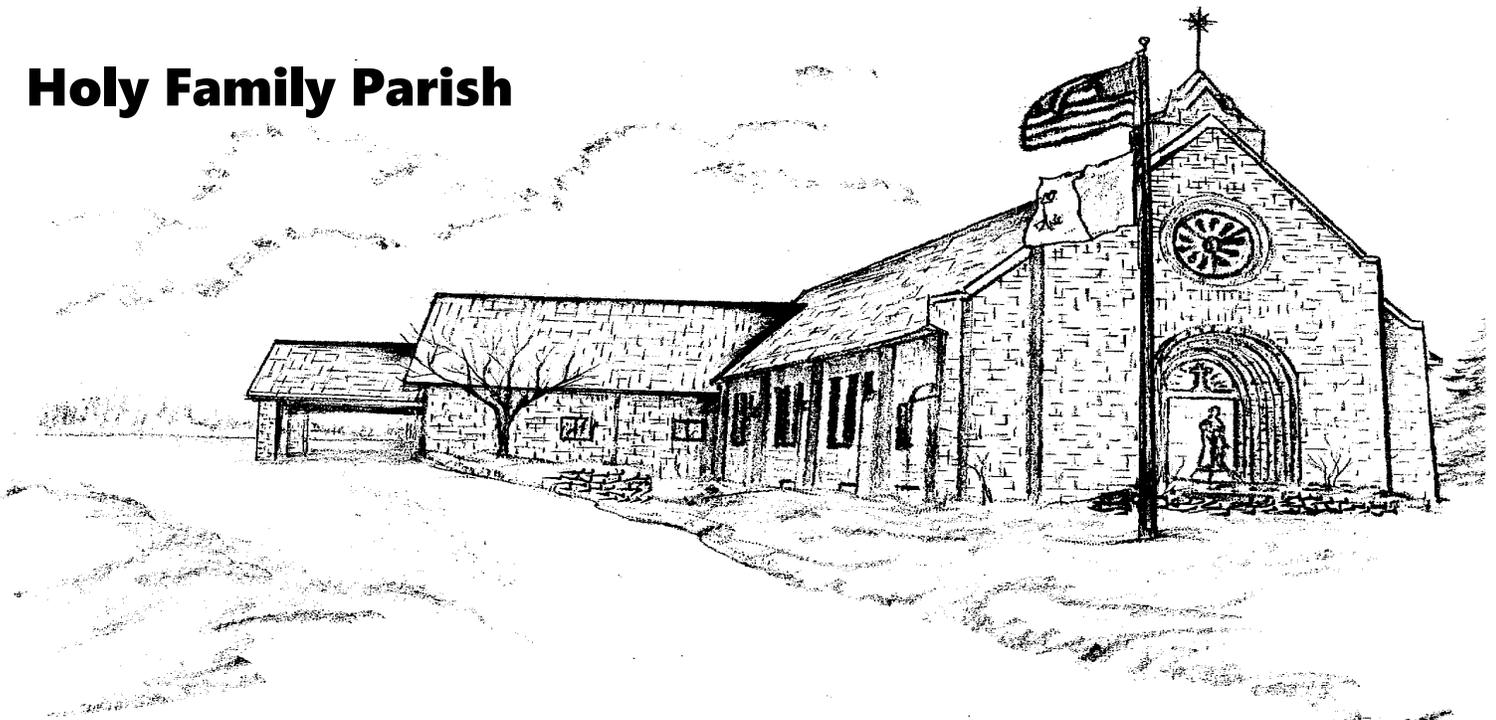


# Holy Family Parish



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## Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021

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### Finance Council Members

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

### Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Diane, Bob Gascon, Brevyn Willford, Barb, Dale*

*Duane Marenger, Kambria, Angie Cafmeyer, Kermit Larson*

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### The Eucharist (Cont.)

**Worthy Reception of the Holy Communion:** Every baptized Catholic who has already received the First Communion is eligible to receive the Holy Communion at every Mass he/she attends, provided the person is not in grave sin. The unworthy reception of the Eucharist never brings any grace to the recipient; rather it brings the condemnation or punishment of the Lord. St. Paul is very emphatic about the worthy reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. In 1Corinthians 11:27-29 St. Paul explains how worthy and careful we should be when we approach the Body and Blood of Christ. Paul writes, “**Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself” 11:27-29**). Paul’s instruction is self-explanatory. It is clear that by the unworthy reception of the Eucharist one leaves after Mass, committing another mortal sin. It is our duty to examine and see how worthy we are to receive the Eucharist. In case of mortal sin in us, better abstain from the Holy Communion and approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the earliest possible. Only at the Confession our mortal sins are absolved. If we have only venial sins, we are eligible to receive the Eucharist making an act of contrition. That is why in the beginning of every Mass the priest invites the faithful to make the act of contrition. If you have doubts about the gravity of certain acts you have committed, better approach the priest and get the things clarified. He will be the right person to clarify your doubts. It is possible that certain things which you consider as grave may not be the same and certain things you think are venial or light, can be the grave.

