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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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BULLETIN DEADLINE To appear in *The Sunday Bulletin*, items must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

The selection from Acts for today describes in detail the miraculous transformation that took place during the first Pentecost, thus fulfilling Jesus' promise to his apostles that they would receive "Power from on high." There was first "*a noise like a strong driving wind*." Then there were "*tongues as of fire*" resting on the disciples, and each of them was filled with the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, St. Paul explains how the sharing of the various spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit enriches the Church. He refers to the varieties of gifts given to the Church as coming from the same Spirit Who activates all of them in Christians for the common good. They are described as the *gifts, fruits and charisms* of the Spirit. The gospel describes, how the Risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them, sending them to carry on the mission given to Jesus by his Heavenly Father, then empowering them to do so by breathing upon them and saying, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "*Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.*" These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit *with* the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we *all* have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

God Bless—Fr Kenny

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Thompson, a member of St. Leo the Great who passed away last week. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her family and friends who mourn their loss.

Graduates We would like to extend a special congratulations to all those who will be graduating this year. To all the middle school, high school, and college graduates, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your life's journey.

Cathedral Construction Update There are two live construction cameras on cathedralsjworkman.org/. Watch the "view from the top" video as the steeple work is progressing: <https://youtu.be/0OrO72zg0M>

Catechists Needed The Religious Education program is looking for Catechists and Classroom Assistants for the upcoming CCD school year. Catechists are needed for grades 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th. Classroom assistants are needed in grades K-6, and 8th grade. If you feel called to share your talents with our Religious Education program, please contact Karla Schams at 608-786-0610 ext 2 or via email at stleomarycre@gmail.com. Volunteers for teaching and assisting will receive FREE tuition for your children in the program.

St. Mary Church Windows The stained glass windows of St. Mary Church have been sold. The donor's name plates have been removed and saved and will be sold to the closest relative of the donor. First preference will be given to St. Mary parishioners. Please contact the office by June 16.

St. Leo the Great T-Shirts There's a limited supply of St. Leo the Great t-shirts in sizes from youth small to adult XL. Sorry, there's no adult medium. The price is \$5 per shirt, but free if you sign up to help with June Dairy Days. Please see an usher after Mass to purchase a shirt or call the Pastoral Office.

June Dairy Days June Dairy Days will be celebrated June 4-6. This year will be a little different as the food will be sold from food truck vendors instead of the food booth. However, there is still a fund raising opportunity for the parishes. Volunteers will be needed to sell water, soda, and Gatorade out of the food stand. Please contact Michelle Stello at plainjellostello@gmail.com or 797.5659 for more information or to sign up for a shift.

Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration Please contact the Pastoral Office by Monday, June 7, if you will be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary this year. There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via livestream at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 from the Cathedral.

Chicken-Que Holy Trinity Parish in La Crosse is hosting a Chicken-Que Thursday, May 27 from 11:00 a.m. until gone. Drive-through and delivery only. For \$10.00 you get a half chicken, beans, coleslaw, and a roll. Pre-sale tickets are preferred. Call 782.2028 ext. 2 or stop at the parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to purchase tickets.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat June 4- 6 This retreat begins on a Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and

joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. The retreat will be held at Notre Dame Parish | Goldsmith Education Center 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 To request scholarship assistance, please send email to heinzenalice@gmail.com (This is made possible through the generosity of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.) The cost is \$330 per couple, which includes a \$125 non-refundable deposit.

Formation in Theology of the Body Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides a road map to discovering our purpose in life and resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. Catechetical leaders, deacons, catechists, parents, grandparents and all those who serve youth, join us virtually on Saturday, June 5th to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, the author of Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School. Visit diolc.org/tob for further details and to register for \$10. These sessions will not be recorded. Note: All parish programs and Catholic Schools are to implement Theology of the Body in 7th and/or 8th grade and in high school during the 2021-2022 school year, based upon Bishop Callahan's letter from 2011. This formation for our young people is crucial in light of the culture.

Roe v. Wade the Movie – The Real Story You've Never been Told Roe v. Wade, a new movie that looks behind the scenes of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The story is told through the eyes of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the New York OB/GYN who paved the way for abortion on demand but later became pro-life. Visit diolc.org/respect-life for Religious Education links to the movie website and trailer and to learn how you can stream or purchase the movie.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34		
May 24	Private Mass	† Bob & Mary Laxton by Bill Laxton
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31		
May 25	5:30 PM	† Cheryl Keivel by Kay Kesler
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Mk 10:32-45		
May 26	8:30 AM	† Ron Niebuhr by The Niebuhr Family
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-9/Mk 10:46-52		
May 27	8:30 AM	† Fred & Mary Schroeder by Michael Schroeder
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mk 11:11-26		
May 28	8:30 AM	Ellie Groth (graduation) by Jane & Brandon Mathison
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 11, 19/Mk 11:27-33		
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-9, 18-20, 22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20		
May 29	4:30 PM	† Dan Hesselberg by Joe & Barb Hesselberg
May 30	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	† John Bierman by Mary Meyer

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

2020-21

\$ 38,845.00	Parish Target
\$ 56,105.00	Amount Received
144%	Percent of Target Met
\$ -	Amount Needed
\$ 17,260.00	Monies Returning to Parishes

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! ©Lpi

Stewardship Reflection Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working. The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost. Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God. We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious — we just might be blind to it, or it might

be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit’s wonderous works. Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments. The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them. On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.

