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A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith

PENTECOST



SUNDAY

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

A Shift from Jesus to His Followers



Our Scriptures picture Jesus leaving this life in order to let the Holy Spirit enter. He made this clear: I must depart so that you may receive the Spirit. Thus, you — meaning us — will be able to do what I have done — and even “greater things” — so that holy unity may be recovered.

In other words, the life of God will be in us as it was in Jesus, and with even a mysterious “greater.” But we have to accept such life. It won’t be forced. We have to read Jesus rightly and fully in order to be divinized, to be God-infused. We have to get over our own reluctance, fear, ignorance and alternate desiring in order for the Spirit of God to be realized in us as it is in Jesus.

He was/is the anointed one of God, the cosmic Christ anticipated by ancient prophets. We are also anointed: designed and expected to be followers and imitators of the original. We were born to build on the foundation of Jesus; to follow the pattern he laid down as each of us sees it in our own life.

At Pentecost the action of salvation shifted from Jesus, the Christ, to his followers, the church of Christ, the community of his way, his truth and his life. The responsibility carried by Jesus to be about his Father’s business is ours in the same way: ours individually and together in communion with one another. We had better be busy about absorbing everything that this means.

What was the “greater” that Jesus said we’d do? We don’t know, we can’t know, until we try; until we trust the Spirit and make a move. Then the mystery of the kingdom of God reveals itself just a little bit more, and still more, through us.

We do know that the “greater” work at least means the worldwide dissolving of barriers, the end of fears and divisions based on distance, time, culture, language, tribe, color and sex. Jesus confined his redeeming work to the tiny geography of the Gospel narrative. Our redeeming work has no geographical limit. We take the presence of God begun for us in Jesus and exercise it through our common work in his Spirit, throughout the Earth.

Our responsibility, if Pentecost means anything, is to be the powerful, self-giving presence of God for the re-union of all humanity. Our anthem on this pilgrimage can begin with the insight of 1 John 4:16: God is love,

And all who abide in love
Abide in God,
And God in them.

--by Frank Wessling (previously served as editor of The Catholic Messenger)



Monday June 6th

Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 am Intentions of Gabriel Chanko
12:00 pm Fernanda Fronzi

Tuesday June 7th

7:00 am Ellen Hancock
12:00 pm Edward J. Smith - 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday June 8th

7:00 am Anne Doty
12:00 pm Margaret Sullivan

Thursday June 9th

St. Ephrem

7:00 am Intentions of Mario Travers
12:00 pm Richard J. Kuplicki

Friday June 10th

7:00 am Steven Beringer
12:00 pm Fernanda Fronzi

Saturday June 11th

St. Barnabas the Apostle

8:00 am Timmy Davis
4:30 pm Parishioners of the Parish

Sunday June 12th

Trinity Sunday

7:30 am Conrad & Mary Sponberg
9:00 am Vivianne Marcotte
10:30 am Sean Thomas Breen, Jr.
12:00 pm Concetta Salvo
5:00 pm Ken Starsia



USHERS AND GREETERS

Join this important hospitality ministry at St. Mary Parish!

Additional greeter/ushers needed at the 4:30 PM, noon and 5pm Masses. Can you help? Please email John Ahle, johnahle@aol.com.



Candle Intentions

Church Altar Candle



*is Burning in Loving Memory of
Debbie Vavrek*



Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been

struggling with life's many challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through. If you know of someone hurting, talk to our Stephen Ministry Leader, Jack Hughes – jack2cruise@gmail.com; he will connect you with one of our Stephen Ministry ministers who are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They help bring the healing power of Christ's love.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Seraphine Grace LeCompte** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



Monday, June 6, we celebrate The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. The title of Mother of the Church has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she **gave birth to Christ**, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed before her Son gave up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the

same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on November 21, 1964 and established that "by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God." (*not a Holy Day of Obligation*)



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Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

"Nurturing Helinn Love" (Nurturing, Healing, Love)

- Jesse Lewis wrote these words on his chalkboard the morning before he was killed in the Sandy Hook Shooting

From the SMS Newsletter...

Yet again this week, we watch another community shattered by the senseless loss of innocent children and their teacher at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Why? There is no reasonable explanation. Let us keep that community in our prayers.

BE KIND. That is the second pillar of our motto, Work Hard, Be Kind and Smile. During the school day, we interject into situations where we observe behavior that is unkind. We know that you as parents are also reinforcing this message. We know it can be difficult. Kids know when they are being watched. We try so hard to teach them that doing what is right is important, even when no one is watching.

So what do we do when we see unkind behavior? We try to talk about the impact on others. We talk about the alternative choices that could have been made. We ask our students to consider the feelings and perspectives of others. We express our confidence that they will make better choices in the future.

Nurturing, Healing love...that is what we need more of. Acceptance, kindness and forgiveness are the key for the social growth of our children and their well-being.

