

# May 28 – Feast of Pentecost

## COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

Today is the last Sunday of the Easter Season, or Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. Pentecost has been called the birthday of the church. (I remember once, back in the experimental seventies, actually singing “Happy Birthday” as part of the opening hymn. Hmmm.)

Today’s first reading describes a gathering of “devout Jews from every nation.” They were celebrating Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover and a day on which tradition held that the law was given to Moses. Suddenly, there is wind and tongues of fire and people speaking in different languages and understanding each other. After all this occurred, Peter stood up to explain and, at the end of his preaching, about three thousand professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized.

It is the Spirit’s work to make community out of individuals. And not just individuals from the same family or the same neighborhood or even the same race, class, or language. We are talking strange people! We are talking people we wouldn’t give a second glance. The Holy Spirit creates community out of those who are unlike us; people we don’t want to be lumped with.

Our church community is not always what we want it to be. We may be too slow to respond or too quick to change. Our leaders may be too conservative, too liberal, too worldly or too out-of-touch. Our gatherings may be too much about all that fellowship stuff or too cold and inhospitable.

Here’s the thing: nowhere in the gospels is there a suggestion that the Christian life is something we can do alone. Nowhere does it suggest that the church is a comfortable club of likeminded people. The church is messy and annoying and absolutely necessary to the Christian life.

That being said, a community formed by the Holy Spirit is an amazing experience. Usually we seek out likeminded people, folks who look like us, talk like us, think like us. Even for the most gregarious and open-minded folks, a few hours in the company of people whose ways are foreign to us is a strain, leaving us with fixed smiles and blank stares and a desire for solitude. At least, that’s what it does for me.

But there’s an experience of community in the Spirit when you want to come back for more. I find it among the women of different congregations in Church Women United. I find it in a group we call Neighbors United— Undoing Racism. I find it in my parish choir, where folks of every economic and educational background meet and sing and pray and find themselves commiserating about their children, bringing meals when someone is sick, and laughing about...nothing. Just laughing because it is precious to be together and know this is what is meant by “community.” Community in the Spirit will keep you young, give you courage when you are afraid, companionship when you are lonely, and help you find God in all things. (Paige Byrne Shortall)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

May 28 – Anna Walke  
June 4 – Harriet & Allen Kunz  
June 11 – Paul and Bonnie Harlemert

## MASS INTENTIONS

May 27 – Allie and Anna Walke  
May 28 – Lucille Simon  
June 3 – Kenny Walke  
June 4 – Sheila Tunny

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – June 3 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Morgan Busch, Ava Wagner  
*Lector:* Tara Johannigman  
*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner  
*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (*Hall*), Judy Steuri, Beth Simon

### Sunday – June 4 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker  
*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner  
*EM:* Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*), Kevin Tunny, Susan Schutte

### Saturday – June 10 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ella Wagner  
*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Carl and Joni Lunsford  
*EM:* Judy Steuri (*Hall*), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

### Sunday – June 11 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Donna Harlemert  
*Gifts:* Greg and Amy Kinker  
*EM:* Amanda Schutte (*Hall*), Leslie Hicks, Vicki Wagner

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$1793.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.69
Loose Collection	\$ 360.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2158.69
Capital Improvement	\$180.00
Catholic Communication	\$221.00
Missionary	\$1318.00

## MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL

<b>Electronic Giving for April</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections (7/1/22 - 4/30/23)</b>	<b>\$172,976.33</b>
<b>Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/22 - 4/30/23)</b>	<b>\$159,210.00</b>

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!**

**EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS** – This second collection supports our seminarians currently studying for future ministry in the Church. Please, if possible, be generous in supporting the educational needs of our future priests. Most importantly, pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**THANK YOU** – From Ripley County Food Pantry: “We want to thank you and all your students for the generous donation to the Food Pantry. It will be so helpful in purchasing food for the pantry. We have so many appreciative clients. Thank you again. Bill and Brenda Warren and all our volunteers.”

