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5.24.2026

Pentecost Sunday

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 17)	\$2,403.84	\$192.30	\$1,442.30	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$1,480.00	\$82.00	\$723.00	\$32.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$923.84)	(\$110.30)	(\$719.30)	(\$35.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$110,576.82	Capitol	\$66,346.00	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$102,675.40	Funds	\$70,219.78	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$7,901.42)		\$3,873.78	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$132,394.06		\$96,057.66	
Expenses for the year to date	\$112,775.80		\$91,070.22	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$19,618.26)		(\$4,987.44)	

Send forth your Spirit

No one comprehends the Spirit. Yet, the Spirit enlightens our hearts and minds healing the emptiness caused by sin.

Humanity images the likeness of the Father, but our image and likeness is distorted, corrupted, and disfigured on account of Original Sin. We are deprived of the glory given to us originally. We have fallen from grace and every personal sin reveals this disfigurement. The crucified body of Jesus perfectly reflects what sin does to us, as Isaiah prophecies:

His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind (Is 52:14).

All of Scripture reveals the divine plan to restore what was forsaken, what was disowned. We, through Original Sin, divorced ourselves from the Spirit which hovered over the face of the waters and imbued life into nothingness.

Adam and Eve spurned this Creator Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and died of their divine life. The rest of Scripture reveals God's restorative plan to revive what was repulsed and renew our hearts and minds. This Spirit now comes in full force to heal what is inhumane and restore all the more what was disfigured so we once again image the likeness of our Father.

**No one can say,
"Jesus is Lord,"
except by the Holy Spirit.**

Receiving the
Holy Spirit
Acts 2:38

**To each individual
the manifestation
of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.**

May 24, 2026

Saint Augustine

When large numbers of people share their joy in common, the happiness of each is greater because each adds fuel to the other's flame.

Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat. May 23 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Ken & Alice Schreiber†
- Sun. May 24 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Rick & Beth Gerkin
- Sun. May 24 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family
- Sun. May 24 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Joselyn Gamboa†
- Mon. May 25: No Mass Here
- Tue. May 26 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Virginia Kemp
- Tue. May 26 Holy Family 7:00 PM: Guadalupe Alday†
- Wed. May 27 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Todd Denning
- Thu. May 28 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Geri Green
- Fri. May 29 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Jesse M. Nevarez
- Sat. May 30 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Jenny Heguy

† indicates Memorial Mass



- May 25 Daily Mass at 8:15 AM
- 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 Schindedecker, for the repose of the soul of Nancy Sigg†, Edwin & Sandy Weickum, John Reid



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

Be Tattooed in Christ, Mark of the Holy Spirit

From time memorial people have marked their bodies revealing to what they belong. The Israelites famously marked their bodies through circumcision revealing they belong to the covenant of the God of Abraham. As Christians we mark our bodies revealing not what we belong to, but to Whom we belong: God Our Father.

"Be sealed with the Holy Spirit!" are the words the bishop uses during the Confirmation Rite. Unlike tattoos and brandings, this seal is invisible and yet is the most powerful mark upon one's person for it reveals the transcendent and immortal nature of what we are: divine creations, and whose we are: sons and daughters of the Father.

These words of the bishop penetrate the whole person with God's life and love. It corrects the other mark on our person that was lost from sin, Original Sin. That act erased the divine dignity in which we were created, and we were no longer God's children, but became orphans for we abandoned our Father's home through disobedience.

Through Baptism and Confirmation, we once again are sealed, that is, marked with an indelible seal that transforms us from being lost orphans wandering in the wilderness.

This is the pathos: a primitive and existential fear that all human beings have been orphans. Paul Riceour, who influenced John Paul, said that the fallen human condition creates desolation along with the sense that we are failures, inherently destroying and desecrating our personal lives.

In essence, we have missed the mark, messed it up all. However, we must name this fear, exposing it and as we do, we are released from its power.

Sacred Rituals destroy the desecration, for with these rituals we become heirs of the Kingdom of God. We are once again adopted into Divine Life.

