



Church  
of the

# Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

**May 9th - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## "A Mother's Love"

A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away,  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking,  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems,  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation,  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.



~Helen Steiner Rice

## Mikes' Musings

Saints Philip and James, Apostles



This feast dates from the sixth century and was formerly celebrated on May 1st to commemorate the dedication of the basilica of the holy apostles (560) where the relics of Philip and James were preserved. The apostle Philip, sometimes confused with the deacon of the same name (Ac 21:8), was born at Bethsaida in Galilee (Jn 1:44). His name is mentioned several times in St. John's Gospel, where we learn that Philip was called by Christ the day after he had called Peter and Andrew. Philip responded immediately to the call, convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah. He even approached his friend Nathaniel with the announcement that he had found the one of whom Moses and the prophets had spoke (Jn 12:20-22). Before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, it was Philip who Jesus addressed, and it was Philip at the Last Supper to whom Jesus said "He who sees me sees the Father also" (Jn 14:8-11). Philip latter preached the gospel in Phrygia, and possibly in Greece. He was martyred at Hierapolis and was buried there until his relics were transferred to Rome. James, the son of Alpheus and "brother"(first cousin) of the Lord (Mk 15:40), is also known as James the Less. When he became the head of the church at Jerusalem he was known as James the Just. During the Council of Jerusalem he spoke in favor of St. Peter's decision in the discussion about Gentile converts and the Jewish observances. He was so successful at winning converts to Christianity that the Scribes and Pharisees plotted his death. According to one account, he was thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple, and since he was not yet dead, he was stoned; finally he was dispatched by a blow to the head with a club. His martyrdom took place in the year 62. There is much discussion about the authorship of the Epistle of James.



## Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Since we missed it last year, we want to make this year incredible for the children. Planning is underway for Rocky Railway... The Power of Jesus Pulls Us Through.



VBS will be held the week of August 2 from 9am–noon. Registration forms will be ready in June.

**CURRENTLY we are in need of Adult and Teen Volunteers!** Without our volunteers, we cannot hold VBS, so the volunteers are critical to the success of the program. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this week of fun. We have many opportunities.

Contact Jillian Peck [jillian@holyspirithighland.com](mailto:jillian@holyspirithighland.com) or 248-887-1634 for more details. Thank you.

## Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

### Monday, May 10

Office Open 9am-3pm  
11am-AA  
7pm-Bible Study

### Tuesday, May 11

Office Open 9am-3pm  
10am-Women's Prayer Group  
12pm-Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 12

Office Open 9am-3pm  
10am-Bible Study

### Thursday, May 13

Office Open 9am-3pm

### Friday, May 14

9am-Mass

### Saturday, May 15

5pm-Mass

### Sunday, May 16

9am-Mass  
11am-Mass  
7pm-Bible Study



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Parish Vision:** To Be Christ to All.

**Our Mission Statement:** Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you this I command you: Love one another.”

**Jn 15:16-17**



If you are or have a graduate this year,

please contact Jojo Kind by May 26th.

email [tag@holyspirthighland.com](mailto:tag@holyspirthighland.com)

with your name, where you are graduating from,

and if you are attending school next year,

where you are attending.



We are now accepting donations for our annual Rummage Sale. The sale will take place June 10 – 12. As long as your items are clean, have all the parts and are in working order; we will accept them. (No clothing or stuffed animals please). Donations can be dropped off Monday – Thursday 9-3 or by appointment. Call Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 for more information. No donations after June 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, proceeds fund youth events. Thank you!

### **Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel**

We are looking to have the following hours immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM, 2-3PM
Monday	2-3AM, 3-4AM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
Thursday	5-6AM, 9-10PM
Friday	5-6AM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

#### COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623 Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

**Meditations for May 9**  
**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

*The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening. (Acts 10:44)*

The story of Peter and Cornelius is one of the most remarkable in the Book of Acts—and worth reading in its entirety (10:1-49). Yet none of it would have happened if these two men had not been open to the possibility of God doing something new.

Peter, a devout Jew, had never eaten anything “unclean.” When God gave him a vision asking him to eat one of those forbidden animals, Peter’s first reaction was to recoil in horror (Acts 10:14). But when three men arrived asking him to come to Cornelius’ house, Peter realized what the vision meant. Despite the strict separation between Gentile and Jew that had been practiced for centuries, God wanted him to go (10:17-20).

Cornelius was a “God-fearer,” meaning he was a Gentile who worshipped the God of Israel (Acts 10:2). His openness to God had been nurtured through years of following the Lord. So when an angel appeared to him and told him to send for Peter, he obeyed (10:5). Then as Peter was proclaiming the gospel, Cornelius received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues (10:44, 46).

How can we be open to the Lord and whatever “new things” he may want to do through us? First, like Peter and Cornelius, we need to stay close to God in prayer. Because of their faithfulness, God was able to speak to both men and show them how he wanted to bring salvation to the Gentiles. Second, we should be careful not to place limits on God. Peter had to trust God with a new and different way of living out his faith. Cornelius had to be open to receiving new life in the Spirit through Baptism.