As per the precept of the Church, we have to observe one hour fast before we receive the Holy Communion. It means we are not allowed to take any sort of food, alcoholic beverages or juice. Water and medicine may be taken, even right up to the time of receiving Holy Communion. But the sick are exempted from this rule for medical reasons. If we receive Holy Communion not fasting, we commit a sin of sacrilege.

Always the faithful are advised to prepare themselves well for the Eucharist. Preparation for the Holy Communion consists in meditating attentively and devoutly for a while on what we are about to receive and making diligent acts of faith, hope, and charity and contrition. Thanksgiving after Holy Communion consists in meditating attentively and devoutly for a while on what we have received and in making acts of faith, hope and charity, with good resolutions, acts of gratitude and petitions.

When a person has already received Communion, he/she can receive it again on the same day as Viaticum (*Holy Communion received when in danger of death*). A person who attended Mass and received the Eucharist in the morning can receive at another Mass, provided that Mass is offered for a special occasion like, wedding, funeral, jubilee celebrations etc.

**Who is not allowed to Receive the Holy Communion?:** *As I have already mentioned in the beginning, anyone who is in grave sin or mortal sin are not allowed to receive the Eucharist, unless he/she receives the Sacrament of Confession first.* Secondly, **the Catholic Church does not allow inter-Communion.** In other words the non-Catholics are not allowed to receive Holy Communion at the Catholic Mass though they attend it. And also a Catholic who attends a worship service in a Protestant Church is not allowed to participate in their Communion service, if there is one. But according to the new law the members of the Greek Orthodox Church are allowed to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church and vice versa. Thirdly, a Catholic couple who got married outside of the Catholic Church is not allowed to receive the Eucharist or any other Sacraments, but only at the point of death. In the danger of the death the priest is allowed to hear the confession of such a person and also he can give the Sacrament of the anointing to the person. But if he/she recovers and continues in the same state of invalid marriage, the person has to abstain from the Holy Communion, though he/she is allowed to participate in the Mass. Sometimes people get a little confused about the stand of the Church regarding the divorced couples. Of course, divorce is considered to be very unfortunate and sad; but the Church does not prohibit the divorced couples from receiving the Holy Communion, provided they remain single. They are allowed to get married in the Catholic Church provided they undergo the process of annulment and get their marriage declared null and void by the diocesan Tribunal.

**(We will Continue next week).**

## *Eighth Week in Ordinary Time*

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our special Intentions 6:30 P.M. - Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Tues.	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi, Virgin</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Donald Plourde
Wed.	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Philip Neri, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Helen Ness
Thurs.	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Mary Jane Peltier ----- Parish Office Closed
Fri.	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Roy and Ann Nadon ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Paul VI, Pope;BVM</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Darlene Smith
Sun.	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Most Holy Trinity</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Marion Sodergren

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

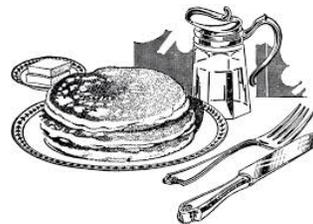
74 envelopes were returned for Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,793.00
Loose.....	156.00
General Maintenance.....	30.00
Fuel.....	30.00
The Word Among Us.....	40.00
Raffle Ticket Donation.....	50.00
Votive Lights.....	6.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,105.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Overage..... \$ 318.17**

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	35.00
Diocesan Collection.....	20.00

### Council 640 Knights of Columbus News



Because of the virus our Council has been unable to hold our Seminarian Breakfast Fundraiser the last two springs, so we are holding a **virtual type fundraiser**. We encourage

parishioners to send a check for the cost of a meal to help us raise funds for this worthy cause. Checks should be made out to Council 640 Knights of Columbus and mailed to Harold Flagstadt at 4048 County 416 20<sup>th</sup> Road, Gladstone, MI 49837.

***Just a little reminder....***If you have changed your landline to a cell number please contact the parish office with the new number and if you have an email that would be great too!!!!

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** - If a parent takes one step into the world, his children will take two.
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** - O keep me sweet, and let me look Beyond the frets that life must hold, To see the glad eternal joys; yes, keep me sweet, in growing old.
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** - With Jesus at my side I have nothing to fear, even on the heights.
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** - If you cannot make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark.
- May 27<sup>th</sup>** - I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.
- May 28<sup>th</sup>** - Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Don't wait for something to turn up. Get a spade and dig for it.

