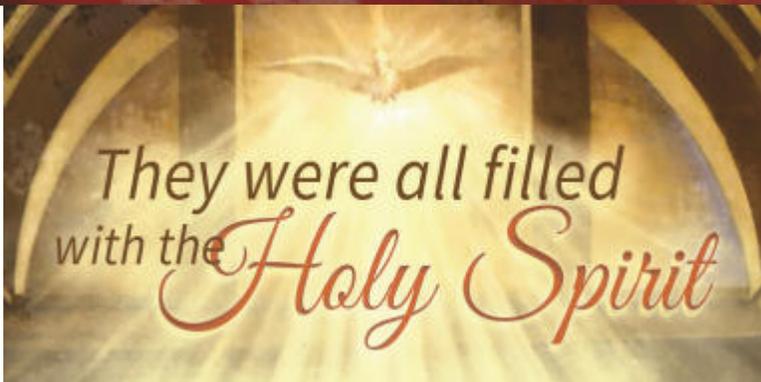
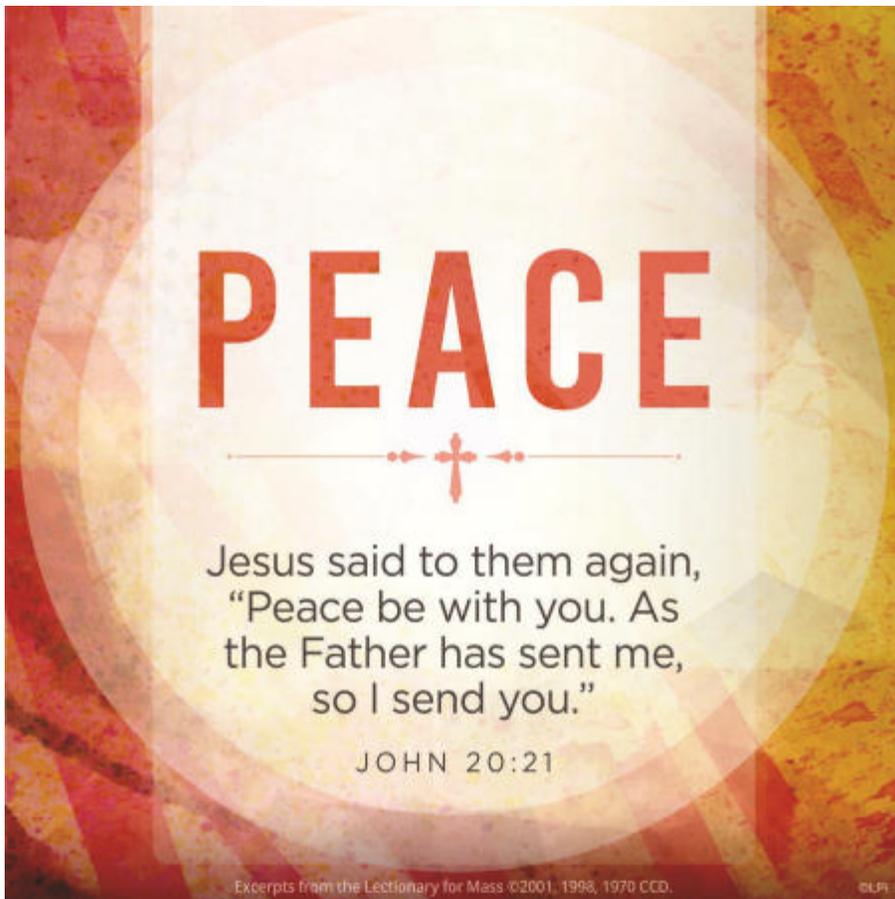




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23 MAY 2021
PENTECOST



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Mass Schedule

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
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Sacraments:

**Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and
Reconciliation**

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**Marriage—Must be active and registered
members of the parish (for at least 6 months
prior to scheduling)**

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.374.9045



Saturday, May 22, 2021
Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday
 Rev. John T. Nowlan (2012)