Pentecost Sunday



Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

APOSTLES	ELAMITES	JERUSALEM	LORD	PENTECOST
ASIA	FIRE	JESUS	LOVE	PHRYGIA
CAPPADOCIA	FULFILLED	JEWS	MEDES	PONTUS
CHRIST	GALATIANS	JOY	MESOPOTAMIA	PROCLAIM
CORINTHIANS	GALILEANS	JUDEA	PAMPHYLIA	ROME
CRUCIFIED	HEAVEN	KINDNESS	PARTHIANS	SPEAK
CYRENE	HOLY	KINGDOM	PATIENCE	SPIRIT
EGYPT	INHERIT	LIBYA	PEACE	TONGUES

FINANCE REPORT	St Leo the Great Parish			St Mary Parish		
	May 3 - 9, 21	Fiscal Year to Date		May 3 - 9, 21	Fiscal Year to Date	
		Jul 1, '20 - May 9, 21	Budget		Jul 1, '20 - May 2, 21	Budget
401.00 · Adult Envelope Receipts	4,210.44	191,896.41	154,483.87	1,068.00	52,370.00	52,322.58
402.00 · Youth Envelope Receipts	0.00	164.00	257.26	0.00	173.55	201.29
403.00 · Offertory Plate Collections	271.00	4,406.81	10,290.32	67.00	1,107.00	0.00
404.00 · Other Church Support/Income	16.00	552.89	514.52	0.00	13.00	0.00
411.00 · Monies Collected for Bldng/Reno	45.00	3,295.00	1,543.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
432.00 · Societies	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
434.00 · Bequests & Memorials	0.00	1,495.00	0.00	0.00	670.00	0.00
441.00 · Int Received from St Ambrose	0.00	41,080.24	43,733.87	0.00	2,042.31	2,163.87
442.00 · Int Received from Others	0.00	49.08	113.19	0.00	18.63	100.65
452.00 · Rel Ed & Adult Tuition/Fees	35.00	4,765.00	5,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
456.00 · All Other Rev from Sch/Rel Ed	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
461.00 · Insurance Recovery from Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,125.14	0.00
466.00 · Proceeds from Sales of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,807.65	0.00
467 A · Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebates	0.00	14,925.25	0.00	0.00	2,415.00	0.00
467 B · Gifts for Works of Charity Fund	0.00	1,912.00	0.00	0.00	468.00	0.00
Total Income	4,577.44	265,541.68	218,236.58	1,135.00	89,310.28	54,788.39
Total Expense	1,036.69	182,895.08	183,304.85	252.73	58,739.24	61,238.84
Net Income	3,540.75	82,646.60	34,931.73	882.27	30,571.04	-6,450.45

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the *Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

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



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.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)



PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

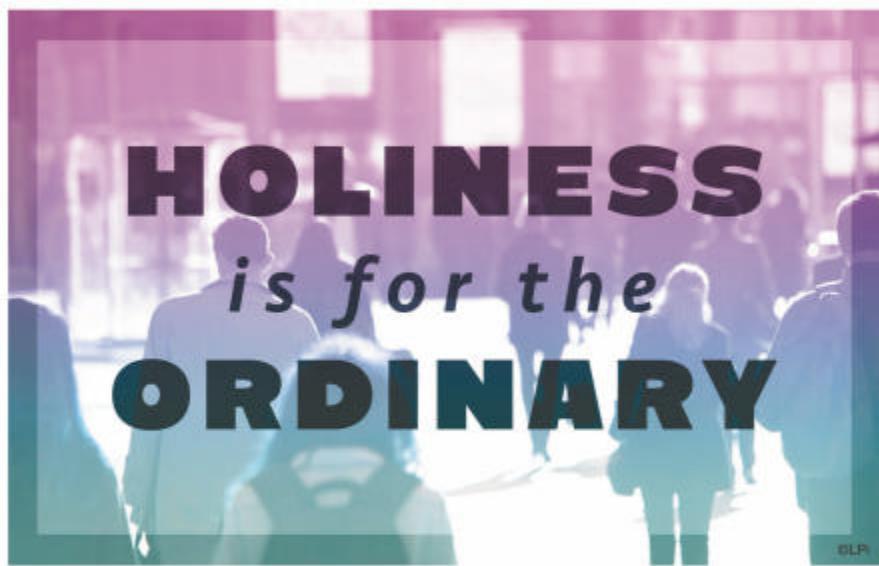
In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)



GOSPEL

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

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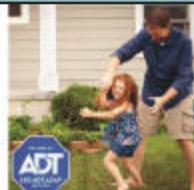
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