



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PENTECOST SUNDAY
 May 24, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

May 23	5:45pm	+Bob & Carmen Elken req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
May 25	10:00am	Remembering All Who Served
May 27	5:30pm	Communion Service
May 30	5:45pm	Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Jose Antonio Rickarday req. by Roxanna & Mark May Parish Family of St. Patrick
June 3	5:30pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Dan Phelan req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella
June 6	5:45pm	+Deceased Members of the Jim & Rita Phelan Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
May 23 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
May 30 - 5:45pm	Mark May	L. Cakora
June 6 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	P. Engler
June 13 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

MEMORIAL DAY MASS
MAY 25 - 10:00AM -
IN CEMETERY
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT
WEATHER MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED
IN CHURCH

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of May 24, 2026**

Sunday Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
5/17/2026**

Sunday - \$943.00

Ascension of Our Lord - \$70.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1211.54
Thank you for your faith filled support.

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
MAY**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.


Please Remember our sick: especially:

Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

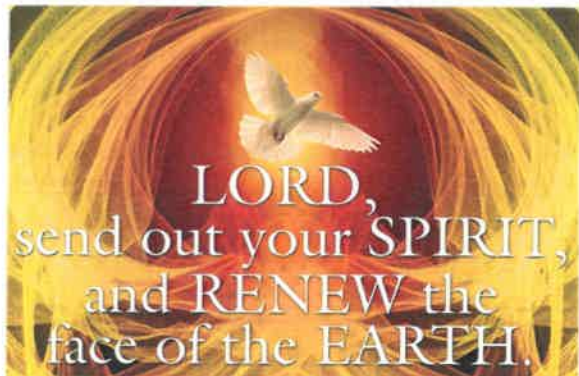
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
+DAN PHELAN
Req. by The Dan
Phelan Faily**





MEMORIAL DAY

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
IN OUR CEMETERY
AT 10:00AM
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT
WEATHER
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
IN CHURCH**



**BRING A
OUTDOOR
CHAIR
FOR SEATING.**

Are you widowed and still hurting?
Please join us.

What: Attend a Joyful Again!

2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: May 30th & 31st 2026

Where: St Joan of Arc Parish

No Overnight Accommodations available

For further information,

call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org



From pre-med to priesthood – one man’s answer to God’s call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he’s preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

"I finally knew what I was being called to do."

– Joshua



**Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community**

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$4,085.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$3,335.00

DONORS - 22

Filled with the Same Spirit

A week before Pentecost in 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was killed by a white police officer. Despite raucous public outcry over how Floyd was treated in his last moments of life and his resulting death, this was not the only, but rather the most publicized, situation of what many considered racial profiling and unfair social justice.

My husband and I are of Eastern European descent. Because of the beautiful gift of adoption, three of our adult children are Guatemalan – a mix of Spanish and Mayan. Two of our grandchildren are Guatemalan and African American. I do not need to follow high profile news cases to know that racial discrimination continues to separate us. Sometimes a subtle action or stare from a stranger will tell me that my grandchild is not safe; other times it is a blatant comment made by a family member that turns my stomach.

When I search for books with little girls that look like them, I find many that focus on self-confidence. "I am strong. I am beautiful. I am intelligent." What is lacking are books in which the characters in a plotted story, fairytale, or children's Bible, are anything but white. I am often dismayed at the lack of depiction of children who look like them.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit blew in to gather "devout Jews from every nation under heaven" so that, together, they could be "sent forth to renew the face of the Earth." And yet, we continue to separate. We still see fear of another's race prevent a true manifestation of the Body of Christ as one with different spiritual gifts. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit."

On this day dedicated particularly to the Holy Spirit, when the Lord shows us how we are all one but have different gifts, how can we still be so divided? When will the calamities within our nation be enough that hearts will be changed and people of all races will be respected.

The fruits of the Spirit have no relation to violence, fury, death, and destruction. They are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." I try to envision today's Gospel applying to our nation today: "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" - By Beth Casteel

Pentecost Sunday

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Evening
Doors
Locked
Stood
Peace
Hands
Side
Rejoice
Breathe
Spirit



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Pentecost Sunday See the Holy Spirit

In the readings on Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit is described as a driving wind and tongues of fire. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, we seem to be able to picture the Spirit only in terms of what the Spirit does. In our second reading, Paul tries to explain just that. Though the English translation sounds vague, let's jump in.

