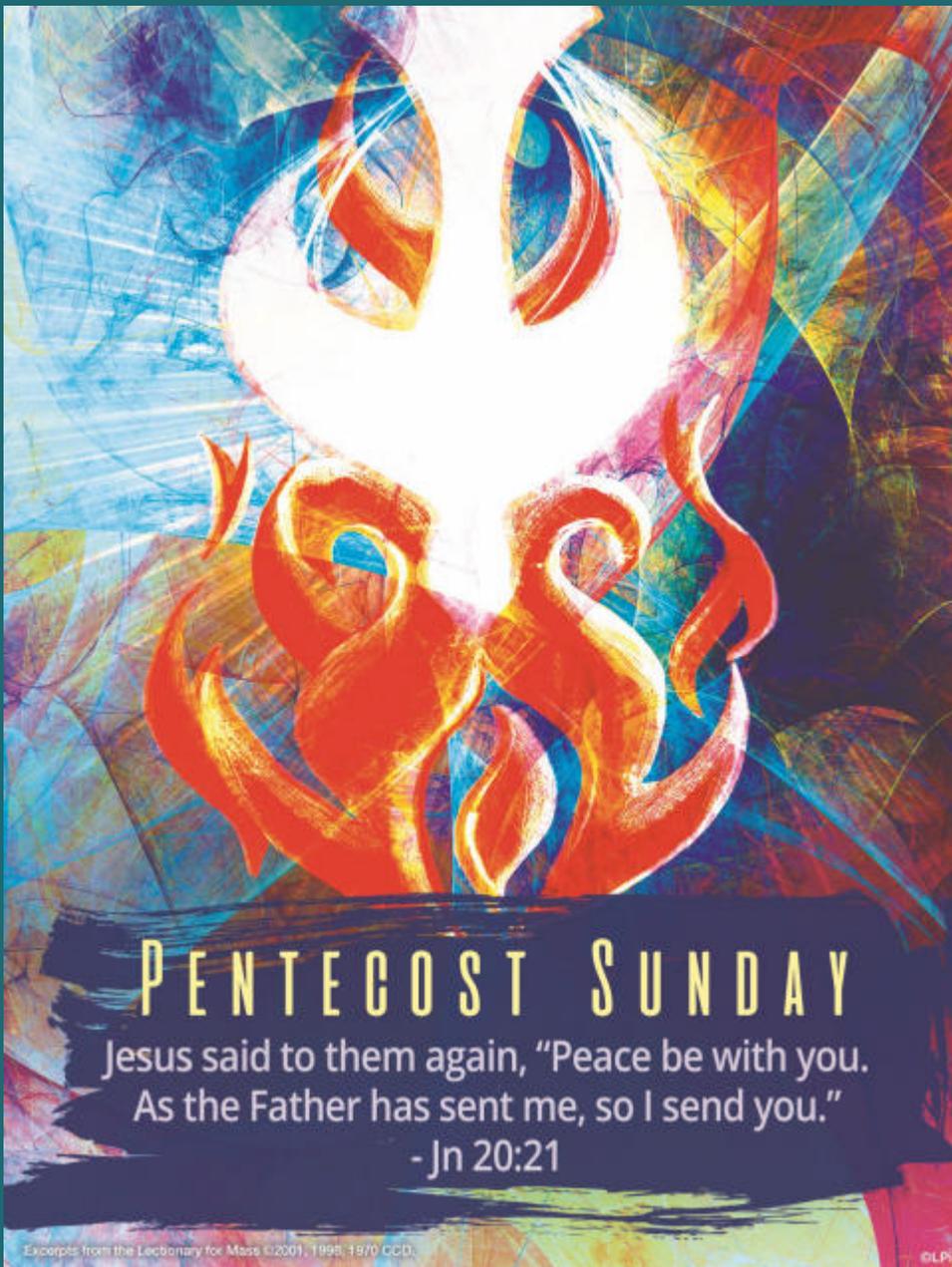


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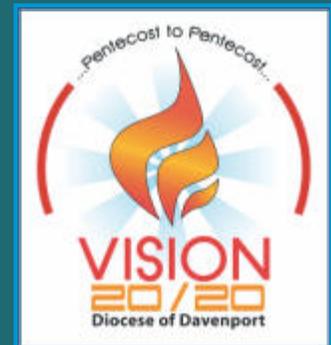
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- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

DATE: May 23, 2020
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RE: Churches in the Diocese of Davenport Opening Next Week for Private Prayer

From Bishop Thomas Zinkula:

The desire of the faithful for Communion – with Christ in the Eucharist and with each other in person – is sacred and holy. Hopefully, we can return relatively soon to the public celebration of the Mass and their longing will be fulfilled. Until then, we will continue to stay close to the Lord and one another by means of personal prayer.

The process of reopening the churches for private prayer and resuming the celebration of public Masses will be reasonable, responsible and gradual. It will occur in three steps. Unfortunately, we likely will have to maintain physical distancing for quite some time. Throughout this process, all Catholics in the Diocese of Davenport are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Step 1 reopens the churches for private prayer if a process of regular cleaning and disinfection can be maintained. Since the number of new COVID-19 cases, deaths, hospitalizations, and percentage of positive tests has begun to trend down, parishes may open their churches for private prayer, beginning the week of May 25, at the discretion of the pastor.

Everyone must wear face protection. No more than ten people may be in the church at any one time. There is no public celebration of the Mass. The celebration outside of Mass of Baptisms, weddings, and funerals can include up to ten people. Adoration chapels remain closed.

Step 2 resumes public Masses with some restrictions. Now that the churches are reopened, the data from the Iowa Department of Public Health will be monitored, and if it continues to show a downward trend for fourteen days, we will begin to celebrate public Masses once again.

