

**Luke has the giving of the Spirit happening on the feast of Pentecost.** Jewish tradition saw Pentecost as the feast of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. According to a legend a mighty wind turned to fire and a voice proclaimed the Law. In a further refinement, the fire split into seventy tongues of fire corresponding to the seventy nations of the world: the law was proclaimed, not only to Israel, but to all humankind.

Luke exploits this tradition. He, too, has the mighty wind and tongues of fire coming upon the group of disciples. But for Luke the universal proclamation was not that of the Law, but of the Good News, a proclamation that has undone the sentence of Babel and re-united the scattered nations.

In his Gospel John has the giving of the Spirit happening on Easter Day. However, we must avoid any impression of a two-fold initial solemn bestowal of the Spirit. Luke and John are saying the same thing: the risen Lord gives the gift of the Spirit, and inaugurates the mission of the Church. That they differ in their dating is due to theological concerns.

Eucharistic Adoration **“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world”**  
**–St. Maximilian Kolbe**

Please take a moment to sign up for a weekly hour as we strive to become a perpetual chapel. The signup board is located in the Vestibule of the Church or you may contact Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984.

**We congratulate the following from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion during a special Mass last Sunday.**

They are: Wyatt Busick, Carl Dibble, Lilyana Dibble, Luke Dyess, Eleanor Elkins, Ansley Gilich, Joseph Hamilton, Peter Hanley III, John Jones, Jolene LaPrad, Cade Lewis, Reese Lapin, Hudson Lott, Avery Lowery, Kaitlyn Maisano, Anthony McKenna, Adeline Moreton, Allie Moreton, Maddie Moreton, Gwendolyn Persing, Briggs Renfroe, Saben Renfroe, Thomas Sanderson, Gisele Siragusa, Emilia Stadthagen, Chase Stanich, Isabella Thomas and Olivia Williams.

**Attention Graduating Seniors:** There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at [bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2021**

**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Abby Bosarge, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Elena Broussard,

Neal Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Steve Castleman, III, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cubbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Oscar DeMauro, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Anne Hindmarch, Ron and Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Melissa Menard, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Jimmy Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.

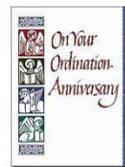
**Pray for Vocations**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

|   |                                 |
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| <b>MONDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 24</b>                   |
| Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34                         |                                 |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Joe Prejean                 |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Mark Whitney                |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>  | <b>MAY 25</b>                   |
| Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31                             |                                 |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. George Wavra                |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Hunter Grantham             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | <b>MAY 26</b>                   |
| Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45                   |                                 |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.     |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.             |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 27</b>                   |
| Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52                            |                                 |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. David Mohler                |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Patrick Gordon              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 28</b>                   |
| Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26                          |                                 |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Ms. Eileen Burkhardt            |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Mr. Manuel Severino        |
|   | Int. Mr. Peter Murtough         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 29</b>                   |
| Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33                          |                                 |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee    |
|   | Int. Ms. Maralou Guice Richards |
|   |                                 |
| 4:00 p.m.   | Ms. Bonnie Raether              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | <b>MAY 30</b>                   |
| Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matt 28:16-20 |                                 |
| 7:30 a.m.   | Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield           |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Int. Ms. Angela Hill            |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Ms. Barbara Dale Washer         |
| 5:30 p.m.   | Congregation                    |

## WEEKLY OFFERING

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| Sunday Collection.....                                   | \$7,677.00 |
| Weekly Online Collection.....                            | \$1,805.00 |
| Catholic Communications Collection.....                  | \$ 835.00  |
| Catholic Home Missions Collection.....                   | \$ 500.00  |
| May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support |            |



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on their Fifth Year Anniversary (May 21<sup>st</sup>) as Permanent Deacons.**



**A Special Parish Prayer Book** is located on the south side of the Vestibule of the Church (front entrance). Anyone desiring prayers for any intention is requested to enter their intention on the Parish Prayer Book and they will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at all weekend Masses.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor & Norma Williams**

**(Lumen gentium, nn. 4 et 12)**

*The mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church*

When the Son completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. Through him the Father gives life to men, dead because of sin, until he raises up their mortal bodies in Christ.

