

# May 31 – Feast of Pentecost

**“AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME  
FROM THE SKY A NOISE  
LIKE A STRONG DRIVING WIND.”**



*As fire blazes in the wind  
you burst through  
all creation.*

*Not just in the upper room,  
in one place and time,  
but everywhere.*

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## **FORGIVE, FOR HEAVEN’S SAKE**

*“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”* These words were spoken by Stephen to those who were stoning him to death. Forgiveness is a hallmark of the Gospel message. We are commanded by God to forgive those who have sinned against us, even the most minor of offenses. The grace of Jesus’ resurrection will help us with the act of forgiveness. *Forgive so that you may be filled with Easter Joy.* (Excerpts from “The Word Among Us”)

## **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Week of May 31 – Dale Young  
Week of June 7 – Kenny Walke  
Week of June 14 – Nancy Schmalenberg  
Week of June 21 – Rita Young  
Week of June 28 – Phil Wittich

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

May 30 – Dale Young  
May 31 – Roy Bohman  
June 6 – Kenny Walke  
June 7 – Pat Hermesch  
June 13 – Phil Wittich  
June 14 – Don Gilland  
June 20 – Richard Wagner  
June 21 – Bonnie Harlemert  
June 27 – Dale Young  
June 28 – Mathias and Cleopha Werner

## **4/28/20 - 5/19/20 PARISH SUPPORT**

Sunday Collection	\$7330.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 641.00
Total Collection	\$7971.00
+ Holy Land	\$10.00
+ Church in Africa	\$10.00
+ Catholic Home Missions	\$140.00
+ Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
+ Cemetery Collection	\$80.00
+ Catholic Communication Campaign	\$20.00
+ Special Donations	\$250.00

<b>Electronic Giving for April</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections (7/1/19 - 5/19/20)</b>	<b>\$172,615.99</b>
<b>Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/19 - 5/19/20)</b>	<b>\$153,264.00</b>

**God Bless You!**

*“Humility tells us that suffering is an evil which we must always expect to find in our lives because of the evil that is in ourselves. But faith always knows that the mercy of God is given to those who seek him in suffering, and that by his grace we can overcome evil with God. Suffering, then, becomes good by accident, by the good that it enables us to receive more abundantly from the mercy of God. It does not make us good by itself, but it enables us to make ourselves better than we are. Thus, what we consecrate to God in suffering is not our suffering, but ourselves.”*

*~ Thomas Merton*

**REFLECTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**  
**ON COVID-19:**

+ It's been heartening to read stories of people who go out of their way to help others, such as the woman who helped the couple in their 80s by doing their grocery shopping; the 99-year-old WWII veteran in Great Britain who raised millions of pounds for Britain's National Health Service; the Christ Redeemer statue in Rio that was lighted up to pay tribute to countries affected by the virus, and another week lighted up as a tribute to medical professionals; and lastly, the story of the full rainbow that appeared on Easter Monday over the Hudson to the delight of New Yorkers.

+ I met a neighbor's daughter-in-law for the first time when she brought me an urgent message because I was away from the phone, working in the field.

+ A parishioner had some equipment he thought a nurse could use in her work, so he donated it to her.

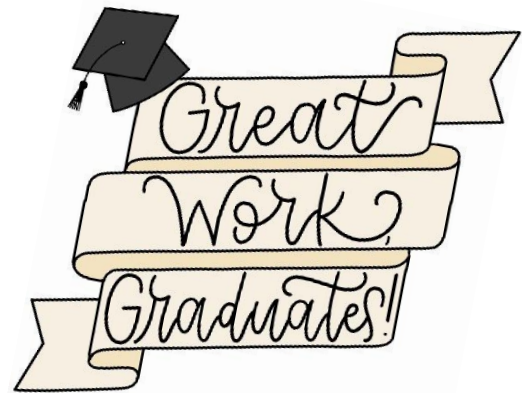
+ It has made me more aware of injustice in our own country: the disease has struck communities of color disproportionately due to a long history of discrimination in medical care; the homeless have much less protection than we who have a roof over our heads; the out-of-work are wondering how to feed their families and keep from having the water and electricity cut off; the members of poorer communities have no choice but to go to work and be exposed to the virus to a greater extent than we who wish we did not have to work from home; the powerful, greedy companies who take money which is meant for small businesses who are in desperate need to keep from going under.

+ Staying at home and working from home has given us more time with family. Being home has simplified life and made us realize the things that are truly important.

+ My son has become a better cook and is trying new recipes.

+ I have continued to work, but I have been saying a daily Rosary, which is something I had gotten out of the habit of doing, asking God's mercy on the whole world.

+ My daughter loves being a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband have accomplished many of the "someday" projects they had planned.



**OUR SENIOR GRADUATES**

*NEAL BOHMAN  
BLAKE FEISS  
KARA MERKEL  
BEN OBENDORF  
CONNOR TOOPS  
GRACE TRUESDELL  
PATRICK WAGNER  
OLIVIA WAGNER  
SETH WEISENBACH*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU**  
**AND ALL YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!**  
**WE PRAY FOR YOU AS YOU**  
**CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY**  
**OF FAITH AND LIFE!**

**ST. JOHN CHURCH** – There will be NO 12:00 noon Mass at St. John's. Their Mass will be on Saturday, 6:00 PM.

**REST IN PEACE** – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to Rita Ferkinhoff upon the death of her brother, Bernard Keene. May he now enjoy the blessings of Eternal Joy!

**FATHER JOHN** – Father John wishes to thank the ladies again for the meals that you prepared for him. He is progressing in strength quite well and may return soon. He returned some containers, which I have put in the kitchen area.

## LITANY OF TRUST

From the belief that I have to earn Your love,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear that I am unlovable,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the false security that I have what it takes,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From all suspicion of Your words and promises,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From anxiety about the future, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From restless self-seeking in the present moment,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From disbelief in Your love and presence,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of what love demands,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From discouragement, **Deliver me, Jesus.**

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You are with me in my suffering,

**Jesus, I trust in you.**

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That Your plan is better than anything else,

**Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That my life is a gift, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You will teach me to trust You,

**Jesus, I trust in You.**

That You are my Lord and my God,

**Jesus, I trust in You.**

That I am Your beloved one, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

**Amen.**

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## REMINDERS FROM THE LETTER YOU RECEIVED LAST WEEK:

- 1. If you are 65 years of age or older, you are highly encouraged NOT to attend Mass, at least through June. Remember the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed until August 15.**
- 2. You must wear a mask to Church. If you do not have one, the ushers will give you one as you enter church.**
- 3. Only the vestibule door will be opened for entrance, but you may use the side door as you exit church.**
- 4. You must observe the physical distancing standard of 6 feet apart.**
- 5. Hand sanitizers will be available as you enter church. You are also encouraged to bring your own to be used before you receive Holy Communion.**
- 6. Bulletins will continue to be sent by mail, or can be read on the webpage and Facebook.**
- 7. The Archbishop is asking that for the month of June, you attend your home parish and not a neighboring parish.**
- 8. You are encouraged to take your temperature before coming to Mass. The rule of thumb is anything over 100.4.**

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Sign seen in a Christian bookstore in Michigan: “You relax on a plane, even though you don't know the pilot. You relax on a ship, even if you don't know the captain. You relax on a bus, even though you don't know the driver. Why don't you relax in life knowing that God is in control?” (Author Unknown)