Though this seal is permanent and transformative, it needs cultivation. We cannot expect a mark as powerful as the Seal of the Holy Spirit to remain and influence us without the support and help of others. If we do not stay connected to our culture and upbringing as Christians, we will lose our faith and abandon Christianity. The greater the sign the greater the responsibility to protect it. Cultivation of our Christian heritage is more than external practices. Yes, external practices, rituals, demonstrate for us what we believe and whose we are, but if they are not transformative, radically orientating our lives to live as Christ did, they meaninglessly mark our soul as we fail to live as a Christian.

Without recognizing our divine identity in Christ, for we have been purchased at a great price – his blood, we merely become a Christian without an identity. We are marked but have no soul. That is why living a Christian identity demands charity. Charity begins with fidelity and fidelity is a daily consecration to our Christianity. Without living daily our identity as Christians, we become stones, dead to the Holy Spirit, Who cannot infuse divine life into our hardened hearts.

Charity wilts if we do not cultivate it. The presence of the Divine Spirit easily wastes away when we become so engrossed in the cares and concerns of our earthly world.

The Spirit of God is forever present to us, but we must be present to Him, too, personally. When we cultivate commitment to God's Spirit dwelling in us, we have the mind of Christ as St. Paul tells us,

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect (Rom 14:2).

The Unholy Spirit

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (Levi 23:15–21; Deut 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the New Law and New Covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (2 Cor 3:2–8; Rom 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (Gen 1:2). And in the New Creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (Gen 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (1 Cor 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages, He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (1 Cor 10:4), we are the first fruits of a renewed humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

Today, we discern this Holy Spirit which recreated creation, for there is another spirit, the spirit of the world: Jezebel's spirit, that dominates our world today.

- ◆ Seeks out individuals that they feel weaker to control, influence and dominate.
- ◆ Has an unnatural sense of self-importance.
- ◆ Requires admiration and attention.
- ◆ Shows arrogant, haughty behaviors.
- ◆ Lack self-control and emotional outbursts.
- ◆ Exploitative abusive, takes advantage of others.
- ◆ Void of empathy and mimics empathy to seduce.
- ◆ Jealous and envious of others and delusional that other are jealous and envious of them.
- ◆ Defensive, combative, and controlling.
- ◆ False fantasies about themselves having admiration, beauty, power, success, and brilliance.
- ◆ Believes he is superior and unique and only superior people can understand him.
- ◆ Has a sense of entitlement, demands automatic compliance, and unreasonable expectations.

Rejoice in the Lord always

The Apostle tells us to rejoice, but in the Lord, not in the world. Whoever wishes to be a friend of this world, says Scripture, will be reckoned an enemy of God. As a man cannot serve two masters, so one cannot rejoice both in the world and in the Lord. We either rejoice in our baptism and confirmation, in which we have been taken out of this world and given a new one, heaven, or we relish our lives here in this world, which we know is broken and distorted. To help us choose, St. Augustine writes,

**Let joy in the Lord prevail,
until joy in the world is no more.
Let joy in the Lord go on increasing;
let joy in the world go on decreasing
until it is no more.**

This is said, not because we are not to rejoice while we are in this world, but in order that, even while we are still in this world, we may already rejoice in the Lord.

You may object: I am in the world; if I rejoice, I certainly rejoice where I am. What is this? Do you mean that because you are in the world you are not in the Lord?

Listen again to the Apostle, speaking now to the Athenians: in the Acts this of God and the Lord our creator:

In him we live and move and have our being. If he is everywhere, where is he not? Surely this was what he was exhorting us to realize. The Lord is near. He gives us his Spirit as Counselor, Helper, and Consoler so that we are NOT to,
be anxious about anything.

What is the Role of the Holy Spirit?

5 Key roles of the Holy Spirit to help us understand His function in the life of the Christian and the church.

- 1 HE GUIDES US INTO ALL TRUTH. John 16:13
- 2 HE ASSURES US THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN. Romans 8:16
- 3 HE GIVES US HOPE. Romans 15:13
- 4 HE STRENGTHENS US. Ephesians 3:16
- 5 HE EQUIPS US TO SERVE OTHERS. Ephesians 4:11-12

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses Acts 1:8

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