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Announcements

We welcome Bishop Chad to our parish of St. Francis. We thank him for his leadership and sacrifice to serve not only our country, but also our diocese.

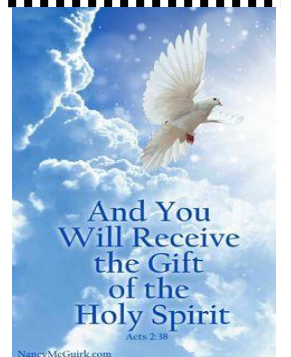
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 Fr. Tom will be in Kotz May19–May 24.

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 ACYC Youth Retreat June 5 – 9 Fr. Kuffel will be gone that week.

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 Ben Doudna, a native of Fairbanks and a seminarian for our diocese will be with us from June 12 – Aug 4. We welcome him and we pray for him to discern God’s will.

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 Focus Mission Group to come July 5 – 14 to Nome. We want to have a Vacation Bible Study Program for our children and youth.

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Please sign up!



St. Joseph			



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Stewardship

Death Becomes You?

Discussing death is difficult, but we know we need to talk about it. Instead of fearing our death we ought to prepare for it. How do we do that?

- Do you have a will?
- Do you have power of attorney?
- Do you have health and life insurance?
- Do you have an estate?

Today, we plan for our families to be taken care after our death. We plan our health care properly and have good nutrition and healthy habits, but we also need to plan that when we face life threatening illnesses and death itself that events go smoothly.

We have responsibility to our personal lives and to the members of our families not just when we are alive, but also when we die.

Death comes and we need to make sure that our loved ones know our desires. We need to have a will that explains our wishes.

Taking time to make a will is difficult because no one likes to discuss death, but when we have these difficult discussions when the time comes to face our death, we can focus on saying good bye. We can focus on our relationships and not on all the legalities and other decisions.

Stewardship is more than just giving to your favorite charity; it is making sure that your life is in order because at any time life can change dramatically.

The safest option is to designate a health care agent who not only understands our Catholic values but also shares them and can apply them to current situations and respond to questions as they arise.

Taking time to talk about death, estates, and wills is important.

Do it now before it is too late!

Why be Catholic?

Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church!

Pentecost was the harvest feast for Jews. It was the time to reap the bounty that the land provided.

Peter and the Apostles reaped the bounty not of the land, but of the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. They finally understood the teachings of Jesus. The Scriptures became not only alive in their hearts, but understood in their minds.

They began to see all the actions, miracles, and teachings of Jesus come together. His death made sense for He had to die to fulfill the Scriptures. He had to endure the rejection, driven by Satan, in order to free us from devil’s grasp.

The Spirit of the Lord fills us with the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Courage, Reverence (Piety) and Fear of the Lord.

The Spirit reveals our God given gifts and talents and shows us how to use them to help others and improve our own lives.

The Spirit gives us a mission to preach, teach, and witness. We are fearless when it comes to the truths of the faith and we confront evil, correct errors, and connect with empathy to friends and family.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost helps us harvest the one fruit that we all need and cannot live without; that is love.

We are made to love and made to be loved. Only in the Holy Spirit is our love purified that instead of using another person; we give our love to help the other person.

With the Spirit, we become loving, kind, faithful, joyful, peaceful, good, modest, generous, gentle, chaste and full of patience.

This is why we pray to the Holy Spirit and this is why we are Catholic!

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon May 22	6:00 PM	Kotz	St. Rita		Lisa Svobada+	Parish Council
Tue May 23	6:00 PM	Kotz			Nancy McGuire	
Wed May 24	No Mass	Kotz			T. Jordan+	
Thu May 25	7:00 PM	Nome	Ascension		J. Berberick+	
Fri May 26	8:00 PM	Nome			R. Huerttner	
Sat May 27	5:30 PM	Nome		J. Sullivan	Tvrdy Family	
Sun May 28	10:30 AM	Nome		S. Paniataaq	St. Jude	
Sun May	4:00 PM	Teller				



50 Days after the Resurrection, the Spirit of the Lord came upon the disciples in the shape of tongues of fire. This is Confirmation!

The disciples became fearless. They became inspired, passionate, even inflamed and boldly spoke what Jesus taught.

Finally, they understood the teachings of Jesus. It was not their study, their strength, and especially not their faithfulness, but it was the power of the Holy Spirit Who overshadowed them and filled them with zeal that gave them understanding. They became alive in their faith.

That is why Jesus tells us, *"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit"* (I Cor 12:3).

Many wonder why so many give up their faith, abandon their commitment, and lose their zeal? It is because they allow another spirit to inspire them. They allow another passion to grow in their heart. It is a passion and desire for earthly wisdom, earthly comforts, and earthly success.

Jesus did not come to give us earthly joy; but joy that is rooted in Truth. Today so many want the joys and comforts and pleasures of this world. They want earthly satisfaction; that is they are pleasure driven.

Jesus offers us his Spirit which is not driven by pleasures and possessions, but by commitment, sacrifice, and holiness.

Living in the Divine Spirit means our life has purpose and meaning way beyond just pleasure and desire. It seeks self-donation: through the Spirit we gift our life to someone we love.

That gift of self means we have a relationship based on a deep close, healthy friendship that clearly sets boundaries and has values that respect one another and correct another when doing wrong.

This Spirit makes us value healthy relationships and clearly sets boundaries that help difficult relationships to become healthier over time. In other words, we have healthy, happy, and holy friendships.

This Spirit gives us virtue, that is strength to make better anything life throws at us. We know all things work for the good and with His Spirit even the crooked paths are straightened and smoldering wicks are inflamed with life and love.

In other words, we become truly human. That is we have the Spirit of Divine Love coursing through our veins through which we have the strength and energy to foster meaning, intimacy, and virtue in our lives.

Jesus has the answer to our deepest desires. Instead of trusting in earthly and worldly pleasures that satisfy for the moment, Jesus offers us his Spirit, a Spirit of Truth and Love, Beauty and Intimacy, a Spirit of Love, Joy, and Peace. But to have this Spirit we have to trust in his ways – not ours. We have to trust in his cross which becomes ours. We have to take up the cross and follow Him for He gives us the courage to sacrifice our lives so in return, we may have his Life -- Abundantly!

