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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

This week is the Feast of Pentecost and brings to a close the Easter Season. Please join me in praying for a fresh expression of the Holy Spirit upon our church and community.

"They partook of fire, not of burning but of saving fire. This is a fire that consumes the thorns of sins but gives luster to the soul. this is now coming upon you also in order to strip away and consume your sins, which are like thorns, and to brighten yet more that precious possession of your souls, and to give you grace, the same given then to the apostles. The Spirit descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, that they might crown themselves with new and spiritual diadems by fiery tongues upon their heads. As a fiery sword had barred of old the gates of paradise, a fiery tongue that brought salvation restored the gift." St. Cyril of Jerusalem

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave
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Ministry Links

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The Good News

June 2, 2017



Parish Education

Adult Formation meets this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m..

Catechesis for children and pre-study meals are on break through the summer. Watch for announcements regarding the Fall return of CGS!

Mission Leadership Team

Meets Monday (6/5) at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Meetings are open to the entire Eucharistic Community if you wish to see your leaders in action.

Flooring Update (From the MLT)

One lesson that we regularly learn is that you never know what will grab folks attention. Well, this Sunday your attention should be grabbed by the two different carpet colors. The new runner was installed on Friday and the old carpet still inhabits the altar area (Sanctuary). The new wood floor will be installed the week of June 12.

When it was announced at the Annual Meeting that Building and Grounds included renovating the flooring on their wish list, we did not think that it would be done within the next calendar year. We give thanks to a generous individual who immediately designated a very large memorial gift to jump start the process.

Confirmation

We are compiling a list of individuals (youth and adults) interested in confirmation/reception this fall. Please let Fr. Halt know if you are interested in this process.

The classes will occur monthly June-September. Time and dates TBD based on participants schedules.

Fr. Halt's Summer Schedule

Fr. Dave will be in and out quite a bit during the Summer. He will be working with the St. Michael's Conference from the afternoon of the 11th-17th of June. He will also travel to Tabora with the Bishop and several from St. Matthew's from the 26th of June-10 July. Services on the 2nd of July will be lead by Fr. David Wells and Deacon Tim will lead on 9 July.

The next intensive for his PhD work will take place from 27 August to 9 September. He is working on arranging coverage at this time.

Morning Prayer - Summer Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 8AM on Monday, 7AM Tuesday, 8AM Wednesday, 7:30 AM on Thursday, and 7AM on Friday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is usually Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Serving Schedule

4-Jun

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Thurifur:

Lector: Bob Kohlhase

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Bray Family

11-June

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Lector: Karyn Smith
E.M.: Robin Levine
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense
Coffee Hour: Linda Thomas & Ann Sokan

Outreach Opportunities

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

In May and June we are asking for donations for the Home Sweet Home Mission, a 100-year-old Christian organization which provides shelter and meals for the needy in our community.

Here are some suggestions: body wash, baby wipes, diapers sz. 4, razors, shaving cream, children's toothpaste, dish soap, paper towels; cooking oil, coffee, canned or jars of nuts, baked beans, fruit cups, pudding cups, dried fruit, dry milk.

Many thanks! The Outreach Committee

VOLUNTEER at MIDWEST FOOD BANK - on Monday, June 12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for this wonderful Outreach opportunity. For additional information, please contact Chrissy Stoffer at 663-6450 (home) or 433-6019 (cell). Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Midwest Food Bank has recently moved to North Normal and is now located at 2031 Warehouse Road. Directions: Take North Main Street (Business 51) to Northtown Road. Take a right on Northtown Road and proceed for half a mile. Take a right on Warehouse Road and you will see Midwest Food Bank on the right.

Parish Schedule for the week of June 4th

Coffee hour follows worship in the Parish hall

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:30 a.m.-Scribbles Field Trip

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-8:00 a.m.- Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & Breakfast

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings & Music for June 4, 2017

Hymns: #225, #362, #368

The First Lesson

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 104:25-37

Benedic, anima mea

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "

The Gospel
John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Birthdays & Anniversaries from June 4 - 10

Anniversaries

none reported

Birthdays

none reported

Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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