

May 24, 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday Connection: The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

This weekend a second Collection will be taken up for Nepal. Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville and President of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has asked his brother bishops to take up a second collection for our affected brothers and sisters in Nepal. These funds will be used to support the efforts of CRS as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care as well as the long-term needs to rebuild the communities in the regions affected after widespread destruction.

There will be a **10 am Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 25, offered by Bishop Sirba at Calvary Cemetery** in Duluth near the mausoleum. Those attending should bring their own chairs.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **Wednesday, May 27, at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. If there is anyone you feel would benefit from the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Lana, 353-7714. Prayer shawls are given to those who have suffered a loss, are ill or caring for a loved one who is ill, or experiencing other difficulties. Any donation to purchase supplies would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate yarn, it usually takes about 4 skeins of SOFT yarn to make a shawl. Please join us if you knit or crochet and would like to be a part of this ministry.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding their **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** on **Friday, June 5**. Members are asked to sign up to help, if only for one hour. Church parishioners are also welcome to help us by working an hour or two at the Shopping Center. The proceeds go to the Activity Center at Knife River and the Special Olympics. Please contact Greg Johnson in person or call 226-3104.

Women's KC Auxiliary will have their potluck luncheon meeting on **Thursday, May 28 at Noon**.

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm**.

Save the Date for the **10th Annual Diocesan Assembly**. It will be held on **Saturday, October 10** at Marshall School.

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Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/23/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Carolyn Koenig</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Leann Buell Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	05/24/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Sue Bahar Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Lanay Frericks Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Thomas Rowlee Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE; ST. GREGORY VII; ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI</i>	05/25/15
Memorial Day		
Tuesday	<i>ST. PHILIP NERI</i>	05/26/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</i>	05/27/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer		
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY</i>	05/28/15
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for the Catholic Church</i> 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY</i>	05/29/15
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	05/30/15
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for our Holy Father</i> Reader.....Jody Buffman Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Susan Freicks Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	05/31/15
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Jerry Bahar Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Todd Curry & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lyle Shepersky, Joanne Connor, Vicky Johnson, Sharon Kelley, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Alma Ferris.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Mary (Baum) Bradley, Kennady Roberts, Diane Mayer, Diane Janousek, Ronny Morrison, Jody Reineccius, Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Emma Cavataio, Elsie McGuire, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Jim Morcomb.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like submit a prayer request; these request will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

The **Salad Luncheon** was a great success, filled with wonderful salads, beautiful artwork and enjoyable conversation. **Thank you to everyone** who helped in any way – planning, setting up, donating salads or money, cleaning up, and attending the event.

COMING SOON: A unique learning experience, **Altaration** will help you come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. **Altaration** is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire your soul to a deep and lasting love for the Mass and fully appreciate it's awesome beauty and mystery. Our study of **Altaration** will be on **Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning May 31**. All (teens, seniors, and everyone in-between!) are invited to attend, participate, and be transformed.

Camp Survive at Big Sandy Camp on August 3-7, 2015. Camp Survive is a 5-day junior high camp open to students who have completed grades 6-8. Activities at camp include talks, music, daily Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, games, swimming, archery, laser tag, survival training and more!!! The registration fee of \$245 includes all meals, a t-shirt, and lodging in cabins. Registration changes to \$255 after July 20, 2015, and camp may fill up, so register early! There is a link to the online registration on our parish website. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$1987.62
UCA.....	\$1020.66