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Frank and Mary Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach
 Lisa Ann Palazzolo
11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Monday, May 24, 2021
 Rev. Edmund O. Battersby (1997)

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
 Rev. Jerome J. Machlik (2010)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
 Rev. Leo T. Lulko (2013)

Thursday, May 27, 2021
 Rev. Joseph Kress (1997)

Friday, May 28, 2021
 Rev. John J. Raymo (1969)

Saturday, May 29, 2021
Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday
 Rev. Arthur A. Lowry (1988)

Sunday, May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Msgr. William J. Sherzer (2007)
11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Rev. Thomas P. Kirwan (2011)



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS**

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.



**Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
 and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

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OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
 our mission and vision?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR****PENTECOST**

In today's first reading (AA 2:1-11) it is the day of Pentecost and the brethren are gathered together in one place. A noise like a strong wind is heard. Tongues as of fire appeared and came to rest on those gathered. The brethren began to speak in various tongues and make bold proclamations in the Spirit. Devout Jews from various regions and nations were in Jerusalem and began to hear the brethren speaking in their native tongues. The brethren began speaking to the Jews gathered in Jerusalem and these Jews were now hearing in their native tongues the marvels God has accomplished.



In today's gospel (Jn 20:19-23) the disciples are in a locked room for fear of the Jews. Jesus appears to them and shows them his hands and side. Jesus tells these disciples, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus breathes on them and they receive the Holy Spirit. These disciples are now to forgive sins or to hold sins bound.

"Beginning with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples became dynamic missionaries. He filled those disciples with the gift of courage so that nothing stopped them from proclaiming the love of Christ for all people." United States Catholic Catechism, p.103

"The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost did not inaugurate the Church. It already existed (AA1:15). But Pentecost was the moment when the Church was specifically endowed with power from on high (Lk 24:49)." Fr. Richard McBrien (1936-2015) Catholicism, Vol II, p. 580

"The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother. He leads His children by the hand ... as a sighted person leads a blind person." St. John Vianney (1786-1859)

Pope Francis (1936 -) tells us, "We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or - in the words of Our Lord - it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus."

For us today, "The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost, she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful winds of the Spirit. She is always on the streets preaching." St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

And, Fr. Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) tells us, "Without Pentecost the Christ event; the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect upon. The spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
SEND US YOUR SPIRIT**

O God,
throughout the ages you are mighty,
and when your Spirit
came upon the apostles,
they ceased to be afraid.
Out they went, into the world,
filled with your love.
Send us your Spirit,
renew the earth,
make all fear cease.
The world hungers
for wisdom and knowledge,
for understanding,
for fear of the Lord, for counsel,
for piety, for fortitude.
Send these gifts in abundance,
that we might do your work in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MAY 23, 2021**THE MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD**

Today's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15. Imagine yourself gathered in the locked upper room with your friends, all who share your fear. And then in an instant, a driving wind comes through the room and tongues of fire descend on each one of you. Suddenly, you are no longer afraid. Leaving the room, you speak of the mighty acts of God, and all who hear you understand the language you speak.

Today's reading from Acts depicts the change that comes over the apostles when the Holy Spirit entered their lives. They now have what they need to preach the Gospel to all nations, as Jesus had commanded them.

Each one of us received the gifts of the Spirit in our baptism and later, in their fullness, when confirmed. Throughout our lives, we are able to ask the Spirit to strengthen these gifts in us, so that we might have what we need to do the work God has called us to in the world. Take some time to consider how you see people use the gifts of the Spirit: fortitude, knowledge, counsel, understanding,

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wisdom, piety, and fear of the Lord. The lives of the saints may be looked to for an embodiment of these gifts, but saints also dwell around you.

For Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit for a strengthening of your gifts. Celebrate, too, this solemnity of the Church. The event in the upper room affected the whole world for all time.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

MONDAY, MAY 24

EXPERIENCE PENTECOST

Read Acts 2:1–11 aloud, either to yourself or with your family. What do you notice in the Scripture? Which words or phrases stand out for you? What emotions would the disciples feel? Meditate by writing about or drawing the events of Pentecost. If you have children, act out the reading as a family activity. Consider using special effects, such as fans for the “driving wind.”