At that time, public worship may take place at the discretion of the pastor if physical distancing, cleaning and disinfecting can be maintained. Everyone must wear face protection. Those who are at a greater risk of infection due to age and/or health condition should stay home.

Participants maintain six-foot distancing by sitting in every third pew and horizontally apart from other households. Distancing also should be maintained while gathering, during the Communion procession, and following the Mass. Singing should be omitted.

Other church spaces may be used in addition to or instead of the church itself if physical distancing is maintained. Outdoor spaces on church property may be used either as overflow or with Mass celebrated entirely outside. Audio should be provided.

Public celebration of Exposition and Adoration may take place if limited to thirty minutes, physical distancing is maintained, and face protection is worn. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not to visit homes. Pastors will be given the faculty to administer Confirmation.

Step 3 relaxes some of the liturgical restrictions. This will occur when data support the conclusion that we are between pandemic waves (reduction to low and constant or decreasing numbers for at least fourteen days).

At this time, seating in every other row can occur, and a six-foot distance should be maintained between households horizontally. Cantors may be used but without choirs or hymns. The Gloria, psalm and responses may be sung.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals may be celebrated at Mass. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who are not at high risk of infection may make home visits to the sick (not COVID-19 patients) if necessary. Communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is discouraged.

Once there is “herd immunity” – probably through the wide availability of a safe and effective vaccine – there will be a return to “normal” liturgical practices, initially with the kind of precautions taken during the flu season.

Honor Your Father and Mother

This Sunday is Pentecost, the day when the Church began in that upper room with the descent of the Holy Spirit God sent to inspire and give courage to the Apostles to go out and spread the Good News. We must remember that is our mission, too, just as it was two thousand years ago. We inherited this Church from our parents and our grandparents. It was important to them to pass along this faith to us. Amid all the blessings we have received in life, the most important is sometimes taken for granted, the gift of our Catholic faith.

Our ancestors walked this journey before us, and through them, the faith was passed to us. They knew, as do we, that evangelization begins in the home, and we know we have their support and prayers to continue passing the faith to the next generation. God gave us his values in the Ten Commandments to guide our choices. They are His personal dos and don'ts, and they are infallible, which is why they are called the Ten Commandments, not the 10 Options.

In the Fourth Commandment, God says, honor your parents, because how can we honor our heavenly Father, whom we can't see, if we don't honor our earthly father and mother, whom we can see? God has willed that, after Him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. In this Commandment we are obliged to honor, respect, and offer gratitude to all our elders and ancestors. Through them we learned to respect the traditions, the structures, and the institutions of our faith.

So one thing we can do during this time of separation from the Mass is turn our focus to honoring our parents and evangelizing within our homes. If our parents are alive, we can give them a call and thank them for all they've done for us. We can tell them we love them and thank them for the gift of our Catholic faith. In addition to a call, we can also write

them a letter, acknowledging something special they said or did towards our faith formation.

Even if our parents are deceased, we can still honor them. We can write them a letter thanking them for all they did. We can tell them we love them and ask for forgiveness for any dishonor we afforded them, like rudeness or self-centered behavior. Then we can put that letter in a drawer, and even though they will not be able to hear our letter, God will hear it. He will see our humility and obedience as an offering of love.

And finally, as grandparents, we need to know that our witness to our kids and grandkids matters. Praying for them, and letting them know they are being prayed for, teaches them that there are people who take God seriously. Continuing in our faith even when our adult children or grandchildren have walked away from it does make a difference. Sharing what our faith means to us is important. We don't need to be pushy. We simply need to be ourselves and continue to grow in our faith. A faithful life plants seeds of faith for others, whether or not we see the harvest, and continuing to grow in our faith might just be the most powerful witness of all.

Our Church and our faith are gifts we have been given by those who have gone before us, and now it is our turn. We must decide what kind of Church we want to pass along to the next generations. We are baptized believers, disciples of Jesus Christ, and it is the mission He, along with our ancestors, gave us. We need to honor that and carry on the faith!

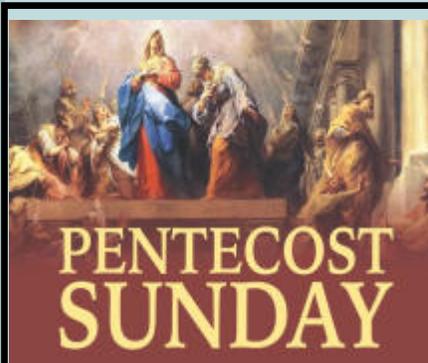
Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



Gage Michael Schanze was baptized last weekend! His parents are Amanda and Craig Schanze of Sts. Philip and James parish. Congratulations to all!!

First Reconciliation took place last weekend at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Those receiving this sacrament were:

Kenny Marshall son of Marty and Ashley Marshall
Sophia Hovey daughter of Heather & Ramon Gilroy
Hope Holtapp daughter of Clint Holtapp
Sue B Zeller was the class mentor. Congratulations!



Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." – Jn 20:22-23



The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, Dick Nodurft, Natalie Regan, & Carolyn Schwien
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Leonard Lasack, Rhonda Murphy, Carmie Nowachek, & Marilyn Stevenson

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EWTN Daily Mass—
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception— <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Daily Mass on YouTube - [Catholic Mass Today](#)

Archbishop Jackels online for Mass each Sunday morning at 9:00 am until public Masses resume: www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on Facebook—Mass, family rosary, praying together, etc.—Follow the page to join.

St. Joseph Catholic Church on Facebook— Mass—Follow the page to join.

Dope Francis Prayer Intention For May

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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