

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday Solemnity



“Receive The Holy Spirit”

Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, like the empty tomb of Easter, is hard for us to get our heads around. The Spirit’s presence is evidenced by faith in action – the faith of the early Church and our faith today. We know the Spirit is with us today because the Church continues to journey together in spite of our human frailty. There are still heroes among us who pay the prophet’s price. Like the disciples we are living in the days beyond the victory. We live the hope and the joy of the empty tomb here and now.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored by Jeanette Lackey
in memory of Evelyn & Erwin Albrecht.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, May 18
8:00 a.m. For the Sick of the Parish
- Thursday, May 19
8:00 a.m. Evelyn & Erwin Albrecht
- Friday, May 20
8:00 a.m. Daniel Fojtik Jr., Mary Patek
- Saturday, May 21
6:30 p.m. Sp. Intention – Moulton High School
Graduating Seniors
- Sunday, May 22
6:30 a.m. Victor Schoenfeld
9:30 a.m. Sp. Intention – Confirmation Candidates

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Most Holy Trinity*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Larry Seifert.**

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$17,080.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 2,785.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$14,295.00

Do please consider making a donation.

26th Annual Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



This year’s theme is *Barnyard Roundup*. The children will learn that Jesus, our Savior gathers us together as a good shepherd gathers his flock. They will explore Psalm 23 and other bible stories that show Jesus is always with us, cares for us, provides for our needs, leads us, forgives and protects us now and forever.

The program is open to young people of our community, age 4 through Fourth Grade. Students in Fifth Grade may volunteer to help. The fee for the VBS students will be \$10 per child to help cover the cost of craft materials, T-shirts and other incidentals: \$8 for helpers who want a T-shirt. The program is subsidized by the Church and supported by Church societies. Registration forms were distributed at the school this week, extra forms available at the Church entrance and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

Come, experience the farm-tastic fun where kids learn that Jesus is better than a BFF! He is there Savior, he knows them by name, rounds them up and brings them home. He is with us always and forever no matter what.

Registration deadline is June 13th.

No late registrations accepted.

ST. JOSEPH’S QUILTING CIRCLE UPDATE

The ladies have finished their first quilt for this year’s picnic. They will take a break for a couple of weeks before starting the next quilt. If you have some free time and would like to help quilt contact Betty Maskey.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Room
- WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall
- THURSDAY – KC Bingo, KC Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.
- SATURDAY – Confirmation Retreat. See article – Baccalaureate followed by Seniors Supper sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

REFLECTION

Witnesses of Christ with The Holy Spirit

When we hear the gospel reading of today, it is not uncommon to think “What I wouldn’t give to have been there! Such a momentous event would have certainly enlivened my faith and strengthened my resolve to serve others.” St. Paul however assures that we did not have to be there to receive the power of the Spirit. We have all been baptized into the body of Christ. As members of the body, we proclaim that Jesus, not any human power, is Lord. This is a real challenge in a world that holds up wealth and comfort, fame and power as idols to be worshiped. The Spirit has come to us not through a mighty wind or the breath of the Risen Lord, but through the waters of baptism and the oils of anointing. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. What is it for you?

Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit



*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation,
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 15 – Rudy Roznovsky
May 16 – Willie Pilat
May 20 – Calvin Klmitchek, Tina Trejo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 17 – Congratulations Betty & Ronnie Roznovsky
on your 30th Wedding Anniversary
May 18 – Julia & Brian Beran
May 19 – Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen
– Mary & Kenneth Kristynik

WELCOME

We welcome Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16 members to St. Joseph’s. They are here for the annual social/meeting.

Pentecost is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Paschal candle, which has been prominent in Church by the ambo since Holy Saturday, will now stand by the baptismal font.

After the intensity of Lent, Triduum and Easter, we return to Ordinary Time. We begin the Ordinary Time liturgies by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity next Sunday.

Everyday Pentecost

The Church views the mystery of salvation in its entirety. As the fifty days of celebrating Christ’s Resurrection comes to a close today, Easter is fulfilled when Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit” in the first light of dawn “on the first day of the week.” This is the story of God’s re-creation, of God’s establishing a new spiritual order through Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost is not simply a commemoration of a past event. It is the celebration of a mystery which happened once and for all time, but which also unfolds throughout time. It proclaims the permanence of the Holy Spirit. How else were the disciples to have the power to carry on Jesus’ mission in the world? This ministry could only be carried out in and through the Spirit. This Spirit continues to build the Body of Christ, of which we become members by baptism and the Eucharist. Pentecost, then, is not merely a feast we celebrate in red vestments at Mass.

Has the face of the earth been renewed? The Spirit has been poured forth and it works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed, each time human distinctions are recognized as merely human expressions of diversity, peace is restored and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigor of the Spirit of God; all we do is to open ourselves to it and the Kingdom of God is born in our midst.

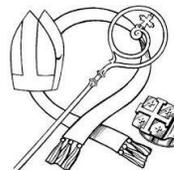
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

May 21 – Confirmation Retreat
– Baccalaureate

May 22 – Confirmation

July 10 -15 – Vacation Bible School (See article)

Confirmation Retreat/Confirmation



Bishop Fellhauer will preside over the Confirmation Mass here at St. Joseph’s next Sunday. Remember the candidates in your prayers this week as they make their retreat on Saturday in preparation

for the reception of the Sacrament.