



St. Clare, Clarinda



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# Catholic Parishes

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: First

Wednesday of the Month: 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:00-3:40 p.m. or  
by appointment

Religious Education: Emily Akers/  
Mark B.

Office Hours: 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. M-F

(If stopping, best to call first)

Office Manager: Jackie Schmitt

## SACRED HEART, BEDFORD

707 Main Street, Bedford, IA 50833

Mass Time: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation:

1st Saturdays after Mass or  
by appointment

Religious Education: James Rogers/  
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Bookkeeper: Glenda Stockwell

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Email: [stclareclarinda@mchsi.com](mailto:stclareclarinda@mchsi.com)

Mass Time: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### Reconciliation:

1st Sundays after Mass or  
by appointment

Bookkeeper: Gary Poen



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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**May 30th/31st, 2020– Pentecost Sunday—Cycle A**  
**921**

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23



# Pentecost

## The Descent of the Holy Spirit

### What is Pentecost?

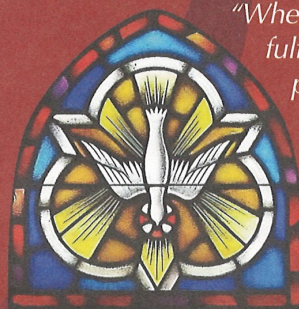
Pentecost is the Solemnity on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus.

Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came fifty days after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no formal movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost can be viewed as the day on which the church began.

However, Pentecost, coming from the Greek word "fifty" or "fiftieth day," was not invented by the early Christians. Instead, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a holiday known as the Festival of Weeks (*Shavuot*). Originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), Pentecost, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. This day later became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the celebration of *Shavuot*, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

### The First Pentecost

That first Pentecost occurred as a group of Christ's disciples had gathered in Jerusalem during the *Shavuot* recorded in Acts, Chapter 2:



*"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted*

*and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."*

The Spirit energized the disciples and empowered them to continue Jesus' mission to proclaim the good news of salvation and gather everyone into Jesus' kingdom community. They demonstrated this power by speaking in languages understood by the visitors to Jerusalem from across the ancient lands.





## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church on the first Pentecost just as it was for each of us in baptism. The Spirit continues to empower us not only to *believe*, but to *act* as disciples.

The Holy Spirit provides gifts. These gifts, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, make us part of the Body of Christ and then enable us to strengthen that Body and the whole world by the way we live.

**Wisdom** is the gift of knowledge about divine matters, particularly about the will of God.

**Understanding** helps us to see beyond the surface to find meaning in the mystery of our human life. In particular, this gift helps us to see how our faith unites us to God and to one another.

**Counsel** directs our attention to God as the source of genuine values and helps us apply judgment to particular actions. Counsel also helps us assist others in finding which course to take.

**Courage** helps us to do what we know is right—even when we are afraid.

**Knowledge** is the insight into what we ought to believe and what is not worthy of belief.

**Reverence** leads us to respect and give honor to God and to others. Reverence helps us subject ourselves to God and ask for what we need.

**Fear of the Lord** gives us a healthy awe in the face of the mystery of Almighty God. Rather than making us afraid of God, fear of the Lord helps us to abandon ourselves to the Love that is God.

## SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON

**Baptism and confirmation** were once celebrated as a part of Pentecost Sunday for those who did not receive the sacraments on Easter. John the Baptist baptized with water in the River Jordan and spoke of a baptism with the Holy Spirit that Jesus would bring. When Jesus was baptized with water by John, the Spirit descended upon him like a dove (Luke 3:15-22).

**Tongues of fire** appeared to hover over the disciples on Pentecost—a sign of the Lord's presence and power. In the Old Testament, fire was often a sign of God's presence and holiness, which might purify or punish.

**Red**, the liturgical color for Pentecost Day, reminds us of the offering of life—lives of Christian martyrs gone before us and of our own lives poured out in the service of Christ.

**The Holy Spirit** is represented in Scripture in various ways—as a peaceful dove, as life-giving breath or invisible wind, or as visible fire that transforms what it touches. Throughout Scripture, the Spirit is the Lord's gift to his people to give life, faith and understanding.