Are you open to anything God might ask of you? Today, pray for the grace to see where you might have drawn a line in the sand that you have asked God not to cross. God can, and will, use you—as long as you remain open to him.

*“Lord, give me an open heart that places no limits on you.”*

**Prayer REQUESTS**

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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| Kathy Edwards     |                    |                     |



**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
04/25	\$ 10,439	\$ 9,885	\$ 554
Y-T-D	\$546,051	\$524,940	\$21,111

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

**Readings for Sunday, May 16**  
 Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mk 16:15-20

## Explore the Sunday Gospel



The Vine and the Branches

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that

my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

## Take Time to Chat

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus does love you! Do you believe that? Why or why not?
2. Jesus encourages us to keep his commandments. Is it hard or easy to keep God's commandments? Explain your answer.
3. Share a time when the love of Jesus has been shared through your mother or a mother-figure in your life.
4. St. Paul Chong Hasang's family taught him the faith, but he also lived it out in his own way. What are ways your family has helped you grow in faith? What are ways you have grown on your own?

## Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap,  
Mayo, Peanut Butter, Tuna, Vegetable Oil, Granola Bars

*\*Due to COVID we can no longer take plastic or paper bags. Also, at this time, we cannot accept expired food.*

## Meet Our Extended Family



St. Paul Chong Hasang was born in Korea, in 1795. He came from a family of noble scholars that were dedicated to the Catholic faith and to its growth in Korea. His father was a Catholic intellectual who had written the first Catholic catechism in the Korean language. His father was martyred in 1801. His family was thereafter persecuted and stripped of all property. Despite this hardship and tragedy, the family never denied the faith. Throughout his life, he continued to seek missionary support for the Church in Korea. When Paul was twenty-one, he went to China, where he asked the Bishop of Peking to send missionaries to Korea. He escorted Bishop Laurent Imbert on his mission and served him faithfully during his ministry. Bishop Imbert was impressed by Paul's devotion to the faith and decided to prepare him for the priesthood. Before this could happen, however, a new persecution of Christians broke out in Korea. Bishop Imbert was forced to flee; Paul and his mother and sister were arrested. While awaiting execution in prison, Paul wrote "A Letter to the Minister," defending the Catholic faith to the Korean government. This work impressed everyone, even the enemies of the Church. However, the government was not moved to alter its stance. After much suffering and torture, Paul and his family were beheaded outside Seoul on September 22, 1839. Despite severe hardship and persecution, he kept his faith and served as a sterling example of piety for others, heeding the words of Jesus in today's Gospel to remain in his love and bear fruit that remains.

## Prayer for Friends

Lord, please help us to know your friendship in and through the people in our lives. Thank you for blessing us with friends who love us, share our sorrows, laugh with us, encourage us, stand by us in times of need. Bless our friends with health, wholeness, life, and love. We pray especially for (have each person who would like name a situation, particular friend, or relationship for which they would like to pray). Amen.

**Mass Intentions**

**Lector Schedule**

**Monday, May 10**

Acts 16:11-15 | Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday, May 11**

Acts 16:22-34 | Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 12**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 | Jn 16:12-15

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Ramirez & LaBarge Family

**Thursday, May 13**

Acts 18:1-8 | Jn 16:16-20

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls

**Friday, May 14**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 | Jn 15:9-17

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

9:00 a.m. Jim & Kinsey Helou-Anniversary Blessings

**Saturday, May 15**

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
Chenier & Spampinato Families

**Sunday, May 16**

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

9:00 a.m. +Kathy Bubnes

9:00 a.m. +Carol Bubolz

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Richard & Barb Cole

11:00 a.m. Our Parish

**Saturday, May 15:**

5:00 p.m.

Phil Wojtowicz

**Sunday, May 16:**

9:00 a.m.

Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m.

Cindie Audia

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Michael Somervell, Deacon

**Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

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**Pastoral Council**

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Baptisms**

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

**Marriages**

Contact Fr. Wayne 6 months before your wedding date.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Thursday at noon

**Changing your address or phone number? Please notify the office when making these changes.**

**Let's Plant a Garden!**

We are in need of large planting containers. We will also accept any extra vegetable plants you might have. It is still a little early to put tomatoes and peppers in the ground, but if you buy a 6-pack and only have space for 5 in your garden – we will take the extra! The Grotto Garden will provide fresh vegetables for the clients of our Christian Service Food Pantry.



If you are interested in helping transform the Grotto into a vegetable garden to help feed the clients of our Food Pantry, please contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634, jillian@holyspirthighland.com Thank you.

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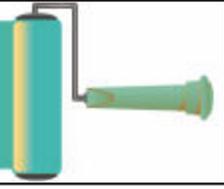
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