

Daily Readings

Week of May 28, 2023

Sunday, 5/28: Acts 2:2-11/ Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34/
Cor]12:3-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

Monday, 5/29: Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 87:1-3,5/7/ Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, 5/30: Sir 35:1-12/ Ps 50:5-8,14,23/ Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, 5/31: Rev 12:9-16/ Isaiah 12:2-6/ Luke 1:39-56

Thursday, 6/1: 1Cor 1:18-25/ Ps 34:2-9/ Mt 5:13-10

Friday, 6/2: Sirach 44:1,9-13/ Ps 149:1-6, 9/ Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, 6/3: Sirach 51:12-20/ Ps 19: 8,9,10,11/ Mt 5:1-12



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Pentecost Sunday

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Schedule for June 4, 2023

Lector: Eli

Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family

Servers: Kevin, Declan

Money Counters: MaryA K/Mary A M

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Today's Mass Intention

Deloris Eganhouse

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



PASTOR SPEAKS

Feast of Pentecost: *Guidance from the Holy Spirit*

Happy Feast of Pentecost— it's the birthday of the Church! Do you feel you are a part of this momentous event? Yes, you are! You may not have lived in the first century or have been in the Upper Room with Peter and the rest of the apostles, but you are still an integral part of this rich experience of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let me share a story with you. A little black boy was out during a city carnival. As he moved around, he was attracted to a man who was filling the atmosphere with colorful balloons. He would blow air into the balloon, tie it and release it to fly. While captivated by the colors of balloons flying in the sky, the little boy noticed that there was no black balloon among what he saw flying. So he asked the man, who was flying them, "Sir, can black balloons fly too?" Just then, the man gave a gentle smile, and stepped back, looked through the balloons, picked a black one, filled it with air, and discharged it into the air. It didn't take long for the boy to see a black balloon in the air. Then the man came to the boy who was now smiling and said to him, "Son, black balloons could fly too; it's not what is outside but what is inside." It's the air inside that causes all balloons to fly regardless of the color.

Similarly, on the day of Pentecost, all the disciples gathered in the Upper Room received the Holy Spirit and individual gifts. All of us can be filled with the Holy Spirit and be filled again and again.

What is more, whether you are older or younger, cradle Catholic or new to the faith, the Holy Spirit can be present to you in ways you can't imagine. We have Him, but unless we follow his guidance, his leading, we won't experience his full presence and support for our lives.

As Christians, there are many situations we need guidance. We need to decide whether to be in a particular place, take a specific job, go to a particular school, do a specific program, do this or that for family and friends, etc.

In these and other scenarios, we need guidance, the little nudges or words of encouragement from the Holy Spirit to act well. The Holy Spirit can guide us towards the best actions.

How do I know that the Spirit is guiding me? 1. What the Spirit asks you to do **NEVER** ends in fear. 2. What the Spirit asks you to do **NEVER** keeps you in apprehension. 3. What the Spirit asks you to do, you will **FEEL** it in your soul that it is the right thing to do (Romans 8:14-16).

However, at the very least, we should **RECOGNIZE**, **RESPECT**, and **RESPOND** to the Holy Spirit to gain all these benefits for a happy, fulfilled life. Happy Pentecost!

- What a celebration we had here last week when Bishop Pates confirmed four of our youth: Lily Carlson, Eli Dies, Nathan Rickels and Grady Saeur! Thank you to Sarah, parents and their teachers through the years who helped them prepare for this important day in their faith life. Thank you all for decorating, cleaning, baking and serving delicious kolaches, cinnamon rolls and cookies. Thank you to our servers who did a great job in helping Bishop Pates, Deacon John and Father Andrew with Mass and the Confirmation Rite. Thanks to the choir for preparing such beautiful music. Thanks to those who did the early work of setting up tables and chairs, and then the clean-up work of taking down tables and chairs. Most of all, thank you to our church family who were able to share and celebrate this sacrament with them. We are so blessed to have a supportive and caring family at Sacred Heart.



- We congratulate Kristina Agnitsch and Colleen Coon for accepting the call to be new members on the Parish Council. Thank you for saying "yes" ladies!
- The next Guild meeting is June 5th in the library at 6:30.
- Refreshments Committee for June 4th is: Amber Fall, Julie Ahrendesn and Mary A. Kouba
- Shirley Curley recently had hip surgery and is recovering alone in her home. She would appreciate your prayers for a speedy recovery and maybe a phone call or visit.



Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

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