## Come Holy Spirit

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*, ("Come Holy Spirit") sometimes called the "Golden Sequence," is the sequence for the Mass for Pentecost. The hymn has been attributed to three different authors, King Robert II the Pious of France (970-1031), Pope Innocent III (1161-1216), and Stephen Langton (d 1228), Archbishop of Canterbury although it has been attributed to others as well. Originally composed in Latin, the following is the one typically heard at Mass.



Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end. Amen.  
Alleluia.

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### Let us Pray for the Sick of our Parishes:

Sandy Liner, Nancy Fahey, Dolly Nowakowski, Gustavo Rodriguez, James Dowling, Sally Davison, Gene Fahey, Louvada McAlpin, Kathy Holmes, Lou Ludington, Wade Schuetz, Midge Stanley, Connie Gage, Fr. Paul Koch, Ivan & Barbara Friend, Kelly Tobin, Dr. Tonia Baldwin, Sue Schaub, Gerald Long, Yan & Russell Shum, Beth Kline, Jerry and Jean Schweitzer, Pat Kasha, Keith Holderfield, & Rene Rogers.





**Let's Learn about the Saints:**

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux (ca. 1090-1153)**—was born to nobility near Dijon, France. He became a Cistercian monk in 1112 and eventually his youngest brother and father also joined with him. Bernard's sister also entered the religious life as a result of his guidance.

In 1115, Bernard accepted the assignment to establish a new monastery at Clairvaux. An outstanding speaker and writer, with an astonishing command of sacred Scripture, Bernard was popular throughout Western Europe. People in positions of sacred and secular authority sought his counsel. His writings reveal a thoroughly human mixture of character traits. Sometimes assertive, authoritarian, and a little irritable, in other passages he is remorseful, tender, supportive, and caring. Bernard didn't hesitate to expose malice and to denounce a lack of common sense in the eminent and mighty. He expressed disgust when he saw unkindness and bigotry in anyone. Beneath this active and influential exterior lies a profound mysticism. Bernard's prayer experience sustained and nurtured him throughout his busy life. Feast day is August 20.



**Mary-Dominica Massarello (1837-81)**—grew up on a farm near Mornese, Italy and labored hard in her large family's field and vineyard until she was twenty-three. She then contracted typhoid fever and the illness left her feeble, making heavy outdoor work impossible. She turned to dressmaking and did so well, she hired others to help her. All this time, her spiritual life was actively growing.

In 1864, John Bosco visited Mornese with plans to start a school for boys. This didn't work out, but he knew there was also a need for a girls' school. He enlisted Mary-Dominica Massarello to found and lead the Salesian Sisters. Today, fifty-four countries have Salesian Sister Schools.

Never fully well after her bout with typhoid fever, she died at the age of 44 and her grave lies beside Bosco's in Turin. Feast day is May 14.

**A CALL FOR MASS INTENTIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT IT:**

Dear Parishioners, I have observed, since my arrival, that we always have very few Mass Intentions and Stipends (offerings) in all our three parishes. Masses can be booked for various reasons and occasion, such as, anniversaries, (such as, death, weddings, graduations, etc.), birthdays, funerals, memorials, graduations, travel mercies, success in exams and projects, thanksgivings, job interviews, opportunities, and promotions, for the sick (healing, recovery, etc.), fruits of the womb, marriages, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, confirmation, vocations, seminarians, the Religious, Priests, Bishops, the Pope, families, Local, State, and Federal Governments and leaders, peace, reconciliation, name-feasts/Patron Saints, for our Parishes/Churches, unity, God's blessings and protection, etc. For Mass Stipends, the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines recommends a minimum donation of \$5 for an intention. However, one can donate more than \$5 for an intention in a Mass. You can book your Masses through: 1) the Parish offices 2) Parish E-mails 3) by surface mail addresses of our Parishes 4) Phone, via our respective Parish 5) by dropping them into the offertory collection baskets in sealed envelopes at Masses. You may indicate the particular days you may like to have the Masses said or celebrated in the Church. If the donor of the Mass Intention/s will be physically present at the chosen day, that will be wonderful. If not, the Mass Intention can still be celebrated. The Intentions will be published in our Parish Bulletin, indicating the names of the donor and the beneficiaries. There are many openings in our Mass Intention Books now. All the Mass Stipends belong to the Parishes where they are donated and where the Masses will be celebrated. Please, let us always pray for one another and for any other intention to our good, gracious, listening, caring, and benevolent Father all year round. May His peace, love and Blessings be with us, both now and for all eternity. Amen.

