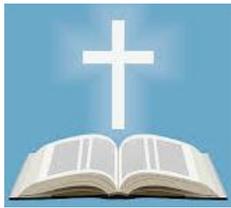


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## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Feast of Pentecost

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

On the day when the resurrected Christ first became present in their midst, the disciples were struggling to take in the fact that death wasn't what they thought it was, that Jesus was risen, and that he had come to them offering peace. In the midst of their dizzying confusion, Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He was not simply forgiving them, but inviting them to share in his own relationship with God. So just as God the Creator had done after fashioning the human creature, Jesus breathed over them, suffusing them with his Spirit and mission. Then, he gave them the one necessary command that would keep his mission alive in and through them: "Forgive."

That was it. No catechism, no dogma, no institution; no orders, hierarchy, hymns or liturgy. Just forgiveness.

As time went on, they did develop liturgy, catechisms, hymns and the rest. The intent was to provide structures, occasions, shared human spaces in which Jesus' mission could come to life. Sometimes, it worked.

The feast of Pentecost celebrates a key moment of the Spirit's ever-renewing presence in our lives. Pentecost functions like a movement that breaks down the boundaries of time and culture, and most of all, of our settled and certain attitudes that are epitomized in an unwillingness to forgive.

### United in the Spirit (Acts 2)

[Celebration](#)

Luke also tells us in the first sentence of the reading that the disciples were all in one place together. As he makes that statement, he avoids giving particular details: He doesn't tell us what the place was, nor does he specify precisely to whom he was referring. The import of the setting is the togetherness, not their numbers or locale. They were doing what Jesus had commanded; they were waiting together.

Unless we pay careful attention, we can miss the evangelical irony in Luke's description of what happened next. Luke tells us that the disciples "began to speak in different tongues," and the diverse people hearing them "were confused" because they understood them. Luke wants us to ponder this fact: The Spirit enabled the disciples to proclaim, and the people were confused because they understood them.

On one hand, this is a description of the "miracle of tongues" — people who spoke various languages all understood the proclamation in their own language. On the other hand, it is a reminder that hearing the message of the Spirit can be both wondrous and confusing at the same time. While it all looks so simple in retrospect, neither the Spirit nor the Gospel message ever leaves us just as we were; the Spirit throws us off balance and calls us into a newness that is somehow both joyful and disconcerting, understandable and confusing.

### One Body (1 Corinthians 12)

[Celebration](#)

Today, we hear Paul start off his famous discourse comparing the body of Christ to a human body. There are multiple levels of meaning hidden in this analogy between Christ's ongoing presence and the body every human being knows as her or his own way of being in the world. Paul wants us to think about the body with its strengths and weaknesses, the body that automatically works as a unit to protect and enhance the experience of the whole.

Another part of Paul's message that our selection underlines is that ALL who are called by Christ, all who have been baptized, are called to be part of one and the same body. That implies that the body of

Christ is present only where there is unity. Where there is division, competition, lack of peace and mutual acceptance, the body of Christ is crippled. A divided community is incapable of proclaiming the truth and reality that Jesus is Lord.

Paul's image of the body calls us to revel in our diversity and the possibilities it offers. On this feast of Pentecost, the apostle to the Gentiles reminds us that the diversity some see as the root of division is the Spirit's gift if we will only open ourselves to understand it. The body of Christ is bigger, broader and fuller than we can imagine. The Spirit invites us to become holy by allowing ourselves to be stretched enough to participate in it.

### The Peace of Forgiveness (John 20)

[Celebration](#)

Jesus apparently thought that this moment, the time when they were thoroughly thrown off balance and were confused, was the perfect time to commission them. He offered them his peace again. Then, as if to tell them that knowing nothing but his peace was everything they needed, he gave them the commission that offered them an unending future with him.

Just as he had appeared among them as the betrayed friend offering peace, Jesus now gives them the mission to do the same. All he hopes they will ever accomplish is summarized in the offer of peace and forgiveness. Jesus warns them that if they fail to forgive, the world will not know forgiveness. Giving and proclaiming forgiveness is the way they will exercise God's life-giving power in the world. That is their Pentecost vocation — and ours as well.

*"Strengthen me, Lord, in your Spirit."*

### Challenge of Pentecost

[Celebration](#)

If we want Pentecost to come to life in us, today's Scriptures tell us that forgiveness is the place to start. First, as the opening rite of the eucharistic celebration teaches us, we need to accept ourselves as beloved and forgiven sinners. Today's Gospel demonstrates that knowing and accepting that truth about ourselves opens us to the Spirit. According to the model of today's Gospel, the second step in our Pentecost process is to become involved in reconciliation by forgiving and by being agents of forgiveness who help others learn that it is possible. Pentecost is a long process.

