

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday Solemnity



We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body
In contrast to the days of Babel, the Pentecost event not only respects but also celebrates the diversity of tongues. It is not that everybody present suddenly began to speak the same language, but that the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit could speak to everyone, no matter their culture. With the gift of the Spirit, the Church received the mission to announce the gospel message in every time and culture. In this age of communication, we more than any people in history, have the opportunity to appreciate the wonderful diversity God has cultivated in our world.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Mary & Ray Michalec in memory of Emmie & George Michalec.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 23
No Mass
Thursday, May 24
8:00 a.m. Alex Hrcncir
Friday, May 25
8:00 a.m. Curtis Billimek, Sybil Pustejovsky
Saturday, May 26
6:30 p.m. Venice Kouba
Sunday, May 27
6:30 a.m. Dianne, Yvonne & Julius J. Simper
9:30 a.m. Spec. 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: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially Gloria Haas, Rhonda Muehlstein, and Ronnie Pfeil.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for Mary Nieto & Esther Nieto.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$17,386.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 1,960.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$15,426.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Niki & Chad Chaloupka Rose Selzer
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck*

Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER UPDATE



The metal structure is being fabricated and on schedule to begin construction of the building at the end of the month.

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

Anonymos Parishioner - \$10,000

*In Memory of Eugenia Pustejovsky - \$500
Tim, Laura, Jayden & Brayden Pustejovsky*

In Memory of Antoinette Rothbauer

Annabell Garbade - \$20

Diane & Al Seifert - \$20

Mary & Joe Herman - \$20

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$253,972.14. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Joyce Kresta

Rose Selzer Doris Foster

Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff

In Memory of Antoinette Rothbauer

Mary Lou Dierschke Susan & Victor Kasper

In Memory of Frank Svetlik

Richard W. Brown Mary Lou Dierschke

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Joyce Kresta

Shirley Welfl Evelyn Kubicek

In Memory of Antoinette Rothbauer

Gladys Seifert Shirley Welfl

Evelyn Kubicek Marilyn Strmiska

Patsy Zamykal

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7 p.m., Family Room

TUES. & THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The Empowering Spirit

The coming of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles portrays a fulfilment of a promise made by Jesus in John 15:26-27; 16:12-15. On a basic level, Jesus not only predicts the future coming of the Spirit but expresses the life of the Trinity when he tells the disciples, "When the Advocate comes whom I will send from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

Mindful of the call in 1st Corinthians to become One Body, the call for all Christians is to put away the things that gnarl at the flesh and to become one with Christ Jesus. That is the foundation upon which the Church has been built that we also celebrate today. When all come together we "hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 20 – Calvin Klimitchek, Tina Trejo,
May 21 – Scott Filipp
May 23 – Patricia Kuntschik, Doris Simper
May 26 – Adela Beran

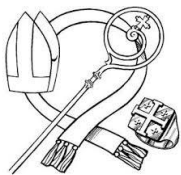
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 20 – Gloria & J. Isaias Manzano
May 22 – Ann & Leonard Kalisek
– Carla & James Meisetschleager
May 23 – Lisa & Kenneth Zidek

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

May 26 – Confirmation Retreat
May 27 – Confirmation
July 9-13 – Vacation Bible School. (*See article.*)

Confirmation Retreat/Confirmation



Bishop Cahill 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.

C.C.D. Registration: Parents who have not yet submitted the Registration Forms for the 2018-19 C.C.D. Year, *do turn in your forms to avoid late registration fees.*

Youth Ministry Center Donations

In Memory of Joyce Kresta

Gladys Seifert

Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck

Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 19 – 22

Forms available at the main entrance to church.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Please be generous.

We welcome **Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16** members to St. Joseph's. They are meeting here for their 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.

28th Annual Vacation Bible School July 9-13, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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 this week, extra forms available at the Church entrance and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org. *Come spend a week of fun, games and fellowship while learning about God. Registration deadline is May 31st. No late registrations accepted.*