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WEEKEND MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH:

Saturdays: 6:00 pm (odd months)
Sundays: 8:00 am (even months)
Ruma Convent: Sunday at 11am
Daily Mass varies at both locations
Confessions at St. Joseph:
Saturday 5 - 5:40 pm & Sundays 7:15 - 7:45 am

Pentecost Sunday
June 9, 2019

[I]n one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans 8:8-17.*

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) *or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.*

RECONCILED DIVERSITY

A few years ago, during Rome's quiet summer, Pope Francis took a day off to visit privately with some old friends, whose identity took Catholic Italy by surprise: Evangelical Protestants. They welcomed Francis to their Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, where Francis asked pardon for Catholic persecutions and celebrated the Holy Spirit's "pentecostal work." Unlike Satan, declared Francis, who creates division among God's children, the Holy Spirit creates a diversity rich and beautiful. And unity; not uniformity, Francis specified, but unity in diversity. Francis named the Spirit's gift "reconciled diversity." Pentecost's rich treasury of scriptural readings, for Saturday's vigil and Sunday's morning liturgy, traces the Holy Spirit's work from creation's beginning, through Jesus' resurrection, into the church's earliest days, now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the Spirit's gentle fire is ours to share generously, even with those most strikingly different from us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled diversity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



June 8th THROUGH June 16th

Sun	8am(J)	Ethel Bievenue Betty Schaefer
Sun.	11am(C)	S. Emma Goeckner
Mon.	8:15am (C)	Edythe Schaffer
Tues.	8am(J)	Gilbert Dinan
Tues.	4:10pm(C)	S. Justina Schaefer (B-day)
Wed.	4:10pm(C)	Richard & Phyllis Kennedy
Thurs.	8am(J)	No Mass
Thurs.	4:10pm(C)	S. Clare Boehmer (B-Day 6/14)
Fri.	8:15am(C)	Msgr. Dan's (B-Day)
Sun.	8am	All Father's living & deceased of St. Joseph Parish
Sun.	11am (C)	Emily & Adam Embrich Janie & Wil Mathews



June 2nd 2019

Envelopes (62)	\$1924.00
Loose	\$278.00
Seminarian Ed.	\$30.00
Easter	\$60.00
May Candles	\$72.00

Total	\$2364.00
Weekly goal	\$1700.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- June 10** Jackie Laurent
June 13 Joann Chandler
June 14 Fr. Dan

*May your day be filled with Good Wishes,
 Birthday Greetings and God's Blessings*

Happy Anniversary!

- June 10** Todd & Tina Jones
June 13 Ron & Paulette Deterding

*May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and
 each of you for many years to come.*

PRAYER REQUEST

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Carl Scherrer | Our Homebound |
| Patty Cissell | Rev. Ken Schaefer |
| All Cancer Patients | Tracy Bender |
| Carolyn Schneider | Rev. Richard Mohr |
| Diane Corzine | Rev. Joe Rascher |
| Freeman (Doc) Greer | |

Those who are experiencing the devastating effects
of Mother Nature

*All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks.
 Please call the rectory if you would like them to
 remain on the list.*



Sun. June 9 @ 8a.m.

- B** Paulette
C Audrey & Carol
L Lynne
S Zach, Adam &
 Evan
G Justin Roy Fam.
Chalice/Paten:
 Jeff Roy Fam.

Sun, June 16 @ 8a.m.

- B** Marie H.
C Ava & Mary Ann
L Kim
S Langston & Mckenna
G Floyd Roy Fam
Chalice/Paten:
 Ron D. Family



From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

We come to the end of the Easter season and we are given a mission on this feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. After being formed anew in the life and light of Jesus' death and resurrection we are to go forth as Jesus did in his ministry. Jesus sends us out into the world to be with people. To feed the hungry, comfort the outcast, touch the sick and lame, and everywhere proclaim the redemptive love of God. It is difficult not to compare the gifts we recognize in ourselves with the gifts we see in others. St. Paul reminds us that all gifts come from the same source, God. Instead of comparing our abilities and talents to those around us, let us focus on how we can use our gifts for the good of all. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES...

To the family of Mary Ellen Zeiger. Mary Ellen died just this past Sunday and her Mass of Christian burial was

Friday, June 7, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault, Illinois. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Renault. May Mary Ellen rest easy with the Angels and Saints.

Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! Have a blessed 2nd week of June.

Fr. Dennis

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun: Mass 8a.m.

Mon:

Tues. 8 a.m. Mass, R&R @ 10:30a.m.

Sun. 8a.m. Mass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Where the human spirit fails, the Holy Spirit fills in.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe and Larry met at the McDonald's for their usual morning coffee. Joe said to Larry, did you see on Facebook that Mike the x-ray technician at the hospital is going to marry one of his patients. After a brief pause, Larry said to Joe, I wonder what he saw in her anyway.