The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them, to their adoption as sons. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion and in service. He endows it with different hierarchical and charismatic gifts, directs it by their means, and enriches it with his fruits.

By the power of the Gospel he enables the Church to grow young, perpetually renews it, and leads it to complete union with its Bridegroom. For the Spirit and the Bride say to the Lord Jesus: "Come!"

In this way the Church reveals itself as a people whose unity has its source in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith. They manifest this distinctive characteristic of theirs in the supernatural instinct of faith (*sensus fidei*) of the whole people when, from the bishops to the most ordinary lay person among the faithful, they display a universal agreement on matters of faith and morals.

This instinct of faith is awakened and kept in being by the Spirit of truth. Through it the people of God hold indefectibly to *the faith once delivered to the saints*, penetrate it more deeply by means of right judgement, and apply it more perfectly in their lives. They do all this under the guidance of the sacred teaching office: by faithful obedience to it they receive, not the word of men but in truth the word of God.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit not only sanctifies and guides God's people by the sacraments and the ministries, and enriches it with virtues, he also distributes special graces among the faithful of every state of life, *assigning his gifts to each as he chooses*. By means of these special gifts he equips them and makes them eager for various activities and responsibilities that benefit the Church in its renewal or its increase, in accordance with the text: *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for a good purpose*.

These charisms, the simpler and more widespread as well as the most outstanding, should be accepted with a sense of gratitude and consolation, since in a very special way they answer and serve the needs of the Church.



**You are invited to join Bishop Louis F. Kihneman on His Official Diocesan Pilgrimage to Medjugorje October 5-13, 2021 to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Our Lady's Apparitions!**

\$3,295 per person includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans, 7 nights' accommodations (double occupancy), daily breakfast and dinner, all transfers via Private Motor coach, visits to Community Cenacolo, Mother's Village, local waterfalls, sightseeing and admissions fees in Dubrovnik and Split, daily Mass and Spiritual Activities coordinated with Bishop Kihneman and Fr. Michael Austin.

Space is limited to 40 pilgrims. For more information, call 800-715-6670 or visit <https://www.catholicjourneys.com/special-departures>.



**If you have a loved one who is homebound and can no longer come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound – please call the Rectory with the information.**

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

**Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year Going on Now**

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family **MUST** attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**May 24:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards, Gym, 9:00 a.m.

**May 25:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards, Gym, 9:00 a.m.

**May 26:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony, Church, 9:30 a.m.

Last Day of School, 12:00 Noon Dismissal, No Aftercare

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 24, 25:** Semester Exams

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

Jesus established the Catholic Church to evangelize, and he commissions us to make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, to teach all he commands us, and to trust that he is with us always. Living out this Great Commission of Jesus is both personal and communal. Each of us is called personally not only to witness to our faith but also to accompany others in faith. Each of our parishes, families, schools, and ministries have the same mission, and it should be fostered each time the community comes together.

We as a Church have deep beliefs, traditions, and awe-inspiring rituals that have spanned the centuries. Part of the challenge for us as modern-day Catholics is how to reveal to the world our faith in and love of Jesus Christ and His presence with us. The secular culture not only discourages, but is often hostile to those of faith. Our tradition of "wordless witness" is no longer effective in today's world. The current culture in our parishes, families, schools, and ministries needs to shift to be effective in following the Great Commission of Jesus.

Many do not know how to share our faith with others. Each of us must begin by growing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Everyone, beginning with the leadership of our communities, needs to be trained to be disciple makers that embrace the clear mission of Jesus to foster discipleship, accompaniment, and to form disciple makers. I believe our parishes, families, schools, and ministries can make this shift from maintenance to answering the Great Commission of Jesus. It will mean that we all, individually and as a Church, commit ourselves to this mission. The following pastoral message gives the groundwork for how we will make this shift together. Pope Paul VI, Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis, have all called us to follow Jesus' Great Commission. It is time for us to heed the call and, "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19b-20a) -- Bishop Louis F. Kihneman

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