Blessings and faith,

Anna O'Rourke, Principal Saint Mary School

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Pentecost



Pentecost started on that specific day in the upper room when the gifts of the Spirit were poured out on the disciples and the Holy Spirit has not stopped being poured out ever since. There are some moments where the Trinitarian love seems to be more obscured in the world (usually because of our sins of pride or greed or apathy) and there are other moments where it is definitively shining.

But it is there and as a Christian, as a "little Christ," that I am offered the opportunity to let the Spirit flow through my mind and my mouth, through my hands (and my keyboard!) and it is a reason for great joy. Thank God for the world, for his creation, and for us, his creatures, being transformed by the Holy Spirit. www.catholiconline.org



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Community is so important, especially during these isolating times. Consider trying the St. Mary Men's Ministry, a group of joy-filled men who gather at 6:30AM every Saturday for breakfast and faith discussions about the everyday lives of men. Zoom is an option as well, although it's better in person! Experience a more rewarding prayer life and support of faith-filled brothers.

Why do we get up so early each Saturday? We enjoy each other's company and strongly benefit from the time together and time with God in prayer. Come and see how it can energize you for the week ahead. More info @ STMMM.ORG.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Our Lady's message to the world: Pray the Rosary daily, a wonderful Marian devotion, for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or Email to jstoveken@comcast.net.



OFFICE FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

REGISTRATION OPEN

REGISTER NOW for 2022/23 Elementary (K-5), Middle and High School programs! Register online or stop in the office to get set for next year before summer begins. Late fee after August 15th.



SUMMER HOURS

The Office will be open *Summer Hours* during June and August, Mon-Fri 10am-1pm; and *closed* during July, though we'll still be available via phone, email, and by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Students preparing to receive sacraments in 2022/23 are required to be registered for their normal grade level course of study plus immediate sacrament preparation (an additional \$50 fee). See the registration page or contact the office for details.

Did you know 7th and 8th graders, plus any 9th-12th graders who have missed it in the past few years, are invited to prepare for Confirmation this year? Sessions will be held every other week from October through March. Don't wait to register!

ELEMENTARY & FAMILIES

KINDERGARTENERS, we will have a program for you this coming Fall! Same time as your older siblings come for 1st-5th grade class, join in on the fun! Register now.



EDGE (6TH-8TH)

We are in the process of planning Summer 2022 events for EDGE. Watch for email notifications and if you are not on our list, please contact the Youth & Families office at oyf@smcr.org to be added.

HIGH SCHOOLERS (9TH-12TH)

High Schoolers--looking for opportunities to be of service? We need a few faith-filled teens, with a love for children and the Church to be hall monitors, office assistants, and teachers next year! 1-2 hours per week from Sept-April. Interview required. Contact Laura or Pamela ASAP for details!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11 - 15

9am - 12 PM daily

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SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
(Church)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, Noon, 5 PM
(Church)
10:30 AM
(Hall)

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 AM & Noon
Monday- Friday
(Church)

Holy Days of Obligation

Check website

*Easter and Christmas have
special schedules

ADORATION

Open 6 am-10 PM Daily
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OTHER SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Monday - Friday
11:30 AM
Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday
3:00 - 4:00 PM
(Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday
(except holiday weekends)

*New parents must attend a
pre-baptism class. Call
Parish office to schedule both*

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least
9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make
arrangements
*In case of serious illness or
death in the family, call
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Guatemalan Mission Update: Santa María de Jesús

Angelitos de Dios School Update

From April 11 to 15 eight parishioners of St. Mary Parish traveled to Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala with 25 Chromebooks, projectors, early reading books, and math materials, and a plan for training the teachers on how to use these materials effectively with students.

After 18 months of remote learning, the students are finally back in school. Their education has suffered greatly due to the pandemic, but the teachers and administration continue forward to meet their students' social, emotional, spiritual and academic needs. Compared to the public schools in the town, which have no materials, books or computers, and only have in person instruction once per week, the students of Colegio Angelitos de Dios have a great educational advantage.

The school now serves 165 students from Pre-K through 6th grade. With our help, they are able to supplement the small tuition payments of the parents and allow students who cannot afford the \$10 monthly fee to attend. Because of our assistance through sponsorships, the salaries of the teachers can be paid, and the increased internet needed due to the Chromebooks was able to be subsidized.

The principal, Elvia Ortiz and the faculty and staff are forever grateful for the support of St. Mary Parish and the donors who keep the doors of this special school open.

"I feel blessed because I have a family from out there that supports us unconditionally, even though we are on the other side of the earth, I consider all of you my Angels. Thank you and may the King of Kings and Lord of Lords continue to bless you...."

With much love...La Familia de Angelitos de Dios (The Little Angels of God Family)"



St. Mary Missioners with the faculty of Angelitos de Dios



6th grade girls learning to use their new Chromebooks



Students mastering sight words with Mary & Anna Conroy



Mary Staudt & Rocio Sanz training teachers on Google Apps

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WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?



As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



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...is interested in possibly becoming Catholic

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