

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Deacon Ed Green (SH)
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5.17.2026

Ascension Sunday of Easter

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM Holy Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12 PM HF Spanish
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sacred Heart
First Saturday of each Month: 8:30 AM Holy Family

Confessions

30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Or by appointment

Baptism: Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (May 10)	\$2,403.84	\$192.30	\$1,442.30	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$1,714.00	\$152.00	\$1,418.00	\$6.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$689.84)	(\$40.30)	(\$24.30)	(\$61.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$108,172.98	Capitol	\$64,903.70	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$101,195.40	Funds	\$69,496.78	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$6,977.58)		\$4,593.08	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$129,515.90		\$93,969.45	
Expenses for the year to date	\$112,530.46		\$90,888.89	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$16,985.44)		(\$3,080.56)	

Ascended to the Right Hand of the Father

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself (Jn 12:42).

Jesus was not only lifted up on the Cross and all who look upon the Cross are healed, but, Jesus is lifted up from the dead and ultimately, He is lifted up by his Ascension into heaven. This is the fulfillment of Jesus' mission.

Jesus is Messiah, He is high Priest, but He is also God Who sits at the right hand of the Father, the throne of power, and intercedes for us.

Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him" (Heb 7:25). As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven (Heb 9:11)[C. 662].

At the Father's right hand, the heavenly Kingdom is complete and the doors of this kingdom are opened as He gives the keys to Peter and his Church inviting believers.

Our hope is not merely to look at the Crucified One, but to embrace the resurrected One Who ascends into heaven preparing us to receive his Spirit: the Holy Spirit.

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

Receiving the
Holy Spirit
Acts 2:38

May God give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened.

“When I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christlike, it resolves a great deal of anxiety.”
 ~A.W. Tozer

Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat. May 16 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Fred Housand †
 - Sun. May 17 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Rene Buchholz †
 - Sun. May 17 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family
 - Sun. May 17 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Yuvia Bonilla
 - Mon. May 18: *No Mass Here*
 - Tue. May 19: *No Mass Here* Danay Bergers
 - Wed. May 20: *No Mass Here* Tom Johnson †
 - Thu. May 21: *No Mass Here* Teresa Schindledecker
 - Fri. May 22: *No Mass Here* Phil Buchholz
 - Sat. May 23 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Ken & Alice Schriebvogel †
- † indicates Memorial Mass



- May 25 Memorial Day Celebration at Heart of the Plains Cemetery 9 AM**
- May 31 Parish Picnic 1 PM Schey Park, Keenesburg**
- May 31-Jun 5 TOTUS TUUS - Registration is open!**
- Jun 2 Healing Mass 6 PM Sacred Heart**
- Jun 6 First Saturday Devotions beginning with 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Family**
- Jun 7 Saint Book Fair begins, after 8 AM Mass in KofC Hall**
- Jun 14 Men’s Breakfast after 8 AM Mass in KofC Hall**
- Oct 5-15 Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Tom**



Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhalfen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Epple, Theresa Schindledecker, Jeff Bernard, for the repose of the soul of Nancy Sigg †



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

What we see is the Pure Goodness dying on the cross speaking words of unfathomable mercy: Father forgive them. This is the Good News: It transforms sin and death into forgiveness and Divine Life.

Our human suffering and death does not lead to eternal death, but leads to life when we embrace our sufferings and accept and die with Christ.

Christianity embraces death, but not the death as understood humanly. Death for most is physical, but for Christians physical death is actually our birth into heaven. Real death is spiritual through sin. This death rejects God’s Life dwelling within. It is Original Sin.

God’s life is given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross that destroys eternal death and offers us eternal life by promising us his Spirit. This is hidden meaning of Jesus’ statement:

“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day”

Death is our means of victory. We die the spiritual death to self-idolatry and clothe ourselves with the Spirit so we do not worship ourselves as a god, because we are called to worship the God of life, embracing our human sufferings, as Christ did.

We suffer in this life because we seek the Divine Life and not the false deceptions of Lucifer. Because we follow Christ, we too will imitate Christ on the cross, but in suffering and facing temptations of Lucifer, we too are resurrected both body and soul into life, being freed from the snares of evil.

St. Paul explains that if we were enemies, but are now reconciled to God through the death of his Son sending us his Spirit, how much more, once reconciled, will we be divinized by his life (Rom 5:8).

Life comes from Christ. He is the Tree of Life. Christ uses the imagery of him as the vine, and we, are the branches, grafted onto the vine. This is more than imagery. Jesus prays that we may be one with Him as He is one with his Father.

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me (Jn 20: 20).

Oneness with the Father gives us eternal life. To have this oneness with God, we must be willing to die to our sinful selfishness, as He was willing to die for our sinfulness. We cannot expect a double standard from God. If He was willing to die for us, why would He not expect us to die for him?

Relationships are reciprocal. What one gives, one expects in return. Jesus gave his life up for us so that we may be united to Him through eternal life. We choose if we want to exchange ourselves for his life.

Pentecost is the Covenant, Seven Day Feast

Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning fiftieth, referring to the fiftieth day since the Jewish Passover. It is actually the Feast of Weeks, seven Weeks to be exact. In Jewish mentality it meant the Feast of Oaths or the Covenant.