**MEMORIALS** – We received **\$1,360** in memory of Dot Stier. Continue to remember her in prayer, and may she intercede for us before her God!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Summer Religion for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 will be held on June 5, 6, and 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

The First Communion class will meet **each** evening of that same week from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

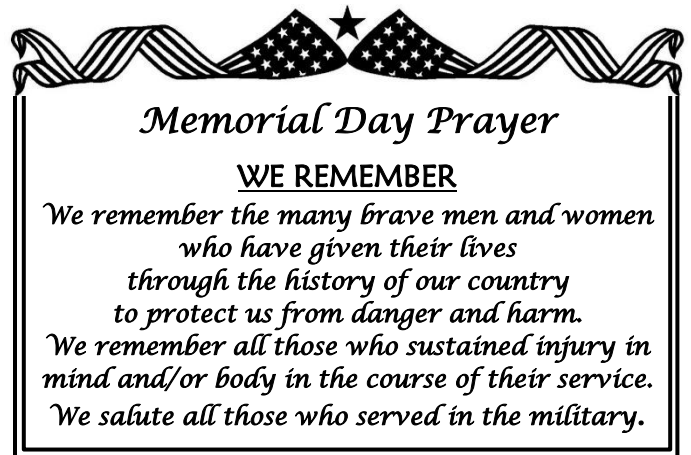
**BANNER PARTY:** The Banner Party for the First Communion class is on Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 PM. Parents are asked to bring a dessert and craft items.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Members of the Finance Committee will meet **Thursday, June 1, 5:30 PM. Please notice the change in time.**

**PARISH COUNCIL** – The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 1, 7:00 PM. Please notice the change in time.**

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – We can say that the Holy Spirit...knows how to bridge distances; he teaches us how to overcome them. It is he who connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person. With him, Christ’s words are not a memory, no: Christ’s words, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, come alive today! (Rome, June 5, 2022)

**THOUGHT TO PONDER** – “Praying is letting one’s own heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God’s children can merge and become tears of hope.” (Nouwen)



**4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

- June 3 – Steve Gilland, Eric Busch
- June 10 – Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner
- June 17 – Ken Hellmich, Dennis Wagner
- June 24 – Brian Horan, Ken Harmeyer, Jack Ferkinhoff (Side Door)

**10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**






- June 4 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
- June 11 – George and Mary Bultman
- June 18 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
- June 25 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

**175 YEARS** – From 1991 to 1994, Sister Carol Leveque, who previously served as Pastoral Associate and DRE at Millhousen and St. Denis, was the Parish Life Coordinator of St. Maurice, Immaculate Conception (Millhousen), and St. Denis. Sister initiated a major fundraising effort to restore the stained-glass windows in church. Sister Berenice Janszen then served as the Parish Life Coordinator for nine months. Father Joseph Rautenberg, who worked as a medical ethicist in Indianapolis, was the Sacramental Minister during this time.

In July 1995, St. Maurice was once again blessed with a resident pastor. Father William Ripperger, a native of St. Peter’s in Franklin County, brought stability back to the parish, along with compassion and a healthy dose of humor. With his encouragement, the congregation provided funds to refurbish the church, install a new furnace, improve parking areas, and do other necessary repairs in preparation for the sesquicentennial celebration.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Sign outside New Hope Baptist Church: "This Sunday! Blessing of the Animals. Barbecue after the service." (The Joyful Noiseletter, via Howard R. Macy)

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p><b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b></p>  <p><b>For the abolition of torture:</b> We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.</p>				Finance Meeting 5:30 PM  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM	 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - Noon  First Friday	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM  Blood Pressure Checks
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>  Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM  BP Checks  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall	Directory Meeting 11:00 AM					Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall  Eucharist Ministers Commissioned
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> Mass - 10:00 AM  Eucharist Ministers Commissioned  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall  First Communion Mass - 1:30 PM			 FLAG DAY		<b>Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>  	<b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>  Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
  11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM	<b>JUNETEENTH</b>		<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b>			<b>NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>  Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM   Retirement Party 5:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<b>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM						
<b>**COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL NOT BE SERVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.**</b>						