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Wednesday Noon

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Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 8:00 to 4:00

May 23, 2021

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

**The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers
Christ's Church to preach the Gospel.**



In the first reading, the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples who *were all in one place together*. They began proclaiming the Gospel in different languages and all could understand them. Saint Paul encourages the Galatians to *live by the Spirit*, and lists the fruits of the Spirit that will arise from doing so. Jesus promises his disciples that he and the Father will send the Advocate, who will guide them and glorify Christ.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday May 26th noon

Felix & Rose Kimich, Agnes & Stash Sechelski Sr.
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Thursday May 27th noon

Thomas Kitkoski Jr.

Friday May 28th noon

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Saturday May 29th 4:15pm

Marion & Christine Sechelski

Sunday May 30th 8:00am

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Sunday May 30th 10:00am

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Saturday May 29th 4:15 pm

Lectors: Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner **Rosary:** Barbara Dibello
Altar Servers: Andrew Borski, Evan Borski, Claire Borski
Ushers: Darrell Wagner, Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Sunday May 30th 8:00 am

Lector: **Rosary:** Barbara Dibello

Sunday May 30th 10:00 am

Lectors: Gail Sowell & Jamie Diehl **Rosary:** Theresa Guidry
Altar Servers: Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Haden Sechelski
Ushers: Gene Yanchak, Dennis Sechelski, Roger Vezurk, Marcus Klawinsky

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

PENTECOST

A CONSPIRACY OF LOVE

Our lives are a conspiracy of love. *Con-spi-racy* means “breathing together.” From the moment that the “Breath of God” first gives life to our body (Gen 2:7), we start a lifetime of breathing together with God. Pentecost celebrates God’s new life transforming us—a change that demands leaving behind old ways and adopting God’s ways—a new vision of the world, new values and new behaviors.

The outward signs of the first Pentecost experience—wind and fire (Acts 2:2-4)—are tokens of transformation. The wind blows where it wills, always fluctuating and changing independently of our control. Fire never leaves anything it touches the same. Like God’s transforming power, wind and fire are safe in small doses, but dangerous, uncontrolled, and even devastating when experienced at full power.

God’s Holy Breath: Mystery and Mission

The reality of the Holy Spirit, the divine power of life and the bond of love, is a theological mystery. That is, although we affirm *that* the Father and the Son share the same Holy Spirit or “Breath” of divine life that draws

them together into a communion of love, we cannot explain how this happens.

The Holy Spirit is our way of experiencing how God dwells deep within us to empower us for living and to draw us together into a community through the power of love. Breath is the sign of life—we can’t do without it—and vigorous breathing is a sign of vital power at work. When we detect the Holy Spirit, we know that God is somehow present and working.

God’s Holy Breath always accompanies God’s Word. Just as we cannot speak words without using breath, so likewise when God sends the Word, God also sends the Holy Spirit (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #689). God’s Holy Spirit empowers us to hear and understand God’s Word, then to act on it in our lives.

Filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples responded by their public witness to the Christian message and their community life of worship and solidarity. From that time onward, the Christian community has continued to proclaim the meaning of Jesus’ saving work and to invite all humanity to believe and to share in the life of God.



THE SPIRIT AT WORK IN US

The disciples' transformation was based on their astounding experience of first meeting the risen Christ and then being empowered by God's Holy Spirit. Through baptism, the Holy Spirit also now dwells in us and transforms us from within into living images of God and Christ (Gen 1:26-27; 2 Cor 3:18). We are reminded of this transforming power when we imagine the Holy Spirit as fire. "As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1127). So whenever the fire of the Holy Spirit touches us, we cannot but be changed.

But unlike regular fire which usually destroys things, God's transforming fire changes us into something better. We become images of Christ by taking on the mind of Christ, his attitudes, his values and his behaviors to continue his mission of building God's covenant community of justice, love and peace on earth.

The Holy Spirit is always at work empowering us for new life in Christ and bonding us into the Christian community. This work is done through the theological gifts of faith, hope and charity that help us to live in right relationship with God and others, through the celebration of the sacraments that bond us into Christ and his community, and finally through particular personal gifts given to us as individuals to use to help build up the community (1 Cor 12:4-11). As the Holy Spirit works within us to help us put on the mind of Christ and live according to his gospel values, we become more receptive to the Holy Spirit's guidance and more eager to follow where the Spirit leads us.