Fr. Eze Venantius Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp.

*"It is a favorable time to heal wounds,  
a time to offer everyone the way of  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation."  
- Pope Francis*

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To Clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

To Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

**The grass is green—it's time to mow!!**

If you are able to help in mowing the lawn around the church and rectory, and since we really don't have access to a sign up sheet, please contact MaryLou Wolhoy at 712-303-0100.

It costs \$45/mowing to have someone do it and saving on yard care would be great! Please consider making a donation if you are unable to volunteer time and equipment. Any amount would be helpful and can also be sent/given to MaryLou.



Your Gifts for God's Work	May 18-22, 2020
The Weeks Offering	\$1585.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,562.50
Over/(Below)	\$22.50
Monthly Goal	\$6,250.00
Total for Month of May	\$1,980.00

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 30	St. Clare, Clarinda: Holy Mass at 4 PM Sacred Heart, Bedford: Holy Mass at 6 PM
May 31	St. Joseph, Villisca: Holy Mass at 8:30 AM St. Clare, Clarinda: Holy Mass at 10:30 AM
June 2	St. Clare, Clarinda: Holy Mass at 5PM
June 3	St. Clare Holy Mass at 9AM
June 6	St. Clare, Clarinda: Holy Mass at 4PM Sacred Heart, Bedford: Holy Mass at 6PM
June 7	St. Joseph, Villisca: Holy Mass at 8:30AM St. Clare, Clarinda: Mass at 10:30AM

### Mass Intentions @ St. Joseph, Villisca:

May 31: Jim & MaryLou Schimeroski from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
June 4: Bob & Linda Schiltz from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling



### Mass Intentions @ St. Clare, Clarinda:

May 29: Silverius & Mariann Muenchrath from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
May 30: Andy & Mildred Bruck from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
May 31: Leo & Marie Dresen from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
June 2: Mary Feser from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
June 3: Joe & Irene Leuschen from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling  
June 5: Betty Langenfeld from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling

### Mass Intentions @ Sacred Heart, Bedford:

May 30: Joe & Mary Reischl and Gussie Malony from St. Joseph's Parish, Earling

TRUST GOD AT ALL  
TIMES, MY PEOPLE! POUR  
OUT YOUR HEARTS TO  
GOD OUR REFUGE!  
PSALM 62:1

Thank You to everyone who turned in their pledge cards for the Annual Diocesan Appeal thus far. Our parish goal is 100% participation so please prayerfully consider the amount you can contribute to reach our goal. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the appeal. A one time gift or a pledge to pay within a certain number of months can be made using the pledge card you may have received or visit [www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal](http://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal).



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As of May 22nd, St. Clare has had 17 donors respond with pledges and gifts of \$7,895 to bring the remaining balance to \$8,619 from the initial \$16,514 that we have been assessed. Thank you!

## BIRTHDAYS

5-30 Shane Walston  
5-31 Brandon Sleep  
6-1 Mary Eagen  
6-2 Kaleb Johnson  
6-4 McKenzie Slough  
6-4 Cindy Edwards  
6-4 Silas Irvan  
6-5 Cindy Morgan



### PLANNED GIVING: WILLS, BEQUESTS, BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENT PLANS, AND LIFE INSURANCE:

**TO: ST. CLARE, CLARINDA; SACRED HEART, BEDFORD; AND, ST. JOSEPH, VILLISCA:**

*The legacy we leave lies in the acts of charity, support and moments of kindness we provide to people we touch along the way. As Catholics, we are called to give in any way we can.*

The mission of the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa is to promote a legacy of giving and support within the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations within the Diocese of Des Moines.

Planned Giving through wills and estate bequests along with beneficiary designations of IRA, retirement plans, and life insurance plans are avenues that allow an individual to share their gifts with their parish. The Catholic Foundation can also facilitate gifts of real estate, stock, and gifts of grain to your parish, school, or Catholic organization/ministry that you feel a connection to and want to support.

The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa is here to support your wishes and look forward to having the opportunity to work with you. Please contact, Brooke Pulliam at 515-237-5080 or [bpulliam@catholicfoundationiowa.org](mailto:bpulliam@catholicfoundationiowa.org) to answer any question or set up an appointment today.

You may also contact your parish office to get more information.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10