### Special Gift

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Did you hear in Paul's metaphor of our inclusion into God's family? We are adopted. We are not natural-born children of God, but supernatural. We are members of God's family because God reached out and rescued us, chose us, grafted us in when we were without. We have all been adopted by God!

Children of God, be of good cheer. We have all been chosen. So allow the Holy Spirit who dwells within you to set you free to act and live like the children and heirs of God.

Happy Pentecost, chosen and beloved children of God.

### Priests' Retirement Fund Collection Father's Day Weekend – June 15-16

Fully funding the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund is important. Each year, parishes are asked to participate in a special collection for this purpose. This retirement fund helps pay for the basic needs such as food, housing, and transportation for those priests who are currently retired and those who will retire years from now.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider a donation to this fund. Envelopes for this special collection are in your regular envelope packet.

## WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2019

### MONDAY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

### TUESDAY

Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6

### WEDNESDAY 8:00am – Mass

2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY 8:00am - Mass

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9, 10-14 Mt 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Mt 5:33-37

### SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass (with Nursery)

Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



## EDUCATION/FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee

How does the fire of the Spirit live in you? What kind of fuel do you need to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit alive in your life?

**Reflecting on the Word:** Come Spirit, come! The Church focuses on our love for God as we celebrate the fiery descent of the Spirit. The Gospel shows that our love for God is revealed in our keeping the Commandments and Jesus' Word. If we are unable to do those, our love for God is lacking. The Spirit is always with us to show the way. It is good to reflect on how often we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us.

**Living the Word:** If possible, build a fire in a fireplace, barbecue grill, or if your city/town allows, in your backyard. An alternative is to light candles. Around the flames of the fire or candles, name gifts that God has given you and say how you are going to feed that spark. The seven gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel or right judgment, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

JUNE 13 – Thursday

6:30pm **Commission Meetings** / 7:30pm **Parish Council Meeting**

JUNE 26 – Wednesday – 2:00-7:00pm – **Blood Drive** – East Campus

JUNE 30 – Sunday – 1:00-4:00pm – West Campus

**Father Tom's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**

JULY 29-AUGUST 1 – Monday-Thursday – 9:00am-12:00noon

**Vacation Bible School** – East Campus

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00noon – East Campus

**Parish Picnic**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Monday, the Superintendent who oversees the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Saginaw, presented the "Excellence in Teaching Award" to Katie Mocny during a surprise school assembly. Katie teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at AACS. The recognition is well earned! Katie is proud and so are the school and parish families.



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful school year. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and supported AACS this year! We appreciate you!

**Scrip:** Graduation gifts and every-day shopping are just two good ideas to use scrip cards. During the Summer, scrip will be available in the Parish Office on Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**2019-2020 School Year:** Have you considered all options for your child(ren)'s Pre-K, Young 5, and K-5th grade education? AACS offers smaller class sizes with individualized attention, before and after-school care, organized sports starting in Preschool and, of course, the Catholic Christian values that are instilled daily. For more information, call the School Office at 662-6431 or view our website at [auburnacschool.org](http://auburnacschool.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$10,962**

**Offering: \$13,019**

**Priests Retirement: \$110**

### Pentecost Sunday

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."*

John 14:26

Our world is so filled with materialism. We are often lured to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. Praying to the Holy Spirit can help to guide our thoughts, words, and actions.

### Children G😊d Deeds

... being a good sportsman to my teammates

...I made new friends ...helped with laundry ...helping a friend

**CSA Report:** Another 14 pledges/donations were received, bringing our total to \$73,925. The number of participants is 346 (374 families responded last year). The amount over our goal is a safety net of sorts. It allows covering any shortfall that may occur because of people moving or experiencing a particular financial problem. The amount received over and above the target of \$67,249 is rebated to the parish.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Spirit of wisdom and understanding*, enlighten our minds to perceive mysteries. *Spirit of right judgment and courage*, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. *Spirit of knowledge and reverence*, help us see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. *Spirit of God*, spark our faith, hope, and love into action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence. Amen

## BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. GABRIEL – JUNE 26 – 2-7:00pm

We are grateful for donations from the April event - overall, 51 local hospital patients received blood products from our donors' efforts! We are now targeting great results for our **June 26 Blood Drive** and request your participation! Parishioners and community members are encouraged to donate. The donation process takes one hour from start to finish ~ an additional technician will be onsite. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome as well. Scheduling is easy – visit [versiti.org/michigan](http://versiti.org/michigan) (St. Gabriel Parish event) or call the Parish Office at 662-6861. If viewing electronically, [click here](#) to schedule. Donors will receive a sunshade to be used in their vehicle. Please consider donating blood to save lives.

Bring your friends and neighbors!



