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# Holy Trinity Parish

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MAY 23, 2021  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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## Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday - 5/22 - 5:00 PM (S)

† Ardis Hammes

Sunday - 5/23 - 8:30 AM (K)

† Mark Sypherd

Sunday - 5/23 - 10:30 AM (S)

† Don/Marie Oliver

Tuesday - 5/25 - 9:00 AM (S)

† Louis Herman

Wednesday - 5/26 - 9:00 AM (K)

† Dale Merek

Thursday - 5/27 - 9:00 AM (S)

† Myron Herman

Friday - 5/28 - 9:00 AM (K)

† Elmer Greiner

Saturday - 5/29 - 5:00 PM (S)

† Dennis Peiffer

Sunday - 5/30 - 8:30 AM (K)

† Norma Leinen

Sunday - 5/30 - 10:30 AM (S)

† Paul Webb

## St. Mary Ministers

### For the Month of May

Weekend of May 22 & 23 - Saturday 5/22 5:00 PM Sunday 5/23 10:30 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Mary Sue Votroubek Mary Galapp  
LECTOR Cheryl Monroe Janis Collins

Weekend of May 29 & 30 - Saturday 5/29 5:00 PM Sunday 5/30 10:30 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Denise Conrad Holly Martin  
LECTOR Denise Conrad Holly Martin

## Holy Trinity Ministers

### For the Month of May

Sunday 5/23 8:30 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Dave Shemanski  
LECTOR Dave Shemanski

Sunday 5/30 8:30 AM  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Kathy Davis  
LECTOR Mick Berg



“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: 2-14

## Readings for the Week of

### May 23, 2021

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

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

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.”

Sigourney AM Blood Drive

Friday, June 11, 2021

8:30-12:00 PM

Sigourney Library Conference Room

720 E Jackson St



**Reconciliation** - On Saturdays before the start of the 5 PM Mass at either Saint Mary or Holy Trinity, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4-4:45 PM.

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800 -362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodes.org](mailto:vac@diodes.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

St. Mary Stewardship

Envelopes

Weekly Budget.....	\$2,307
Received.....	\$1,315
Envelope Budget to Date.....	\$106,122
Actual to Date.....	\$105,315.50

Offertory

Weekly Budget.....	\$240
Received .....	\$284
Offertory Budget to Date.....	\$11,040
Actual to Date.....	\$4,656

Faith FORMATION

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate six high school graduates who have grown up in the St. Mary parish. When they were infants and small children we watched them be passed back and forth from mom to dad during mass, be part of a Christmas program, ask deep questions during religious education, become altar servers and participate in confirmation. We've heard, watched or read about their school and community accomplishments. As part of their “family” we are proud of these young adults and excited to see where God will lead them. And yet...

Did you know one out of two young people walk away from church and faith after high school? How do we prevent that from happening? How do we provide an anchor or some type of stability as these recent graduates venture into the next phase of their lives? It's important to let them know they are not alone in this next chapter of life, we aren't saying goodbye and they are welcome to come back, no matter what.

Perhaps you can send a card with a memory you have of this young adult, a note that includes a Bible verse that might provide encouragement, a religious cartoon or joke, have mom and dad tell the graduate you are holding them in your prayers and are curious of recent activities. Maybe you can write a “boring” letter that provides some day-to-day activities occurring in our church and community. It's important this type of communication occur not just at graduation, but also intermittently during the next several years. Imagine the impact we can have on these young people if each of us kept track of one graduate.

If we want to make a significant impression on the next generation of our parish, we're going to have to develop methods to maintain relationships beyond graduation and demonstrate love for them as they journey forward.



## Announcements—Holy Trinity

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, June 10, 2021  
2:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Parish Center Classroom  
109 N. Lincoln St.**

**To schedule an appointment to donate, contact  
Cindy Weber at 641-636-2116.**

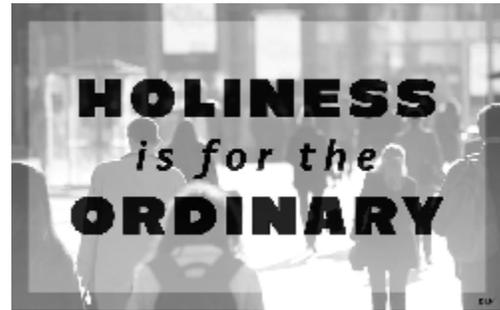
Condolences to Kathy Sieren of Holy Trinity Parish and Lorraine Albert of St. Mary Parish and all the Bombei Family at the recent death of their mother and grandmother, Loretta Bombei, whose funeral was on Wednesday, May 19.

***ORDINATION BANNNS***

As Benjamin Gilbert Snyder, a seminarian from this parish, prepares for possible diaconate ordination this summer, the People of God are asked about his worthiness. If you are aware of any reason why this man should not be ordained, you are asked to contact:

Fr. Jacob Greiner  
4105 N. Division Street  
Davenport, IA 52806  
Phone: 563-391-4245  
greinerj@diodav.org

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.



## Pentecost Sunday

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.

Diocese of Davenport Protocols Based on these new CDC guidelines, the following protocols will be in place effective immediately in the Diocese of Davenport.

Consideration should be given to people who are not vaccinated and to those who have been vaccinated but still prefer to wear a mask and keep social distance.

In general, indoor meetings and gatherings inside and outside are not time limited. Organizers should be attentive to the amount of time gathered; the longer the time together, the greater the risk for infection unless all attendees are vaccinated. The capacity of people in a space is determined by the need for unvaccinated people to maintain six-foot distancing between them and other unvaccinated people.

#### Liturgy

Masks and social distancing are not required by anyone who is vaccinated. Masks and social distancing are required by anyone who is not vaccinated. Six-foot distancing from unvaccinated households is required.

In general, incense should be avoided. In rites where incense is explicitly called for (funeral rites, exposition), incense should be used.

Missalettes and hymnals may be used. People are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after handling common objects. Bulletins may be distributed.

Fonts may be used. Fonts/stoups with standing water should not be used unless the water is changed daily. Fonts with plumbing should be cleaned and sanitized before first use according to CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/officebuildings.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>.

Music ministry (cantor, choir, all instruments) is permitted if the ministers have been vaccinated. Congregational singing is permitted. Members of the assembly who have not yet been vaccinated must wear masks while singing or choose to remain silent. The number of verses sung should be limited to completing the current action. For example, the duration of the processions, preparation of the gifts, and the distribution of Holy Communion.

Procession through the assembly may resume with the members of the procession unmasked if vaccinated. Those who are unvaccinated must wear masks and socially distance.

The use of multiple readers is permitted. The use of servers is permitted. If not vaccinated, ministers are to be masked (except readers may remove their mask when at the ambo if desired).

The longer a group is together, the greater the chance of transmission. Liturgies should be kept to a reasonable length and not unduly prolonged.

There will be an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Clear Creek on Monday, May 31, 10:00 AM.



#### 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.

**"AS MARINERS ARE  
GUIDED INTO PORT BY  
THE SHINING OF A STAR,  
SO CHRISTIANS ARE  
GUIDED TO HEAVEN  
BY MARY."**

**- SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

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