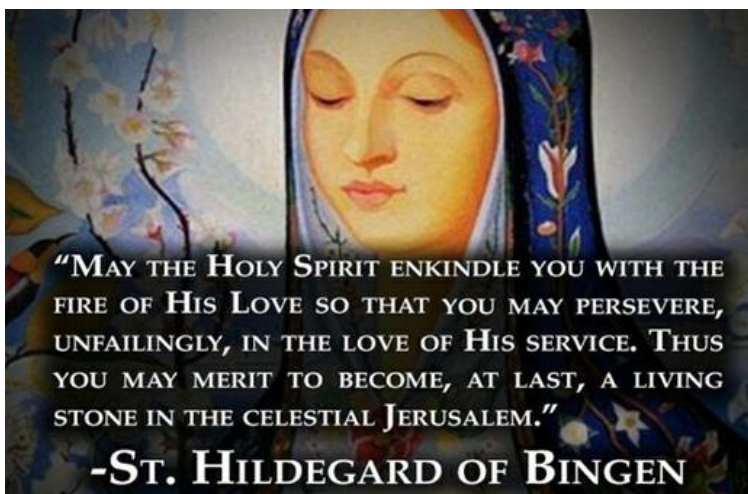
Covenantal Theology is the interpretative key to reading Scripture. God created in Seven Days because He was establishing his relationship with us. God is not distant, but a Father Who is Mercy. This fatherly relationship is the covenant and He invites us to become his sons and daughters. This Covenantal Relationship is unique to Christianity and specifically to Catholicism.

The Catholic Church, which is familial in structure, promotes this unique relationship with God seeing Him through a familial relationship. God is Father, Son, and Love. Our relationship with Him partakes in this relationship and is all inclusive.

Through the Son and his sacrifice of love on the cross, He opens the doors to our adoption into this Divine Family. Such a gift comes to us at Pentecost in which the Holy Spirit anoints us not only as sons and daughters, but also we have the Spirit of the Son in our hearts. He gives God's Spirit, abiding in our hearts, establishing our Covenant with the Father.

In Acts, St. Luke writes that followers of Christ were all together in one place on Pentecost. A mighty wind came, breathing fiery love upon the Apostles giving them the Spirit, not just burning in their hearts, but also inspiring them to preach the presence of the Spirit, transforming our lives. This miracle reversed the curse from the Tower of Babel, where He confused the people's tongues because they displaced God with their ego.

Pentecost divinizes humanity making us partakers of Divine Life in which we too can do mighty deeds in God's name. To do these mighty deeds we need to believe we can but also be docile to the Spirit learning from Him and allowing Him to lead us in every part of our lives. Pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase in his seven gifts in your life and ask which of many charisms you have and those God wants to give.



ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bowing before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself: my body and blood, my soul and life to You, Eternal Spirit of God.

I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am.

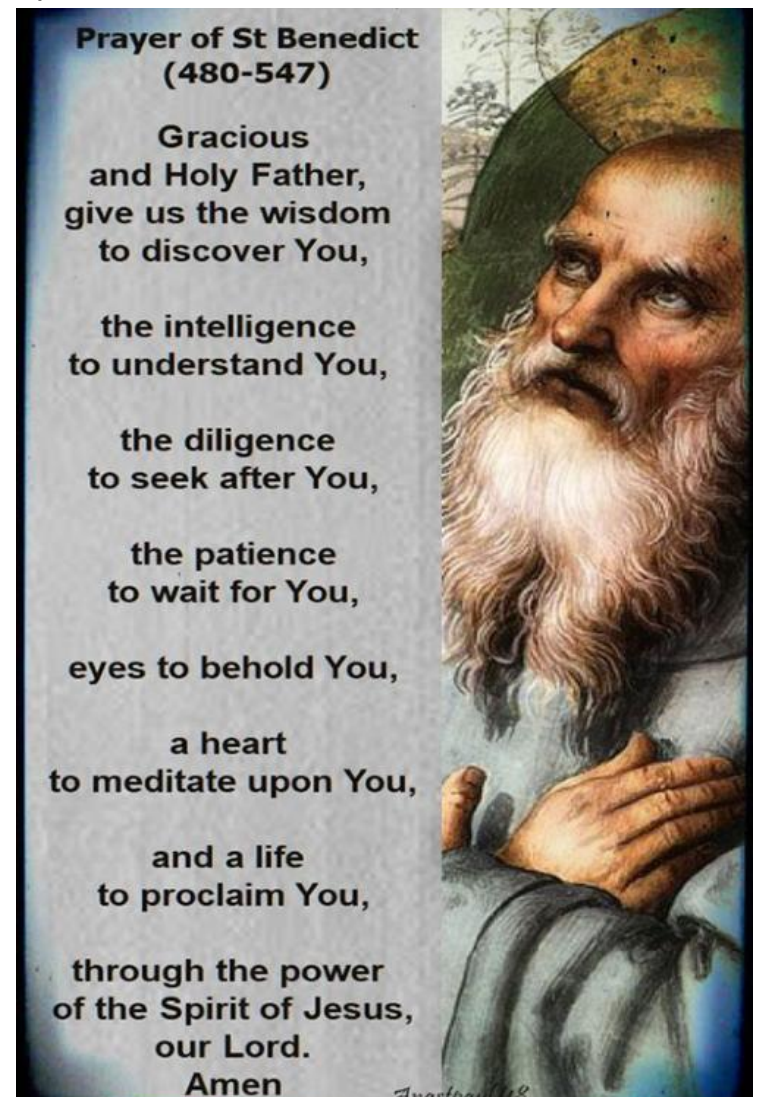
I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You.

Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your inspirations.

I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness.

Holding the Heart of Jesus allowing his Body, Blood, Soul and divinity to wash me clean, and trusting in His Divine Mercy I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Healer of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never be separated from You.

Give me the grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, 'Speak Lord for Your servant listens.' Amen.



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