Everyone is welcome! Register today!

**Vacation Bible School ~ July 29-August 1**  
 "ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good"

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Daily activities include music, Bible stories, KidVid Cinema, games, and a snack. Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Registration fee is \$12 per child/\$30 per family. Registration forms are available at both entrances. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! **Registration Deadline if you want a t-shirt: Tuesday, June 25**

**ROAR! REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Your help is needed at Vacation Bible School on **July 29-August 1** (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00am to 12:00noon. It's a great fun opportunity to get service hours! Volunteer forms are available at the school entrance. **Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 25**

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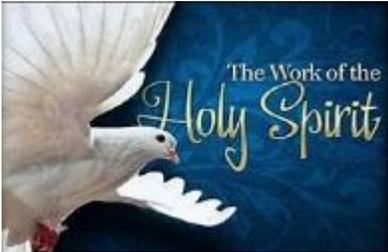
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# PENTECOST

## The Church's Birthday

Each year, the Church celebrates 50 days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next. They were tentative, disorganized, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.



Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. The disciples of Jesus discovered that they are a people with a mission who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ. You can read the story of the Church's first days in the Acts of the Apostles.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together and send them forth to spread the word.

### From our parishioners of all ages... "How does the Holy Spirit work in my life?"

The Holy Spirit gives me courage with reading in front of people. Dylan Connors

The Holy Spirit keeps my family and I calm during our storm we are going through. Jason Clark

The Holy Spirit guides me in wrestling. Grant Markel

*The Holy Spirit guides me by helping me remember to trust in the journey. God has a plan for us all!*

Mandy Swenberg

*Many years ago (back in my early 30's), I had the opportunity to attend a one-weekend session of the Lay Ministry Formation Program. A friend of mine was in the program and invited me along. It was a very enlightening*



*experience for me then, and I came away thinking, "Someday, I want to be a part of this." I had been searching for a way to enhance and deepen my life's journey to which God was calling me. At my stage in life at the time, I wasn't sure what direction I would be called to go, but I felt that this formation program would play an important part. Ten years later, the time was right. With the Spirit moving through a co-worker's invitation, I began the enrollment process and was accepted into the formation program. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, my relationship with God has continued to grow, evolve, and deepen.*

Connie Kaczynski



*The Holy Spirit helps me to not be scared of the dark* Rachel Waibel

I have felt the Holy Spirit be a part of my life for as long as I can remember. From giving strength during the death or sickness of a loved one to just helping me focus through a simple task, I believe the Spirit has been there. The Spirit is my guide, who gives me confidence and wisdom in every aspect of my life, great and small.

Eva Hinterman

**The Holy Spirit helps me to be patient and to stop and enjoy each moment.**

Jen Squires

From very early in my life, I have felt that there is something pushing me. Looking back over many things that have happened, it's possible to see an influence in how my life and others (especially Karen - my wife of 64 years) have also been guided to things gifted to do. From many ways I have been given understanding that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit have offered me ways, opportunities, gifts, and understanding to follow what has been set for me to do for God in whatever small ways that fits God's desire for me to be his servant.

David Willis



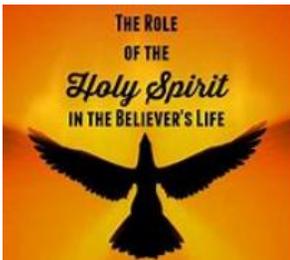
The Holy Spirit lives in me by helping me live.

Silas Bock

The Holy Spirit lives in me by loving my family.

Alivia Alvarez-Putt

*The Holy Spirit works in my life in many ways. Most of my life, I've asked God to have the Holy Spirit prompt me to pray for people who are most in need of His Mercy. As a*



*result, many times through the day and night, I will be prompted to pray for someone.*

*Many years ago, I was prompted to pray for an old high school classmate who I hadn't seen or heard from for twenty years. For several*

*months, I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray for her without understanding the reasons until I opened the newspaper one day to learn she died from cancer.*

Pam Gaul-Gwizdala

The Holy Spirit helps me be brave when I have a loose tooth.

Alexander Horschig

*The Holy Spirit gave me courage to say sorry to my friend.*

Adelyn Suderman

The Holy Spirit helps me to know right from wrong. (I don't always listen.)

Arielle Grzegorzcyk

The Holy Spirit lives in me by giving my Mom hugs.

Molly Kramer

### Flowing Waters

Many winters ago, we were going through a winter like no other. Our youngest child was sick, and I had to take a trip to the doctor with 3 other children – ages 4½, 6, and 7 – in tow.