To parents: It is very important that children learn from their fathers and mothers how to love one another. Not in school, not from the teacher, but from you. It is very important that you share with your children the joy of loving others. There will be misunderstandings. Every family has its cross, its suffering, but always be the first to forgive with a smile. Be cheerful, be happy. ~ Mother Teresa



Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar should be back on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Again this year we will be having the bucket raffle. It is the generosity of our parishioners that made this so successful in the past. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact the parish office or e-mail the parish at [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday**  
Gn 3:9-15,20  
Jn 19:25-34

**Wednesday**  
Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17  
Mk 10:32-45

**Friday**  
Sir 44:1,9-13  
Mk 11:11-26

**Tuesday**  
Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

**Thursday**  
Sir 42:15-25  
Mk 10:46-52

**Saturday**  
Sir 51:12cd-20  
Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday**  
Dt 4:32-34,39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**William Frazer**

*who recently passed into eternal life.*  
*Our deepest condolences are extended*  
*to his family and friends.*

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual*  
*light shine upon him.*  
*May he rest in peace.*

**THE FEAST OF PENTECOST; Cycle – B; May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**  
**Acts 2:1-11; 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Every year the Jewish people celebrate three major feasts, such as the *Passover, Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacle*. Similarly the Christians also celebrate three major feasts; **the Christmas, Easter and Pentecost**. *When we, hear the word Pentecost, what comes to our mind is the dramatic descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in the form of fiery tongues*. But the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with the Jewish Pentecostal celebrations. Though the Jews were familiar with the Spirit of God, the idea of Holy Spirit is found only in the New Testament. The literal meaning of the word Pentecost is 50, as it commences exactly on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Passover celebration. Originally, it was a harvest feast which began when the Jews settled in the Promised Land. On that day people brought mainly the harvested fresh wheat to the Temple and offered it to the Lord. Later the Sinai Covenant was attached to it. The Jews believed that God made the Covenant with Israel on the 50<sup>th</sup> day of their Exodus from Egypt.

The Christians called the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit Pentecost for two reasons. First of all it took place on the day of the Jewish Pentecostal celebration. Secondly, according to Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, it is believed that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the 50<sup>th</sup> day of the resurrection of the Lord. This event was important in the lives of the apostles; first of all, this was the day of the birth of the official Church and also it was a turning point in the life of the apostles. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles bears witness to the dramatic changes taking place in the lives of the Apostles. The very Peter who denied his Master being afraid of the question of a servant girl could stand among the crowd and courageously speak about the Christ crucified and risen. Even their adversaries could not but admit that something unusual happened to these men in the upper room. According to the Acts of the Apostles, that very day 3000 people accepted Christ. But the Holy Spirit added more numbers to the Church on daily basis.

It is bit surprising to notice that in the four gospels we don't find any mentioning of the Pentecostal event at all. The synoptic gospels mention very little about the Holy Spirit. Whereas in John Jesus speaks at length in his farewell speech about the Holy Spirit and he calls the **Spirit as 'Advocate.'** And also only John says that Jesus gave his apostles the Holy Spirit though not in a dramatic way. In John chapter 20:23 he gives in one verse as how Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit. John writes, **“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said**

**to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”** According to John this is the Pentecostal experience of the apostles which happened on the same day of the resurrection. We don't know why the Evangelists remain silent about the Pentecostal Event when they wrote the gospels.

On Pentecost day two important things happened. First of all the Holy Spirit removed the fear and uncertainties from the hearts of the apostles and they were filled with courage. Secondly, according to the Acts of the Apostles the people from different nationalities who spoke different languages understood the speech of Peter who may have spoken in Hebrew or Aramaic, in their own languages. Hence the Holy Spirit removed the language barrier which took place at the construction of the tower of Babel (Gen11) where God diversified the one language of the people.

Jesus promised the apostles the Holy Spirit as an advocate who would support them in their struggles and help them to build the Church. He is the unifying force in the Church and in the individuals' life. He is the symbol of unity, healing and love. As we know for 1500 years the Church remained one despite the persecutions and struggles she had to undergo. But the moment the Church leaders leaned on material and political power, instead of trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church started falling apart. Ever since the Pentecost, Jesus acts in the Church and in our lives only through the Holy Spirit. Very often people forget to pray to the Holy Spirit. The Church teaches that through the Holy Spirit we receive the sanctifying grace by which we receive the **virtues of faith, hope and charity**. If we see a lot of dissensions and disunity in the Church and the families, no doubt it reflects the absence of the Holy Spirit; if today the violence is increasing in the world, no doubt the Holy Spirit is absent in the lives of people; if you face constant struggles and failures and cannot overcome them, then you need to check your relationship with the Holy Spirit; if you harbor hatred, ill feelings and unforgiving attitude towards your neighbor, and cannot love them, no doubt the Holy Spirit is absent in you. We have to make sure that we pray to the Holy Spirit every day for guidance and for strength to fight against the temptations and evils. This great feast invites us to renew our faith and trust in the Holy Spirit and encourages us to seek the help of the Spirit in all our struggles.