PARTNERSHIP MASS FOR JUNE IS:

St. Joseph: 8am Sunday

St. Patrick: 6pm Saturday

DID YOU REMEMBER



Please contact Paulette R. Deterding 618-284-7353 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



The Prayer chain is in place. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Jeanelle Dinan 284-7788 or the rectory @ 284-3314.

Religious Education



PSR registrations for the 2019-2020 school year were mailed out this week. Please make sure

that the forms are back as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered. If you didn't receive a copy please pick one at the rectory or in back of Church.



If you are looking for a special gift for a loved one the youth is selling candles made from recycled Easter candles. They are \$15 and all proceeds go to the NCYC fund.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Pentecost: Feast of Unity, Understanding, and Sharing; "On that morning, fifty days after Easter, a powerful wind blew over Jerusalem and the flame of the Holy Spirit descended on the gathered disciples. It came to rest upon the head of each of them and ignited in them a divine fire, a fire of love, capable of transforming things. Their fear disappeared, their hearts were filled with new strength, their tongues were loosened and they began to speak freely, in such a way that everyone could understand the news that Jesus Christ had died and was risen. On Pentecost, where there was division and incomprehension, unity and understanding were born." (Pope Benedict XVI, Pentecost 2012) Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to empower us to spread unity in a divided and intolerant world and share our resources with those who have-not. Holy Spirit, may we respect all life because You, God, are the Source of Life.

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:

Quilt-A-Rama @ Immaculate Conception, Columbia

June 11th 8a.m.-5p.m.

June 12th 8a.m.-9p.m.

June 13th 8a.m.-5p.m.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER:

St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic

Friday June 21st Fish dinner beginning at 5p.m.

Saturday June 22nd Chicken dinner buffet 3:30- 7p.m.

Quilt & Cash bingo both nights

St. Patrick & Ruma Convent:

BE A BLESSING GARDEN PROJECT

We are in need of a few items...tomatoes stakes, and an animal repellent called "Repels-All".

We plan on meeting every Thursday evening at 6PM starting May 6th for anyone that would like to join us or if that day doesn't work feel free to go when you have time to help maintain the garden.

You can find supplies in the little brown shed located next to the garden. Please be respectful and return in the condition you found them. We are the section between the orange cones. Any questions call Sandy @ 282-3176.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Party in the Park:

June 12th: Corey Evitts (one man band)

FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Remember to give to the capitol fund. This fund is set up for the repairs and maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Thanks to all who donate to this fund.

Please note that do the possibility of flooding all of the sacred vessels and records will be or have been moved to St. John's in Red Bud.

PRIORITY LIST UPDATES:

It was agreed that the Church A/C system was the most popular repair.

Total Cost to replace the Church A/C is \$25,750.00.

There is a goal thermometer outside to help track of our progress. Not Sure if you noticed but we are a little over half way to our goal. Thanks to all who have helped thus far, please remember to donate we don't want church to hotter than...well you know!

To answer many questions, the A/C is currently working but just barely. It is only able to run for very short periods before it must be shut off or it will freeze up. Please remember to donate to fund the A/C replacement drive. The more we donate the less we have to finance. We have been approved to begin A/C work.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Next Event is the Picnic:

Aug. 3, 2019 don't forget to pass the word!

KIDS GAMES: We will be accepting cash and prize donations for the kids games, we completely ran out last year. Check the dollar store, dollar general or any stores clearance item for kid size fun. There will be a tote in the foyer of church for prizes. If you wish to donate cash place it in the collection basket with the label kids games.

BASKET STAND:

Please consider one of the following options for donating to the basket stand.

- Monetary donations- any amount is appreciated. Place in collection basket labeled BASKET STAND
- Completed baskets
- Place items equaling a complete basket in a bag and we will assemble.

Make the value of a basket a minimum of \$10. Cellophane bags to wrap completed baskets will be

available in the back of church. Completed baskets and/or items to make a completed basket can be left at the church or rectory. If you have any questions contact Jolene 284-7125

FROM FINANCE COUNCIL:

Our totals for the Diocesan tax, Clergy aid, Insurance and Subsidies (Gibault and St. John's) and our total for FY 2018/2019 is slowly decreasing from 54,179.71 to \$35,511.20. Because of your generous donations since October we have paid off \$18,668.51 of the diocesan bills. Please continue donate generously. Most recent payment was to St. John's, Gibault, & Parish Assessment. Keep it up!

Please continue to donate as generously as possible.

School Subsidy	\$23,582.00
Parish Assessment	\$11,929.20

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

As the new mowers figure out their mowing pattern please remember to be patient. We ask that you **do not** personally mow around any tombstones for liability reasons. If you have any questions please ask for a copy of the Cemetery rules.

FROM THE QUILTERS:

We would like to thank all who have donated in some way shape or form. Between all of us and a little help from the quilting angels we again have completed 30 quilts for the church picnic. Please remember we will begin quilting next fall, and we welcome any and all ages.

My family and I want to thank the generosity of Msgr. Dennis and the parishioners of St. Joseph for allowing us to stay at the rectory during this crazy time in our life. Please continue to pray for all the families that are affected by this water.