The weather was cold, bleak, and the roads were icy. We pulled out of the driveway onto the road, riding along when one of the worst corners in Monitor Twp. was coming up. I started praying Come Holy Spirit, help me get through this... when I put on the breaks to stop at the corner and the van started spinning and stopped with the front of the car pointing down and we could see water running by us. My leg was buckling holding the brake pedal down hard and my knuckles white. I turned to the children and told them to close their eyes and pray to the Holy Spirit to get us out. And they were, as was I. I put my foot on the gas and miracle of miracles... I was going backward when my front tires weren't even touching the ground. The children were so excited – we all were singing in thanksgiving when the 4½-year-old said, "Mom, I peeked and two angels with big wings were in a big tow truck and pulled us out." I have no doubt...

Marilyn Welz

The Holy Spirit urges me to pray.

.... Helps me believe in God and be faithful.

.... Eases my worry or at least tickles my heart to give it to God.

.... Help me make better decisions.

.... Aids in my paying attention and gives me patience at school.

.... Helps me concentrate when learning to drive.

.... Opens my eyes to God within each of us, his many gifts, and his many differences when I am a Eucharistic Minister.

.... Calls me to be more involved at our parish.

.... Helps me Lector, as I practice, and I especially pray for peace and calmness right before I walk up to the Ambo asking the Holy Spirit to take over.

Tim & Kelly Hadd Family

The Holy Spirit helps me be brave when I am pitcher at my game.

Wyatt Metzler

*The Holy Spirit gives us conscience.*

Ashlyn Anderson



*I believe that the Holy Spirit led me to a local nursing home on Christmas Day in 2016. I asked if there was anyone who didn't get any visitors, and I was directed to a man who I visited that day and who I continued to visit until he passed away. I also met others who*

*were eager to have someone to talk to and laugh with and who I continue to spend time with each week. I receive as much joy from them as they, no doubt, receive from me; there are many who are lonely or feel forgotten and just want to feel loved--and they have such interesting stories and history to share as well! One of my lady friends turned 104 in May; another is 101. These people, as well as a special homebound lady, have enriched my life immensely.*

Gloria BB

**The Holy Spirit helps me be happy!**

Max Oslund

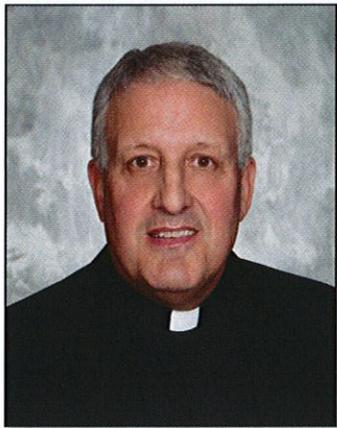
The Holy Spirit always seems to direct me back to something that needs my attention, even if I have already moved passed it the first time.

Anne Derrington

**The Holy Spirit helps me bring peace to my patients when they are worried; it allows me to share my joy for Christ when working with youth ministry!**

Stephanie Schacher





Dear Friends,

At a Mass to honor our senior priests Bishop Hurley said he wanted to clarify that we use the term “senior” priests rather than “retired” priests. He said we call them senior priests because they are still very active. We wouldn’t be able to get by without them.

In the statistics below you will see that some of our senior priests are no longer active due to health reasons. However, most of our senior priests are very active. Some still serve as full-time pastors and others assist by being sacramental ministers or covering for priests who are away.

The Diocese of Saginaw Priests’ Retirement Fund provides a pension for all our senior priests. The fund also must insure that there will be a pension for all our active priests, including those ordained just a few weeks ago.

Your gift to our annual Father’s Day Collection helps to support all the priests who serve our diocese.

Thank you and God bless you!

**Father Peter J. Gaspeny**

*President, Diocese of Saginaw Priests’ Retirement Association*



## Diocese of Saginaw – At A Glance



### Diocesan Priests



**56** parishes



**98** church buildings



**147** weekend Masses



**91** total priests

- 18** Senior priests; retirement status, no longer active
- 15** Senior priests; retirement status, still assisting
- 7** Priests of retirement age, still active
- 8** Priests of retirement age within four years
- 25** Active priests
- 5** Priests in service outside the diocese
- 3** Priests on leave
- 1** Priest in graduate studies

- ..... **Plus** .....
- 4** Religious priests, active
  - 5** Priests from other dioceses, active

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# Priests' Retirement Fund

Supporting Those Who Have Given Throughout Their Lives

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serving the people of our parishes. Many even continue to faithfully minister well into their retirement years. Your gift ensures that they will receive care and support in their later years.

Your gift goes directly to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's priests' pension plan, where it is invested and held in a trust account. The pension plan provides for the monthly pension and medical benefits of our currently retired priests and helps fund the future retirement of our active priests.

You may include the form below in the special envelope in your envelope packet or submit in a separate envelope.

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Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Amount of donation \_\_\_\_\_

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