TUESDAY, MAY 25

PIETY AND FEAR OF THE LORD

Reflect on the Spirit’s gifts of piety and fear of the Lord. Piety involves respect for what is holy, but also delight. What would it mean to delight in God? Fear of the Lord is harder to grasp. This gift allows us to regard God with reverence because of his place in our lives. Practice these gifts by seeking to spend the day in a spirit of humility.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING

The gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding may seem to be similar gifts, but they are not identical. Wisdom helps us to see rightly with our hearts. Wisdom also helps us to see ourselves and others accurately, recognizing our limitations and our dependence on God. Knowledge is knowledge of God. Understanding is about perspective. Choose a saint to read about and consider how that person used these gifts. Read Matthew 22:37–39. Do you think this passage tells us what it might mean to have these gifts?

THURSDAY, MAY 27

COUNSEL AND FORTITUDE

Counsel helps us to judge things rightly and to discern, while fortitude helps us to do what is right even when it is difficult. We can all think of times when we have needed these gifts. Sometimes it can be so hard to know what the right thing is. Practice becoming quiet and sitting in a posture of listening. As you consider a problem or decision, invite God into it. Then envision all the possibilities. Where do you feel the most peace and consolation? This is counsel. As for fortitude, even St. Paul had trouble following through with what he knew to be right sometimes, doing instead, he tells us, “what I hate.” Virtue is a habit of acting rightly. Research the virtues and see which ones you might practice to help you build strength in your spiritual life so that you might be more capable of accepting the gift of fortitude.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Copy the prayer, “Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Hang the prayer in your home throughout Ordinary Time, and allow it to remind you of the Spirit’s presence in your life and the nudgings from God in your heart.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

CELEBRATING ORDINARY TIME

Ready yourself and your home for Ordinary Time by changing your prayer area to green. Throughout this season, we are able to contemplate the mysteries we have celebrated as we are invited into deeper engagement with the entire life of Jesus. Ordinary Time is so named because we count the weeks, using ordinal numbers (first, second, third). In the secular world, we are entering summer, when many people’s lives settle into a calmer routine. During this season, take time to be present in the moment, whether in prayer, with your family, or during the course of your day.



SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

	May TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$7,654	\$178,519
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$991	(\$37,047)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$2,346)	(\$46,481)
Week of 05-09-2021 Offertory total:	\$3,940.00	

On-line giving totaled \$1,800.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$5,854.00 for a grand total for 2 weeks of May deposits totaled \$7,654.00.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

\$33,695.00
 AS OF 05-10-2021: 178 PLEDGES RECEIVED;
 175 FULLY PAID
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$100,120.00
 TOTAL PAID: \$106,326.69
 REFUND DUE PARISH: \$6,711.67;
 refunds issued: \$65,920.02

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

\$37,746.00
 AS OF 05-10-2021: 7 PLEDGES RECEIVED;
 7 FULLY PAID
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$1,125.00*
 TOTAL PAID: \$1,375.00*
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 * AOD adjusted the report from the prior week's report.

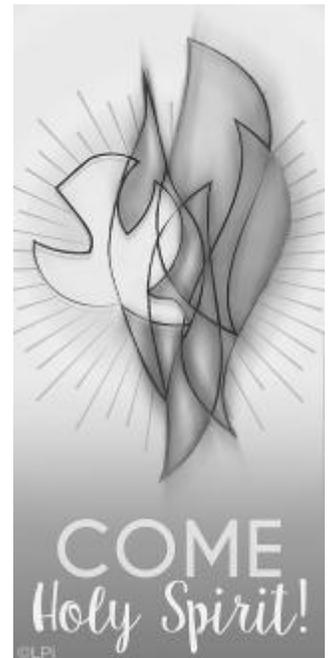
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
 Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
 Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
 Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/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 28:16-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

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

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PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation. I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost. Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You. Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

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