First, Paul says that we cannot know Jesus as Lord without the Spirit. The Spirit is the way Jesus is present today, so anyone who truly believes in Jesus is guided by the Spirit. The Spirit never contradicts Jesus, so anyone claiming to have new knowledge that is opposed to what Jesus taught is not using the Spirit. So, for example, if someone starts a cult that teaches that we no longer need to love our enemies, we know that the Spirit is not in them.

Second, Paul acknowledges that the Spirit works in many ways. As examples, he mentions there are many different gifts and services in the church. He emphasizes that all these differences come from one and the same God. Even today we see this happening; people serve the Church in different ways and with different abilities. People even have different ways of looking at things. Some have more patience than others, some are better listeners, and some are great organizers. The point is that all these differences come from the same source, God.

When we think of the strength of the Church, we usually think of its unity, i.e., one baptism, one faith, one Lord. But we also draw strength from the diversity of gifts and services that people offer to God. No one person can do all it takes to bring the world to Christ. Even Jesus shared his work of spreading the gospel with his disciples. If sin brought a multitude of problems to the world, then the Spirit brings a multitude of gifts to help us through these problems. As Paul says, this diversity of gifts is all part of one Body of Christ. So look at the gifts of those around you, and you may be able to see the Holy Spirit more clearly.

Tom Schmidt

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
COME AND PRAY FOR OUR PARISH**



To those in uniform
Serving today and
To those who have
served in the past.

We honor you
TODAY &
EVERY DAY

Pentecost Sunday **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God's glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God's burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the "tongues of flame" descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the "wise men"—you are alive in the Spirit!

—Rev. James Field

Pentecost and Captain America

In the movie, *Captain America*, Steve is a young man of strong character who wants to work for justice in the world, in spite of his evident lack of bulk and brawn. Steve has everything going for him except the physical strength to carry out his laudable ambitions.

His situation reminds me of the apostles before Pentecost, before the promised Holy Spirit descended upon them in the upper room as He did in today's First Reading. The apostles loved Jesus. Their intentions were golden. These earnest men had learned a great deal by being with Our Lord, and it was their desire to continue His life-saving mission. But they were too feeble.

In the case of the earliest Church leaders, it wasn't physical strength they needed, it was the courage, the love, and the power to do all that Jesus had commissioned them to do. Now, in the upper room, Christ keeps his last promise to his beloved friends and sends them the Holy Spirit. Similar to the way Steve was changed in mere moments through a scientific experiment into the buff and beautiful Captain America, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and utterly transfigured. This historic moment wasn't just a radical turning point in the lives the apostles, it was the birth of the Church. Furthermore, ever since that moment, every human being has had the opportunity to share in God's Divine life through the Spirit. The power Pentecost unleashed on the world was tsunamic in the best way possible.

Again and again, the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the action of the Holy Spirit: He animates all creation, awakens faith, enables communication with Christ, helps man grow in spiritual freedom, is the master and source of prayer, is the principal author of Scripture and so on. The Catechism also highlights the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1831), His fruits (1832), and His charisms (2003).

It is breathtaking to think that, at the moment of our baptisms, the third Person of the Trinity comes to dwell in us and bestows supernatural gifts upon us. If we cooperate with the movement of the Spirit in our lives and in our souls, we will receive whatever we need to grow in holiness and minister to those around us. He wants to empower us. The apostles, who desired the Holy Spirit, awaited Him eagerly, and responded whole-heartedly to His inspirations, are models for us to imitate.

The kind of decision that the character of Steve in *Captain America* had to make was one that faces all of us in the spiritual realm. Are we content to be spiritually puny, reticent to tap into Divine power? Or are we ready to take our good intentions and our knowledge of Christ to the next level, out of love of God and neighbor, by allowing the Holy Spirit to even more radically transform us? The world awaits our answer.