- *Where and how have I recently experienced the promptings of the Holy Spirit in my life?*
- *How have I most experienced the Holy Spirit drawing me into a deeper relationship with God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit?*
- *What gifts has the Holy Spirit given to me for building up the Christian community and how have I used them?*



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. —*Acts 2:1-4*

Come Holy Spirit

Veni Sancte Spiritus, ("Come Holy Spirit") is the Sequence Prayer before the Gospel in the Mass for Pentecost. Originally an ancient Latin hymn, it reminds us that whenever we pray, we should call upon God and Jesus to send us their Holy Spirit, the bond of love between them, to join us to them and to empower us for a life of witness and service leading to a life with God that will never end.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.



Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May

The world of Finance

*Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the
Financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers*

Announcements

Summer CCE

We will be trying something new for Summer CCE this year.

It will be May 25-27 in the hall from
6-8pm. We'd love for your children to join us!



Starting on the first Sunday in June, we will discontinue the 8:00 a.m.
Mass on Sundays. Thank you to Fr. Adam for helping us with extra
Sunday Masses over the past year!



Adoration

Last adoration will be May 24th and will start again September 13th

The gift of the Holy Spirit,
promised by Jesus at the
Last Supper, enables Jesus'
disciples to boldly proclaim
the Good News, continuing
Jesus' mission. As we
celebrate Pentecost, we are
called to open our hearts to
the same Spirit so that we,
too, might do our part in the
work of the Kingdom.



Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday September to May. The next meeting will be Thursday September 2nd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. You can contact Margaret McClosky (margaretmcclosky@gmail.com) for more information

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive July 11th in the parish hall**
Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information.
And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

St. Vincent de Paul: The second Wednesday of the month (June 9) 5:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish hall.

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. September to May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons. Last Adoration May 24th

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it
filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?
- ✱ How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20

or Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12

Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25

Mk 10:46–52

Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13

Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20

Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17

Mt 28:16–20

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HOLY SPIRIT,
FILL THE
HEARTS OF YOUR
FAITHFUL.
”

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 | Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

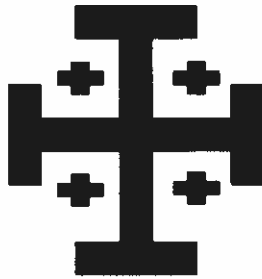
“Come, Holy Spirit!” On Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate 50 days after Easter, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The readings use the language of the senses to describe the powerful presence of the Spirit: A breath, a mighty wind, tongues of fire, a cacophony of languages somehow understood by all. Jesus sends the Spirit upon each of us as well. And while we may not experience the Holy Spirit with our physical senses, I bet each one of us has sensed the Spirit’s presence at different times in life: a homily that deeply resonated, a sense of awe at God’s creation, a “moral compass” that guided us toward what is right, or when we found the words to console a friend in crisis or vice versa. Just as the Spirit transformed the disciples and emboldened them to build up the Church by carrying on Jesus’ mission, we, too, can ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us to be a force for love and unity in our families, parishes, and communities.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to continue his ministry, assuring them of the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide them. We, too, have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and commissioned to use them to build up the Church. Well before we learned about concepts such as “emotional intelligence” or skills tests, Saint Paul assured the Corinthians that there are many different gifts and ministries, but the same Spirit. Our gifts may even change as we move from one chapter of life to another. For example, high school and college students may help lead retreats or participate in service projects, young adults may build a parish website or lead a Bible study, those who are homebound may offer to pray for others in their parish. For followers of Christ, the only option not on the table is becoming complacent. As we move from the Easter season to “Ordinary Time,” let’s invite the Holy Spirit to show us how to be “extra-ordinary” in our discipleship in the coming days and weeks. Then follow through.

PRAY Do you sometimes get the Monday blahs? Try starting the day with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance (and some pep in our step!) as we begin the week:
*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*



Have you ever thought about what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to experience the Gospels come to life?

Fr. Eli is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall (October 11-21, 2021).

**For further information, please contact Fr. Eli at
936-873-2291 or 936-825-3920
lopez.eli68@gmail.com**

Early registration is encouraged!

Pastor Al



"Holy water in a super soaker would save me a few steps, but I doubt the bishop would approve."

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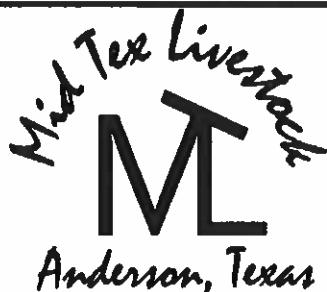
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