult envelopes used.....87/30% (May 16, 2021)

Thank You for your continued support! May God Bless You!

Catholic Services Appeal/CSA 2021

Many sincere thanks to the **8 families** of our parish who made a pledge/gift last week in the amount of **\$3,420.00** toward our Catholic Services Appeal parish goal of **\$24,294.00** We need **\$13,339.00** to reach our Parish Goal. Please be generous in helping our parish reach its CSA goal. Thank you and God bless you and yours. — Msgr. John

Everyday Stewardship

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? But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because 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! God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

ELPI MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 24 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Wednesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

Thursday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29 - St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM

4:30pm †Julia A. Lelek int. Paul Wilk & Family
 †Gregory J. Sanchez int. Sanchez Family
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:30am Health & God's Blessings for Radziwiecki Children & Grandchildren int. Polish Grandma
 †Mary Brzek int. Teresa Radziwiecki
 †Dorothy Szczepanski int. St. Stan's Rosary Sodality

Quote from Pope Francis

The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation... to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of that homeland towards which we walk.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer: Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

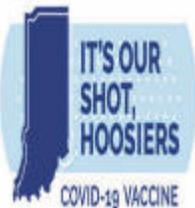
Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?



Community Events

Indiana Department of Health
Indiana residents older than 12 years of age are now eligible to receive the vaccine. You may schedule your Covid-19 vaccine appointment by visiting ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find a site near you.



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East Chicago Free Summer Camp For children 9-14 years old



There are many activities to choose from. There are morning and afternoon time slots available. To register, a parent or guardian must bring a current East Chicago I.D. and the child's report card to East Chicago Park Dept., 1615 E. 142nd Street. Registration began May 12, 2021. Space is limited, capacity per session is 40 children. Children must wear a mask to participate. For more information you can call Park Dept. at 219-391-8474.

Congratulations



It is with much joy we congratulate the wonderful children who celebrated their First Communion on May 15 & 16, 2021. May their lives be guided by the love of Jesus always. They are:

Manuel E. Alvarado, Evelyn Apaez, Kevin Barrera, Fatima Bautista, Maylani Bravo, Ava Flores, Crystal Huerta, Karla Murillo, and Emilio Torres.

Prayer

Father in heaven, hear my prayer.

Keep me in Your love and care. Be my guide in all I do. Bless all those who love me too.

God make my life a little light, within the world to glow. A little flame that burns so bright, wherever I may go. Amen.



St. Stan's Website

The website committee request your help in obtaining old photos of the 40's, 50's, or 60's of a special event (occasion) taken place here at St. Stan's Church. The photos will be used in the upcoming website. We would scan the photos and then they'd be returned back to you. If any one has any of these treasures, please call the rectory at 219-398-2341.

Congratulations

It is with a happy heart we wish to congratulate all the children who celebrated their Confirmation on April 22, 2021. May the fire of the Holy Spirit continue within them all their lives. They are:



Luis Bautista, Anselmo Briseño, Michael Cantu, Christian Coakley, Analee Cruz, James Espinoza, Daniella Flores, Janice Flores, Jaslene Gonzalez, Jasyn Leal, Roman Marquez, Stephanie Martinez, Sergio Meza, Madison Mika, Joanna Osuna Lopez, Tania Ramirez Martinez, Martin Rodriguez Alvarez, Mariaelena Sanchez, and Jasmine Sarkanovich.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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