

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Sunday, June 8, 2025 • Pentecost Sunday

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COME,
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF
THE FAITHFUL



Fr. Sunny...the Pastor's Pen

Happy Pentecost! It is indeed fitting to pray the entrance antiphon once again:

..the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. (Wis. 1:7)

It is Pentecost Sunday already, fifty days since the resurrection morning, and now as we celebrate another harvest of many gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts are filled with joy. Praise God! We join the church to invoke another fresh outpouring of his life giving spirit upon us and in our lives.

At Pentecost we also commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and our Blessed Mother Mary. We mark the birth of church as she courageously continues to bear witness to the risen Lord. The promised Advocate has come to guide us, to remind us again of the teachings of Jesus anew. And to instruct us further, by giving new life to the church, who now through her sacraments receives the authority to forgive sins; to build up the faith and unite all peoples of the earth. This is only possible by the abiding presence of the same Holy Spirit, who through various gifts and charisms given this day, is the Lord and giver of life.

The greatest of all his gifts is love.

"God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8, 16) and love is the first gift, guiding all others. For "God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". The greatest use of all these gifts therefore, is for service. The second reading emphasizes this, reminding us that, each of us has been given gifts by the same Spirit to be put at the service of all of us and at the service of the church.

A more perfect explanation and reflection on all of our readings and this solemnity we celebrate, lies deep within the sequence of today:

Come, Holy Spirit, and from heaven direct on man the rays of your light.

Come, Father of the poor; come, giver of God's gifts; come, light of men's hearts.

Kindly Paraclete, in your gracious visits to man's soul you bring relief and consolation.

If it is weary with toil, you bring it ease;

In the heat of temptation, your grace cools it; if sorrowful, your words console it.

Light most blessed, shine on the hearts of your faithful—even into their darkest corners;

For without your aid, man can do nothing good, and everything is sinful.

Wash clean the sinful soul,

Rain down your grace on the parched soul and heal the injured soul.

Soften the hard heart,

Cherish and warm the ice-cold heart, and give direction to the wayward.

Give your seven holy gifts to your faithful, for their trust is in you.

Give them reward for their virtuous acts; give them a death that ensures salvation;

Give them unending bliss. Amen. Alleluia.

Or the following:

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

Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine!

Thou, of comforters the best;

Thou, 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 thine,

And our inmost being fill!

Where thou art not, man has naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds,

Our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy 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 thee, evermore

In thy sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;

Give them thy salvation,

Lord; Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

May we then who are blessed this day, continually become witnesses to his character, his presence, his power and his authority in the world. Amen.

Peace be with you.

Scripture Readings

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 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Our Stewardship

Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult\$1,447.00

Loose\$254.00

Sunday 11:15 am Spanish Mass

Adult\$45.00

Loose\$86.00

Grand Total\$1,832.00

Weekly Budget\$2,316.88

Weekly Variance **-\$484.88**

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

There are still **plenty** of spaces left for your mass intentions. Please call the rectory at 574-233-5414 to schedule them.



With Gratitude and Warm Wishes

It is with a heavy heart that we announce Fr. Sunday will be leaving our parish on **June 17, 2025**. Over the past six years, he has served our community with unwavering dedication, compassion, and faith. His presence has been a true blessing, and his leadership and pastoral care will be deeply missed.

We invite you to join us in expressing your thanks and bidding him farewell at a **reception on Sunday, June 15, following the 10:00 AM Mass** in the **school cafeteria**.

Let us come together to show our appreciation and offer our prayers as Fr. Sunday begins a new chapter in his ministry. We wish him all the very best — he will always have a special place in our hearts.

CONGRATULATION TO OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Jonathan Anderson
Armando Bernal Gonzalez, Jr
Briseyda Carmona
Isabella Yamileth Castro
Nilson Jordan Garcia
Ziyah A'rae Marsh



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 9, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Adrien & Celeste Ringuette

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Celeste & Adrien Ringuette

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 A.M. Sp. Int. Amparo

Thursday, June 12, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Pete Gapczynski

Friday, June 13, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Aldredo Jimenez

Saturday, June 14, 2025

4:00 P.M. †Arthur & Anna Mae Smigielski

Sunday, June 15, 2025

10:00 A.M. For Our Parish Community
(Bilingual Mass) No 11:15 am Spanish Mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 14, 2025 • 4:00 P.M.

Ushers

Bob Krol & Ron Stopczynski

Sunday, June 15, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

Ushers

Bob Borlik & Chris Nyikos

This Week in Our Parish Community

Monday, June 9, 2025

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Divine Mercy until 10:30 A.M.

Friday, June 13, 2025

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

Saturday, June 14, 2025

3:00 P.M. Confessions (Until 3:45 P.M.)

Pastor.....Fr. Sunday Akuh

Business Manager/

Secretary.....Mrs. Sue Cencelewski

Located at Holy Family Rectory

Office Hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

574-233-5414

Music Director : Mr. Ben Davis

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the rectory six months in advance.

Catholic parties are expected to be registered parishioners and attending Sunday Mass regularly.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call rectory any time of the day or night at either 574-233-5414 or 574-393-8320.

Communion Calls

Please keep us informed of the sick and the homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Prayer Chain

Are you aware of anyone in need of prayers? Call the Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the Prayer Chain. To start the Prayer Chain call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

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Office Hours.....

Principal.....

7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Mrs. Shannon Jones

Secretary.....

Maintenance.....

Mrs. Maureen Kapica

Mr. Mark Waite

New Parishioners

You are most welcome. Please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us of a change of address.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 P.M.

Live Streaming Links

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfFHOJ2hdxM91-qPvj5UMg>

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