

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pay much more attention to hiccups because they are disruptive. Sighing comes easily. It settles us and heals. There's good in both of them: hiccups direct our thoughts to what may need attention, sighing provides a moment of peace.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MAY 21, 2018

Monday, May 21, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
12:10PM George Jany by Frances Pautler
Tuesday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia
8:15AM Dean Lochhead by Welds & Carol DeRousse
Wednesday, May 23
10:30AM Special Intention
Thursday, May 24
NO MASS
Friday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Saturday, May 26, St. Philip Neri
5PM Frances Schmerbauch by Mary Long
Sunday, May 27, The Most Holy Trinity
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MAY 20 THRU MAY 27

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Sloppy Joes/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 7PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Pentecost means "fifty" and our fifty days of Easter joy are complete. This Sunday is a day to savor the glory of Easter once more: picnics and cookouts, walks by the water, time in the garden-are all ways of extending the feast. Notice the paschal candle today, still burning during Mass. Our Easter celebration now complete, the candle will soon be moved to a place near the baptismal font, and be lighted at baptisms and funerals as a silent witness to Christ's abiding presence.

TITHE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,104.00
\$832.00 Improvement Fund; \$983.00 Ascension; \$187.00 Catholic Communication; \$5.00 Donation; \$108.00 Child Env.; \$17.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithes: \$6,666.74

Fiscal Year Week: 46

YTD Actual Giving: \$306,670.00

YTD Budget Need: \$322,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$15,330.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$333.26)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for May 26 & 27: 5PM, Isaac Jany, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, Paige Vasquez, Elseah Congiardo, Grace Welborn

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The Holy Spirit is like the summer air, filled with the fragrance of blooming roses. Like a restful breeze, the Spirit billows through our lives. As a rustling wind, the Spirit opens and shuts doors. That presence is always near.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Eighth Grade graduates. They are Alex Embrich, Isaac Jany, Madison Kribs, Luke Miller, Brock Vasquez, Reed Welborn, and Connor Wolff.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will host the mobile market on Wednesday, May 23, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. Volunteers are needed to speed the distribution. Please call Bob Koenegstein (826-5264) to help with the distribution of the food.

SCHOOL IS OUT and children will NOT be receiving a nutritious lunch each day. The Chester Food Pantry will be preparing food bags for children in June, July, and August. They are in need of drink boxes, PB crackers, cheese crackers and granola bars. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please help feed our hungry children.

FISH FRY at Evansville K of C on Friday, June 1, from 4:30-8PM.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE at St. John Lutheran, Chester, on Friday, June 1, from 1-6PM and Saturday, June 2, from 8AM-1PM.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER will be hosted by Liberty Bell of the West, NSDAR, on Friday, June 8, at the K of C Hall from 4:30-7PM. Cost is \$10. Proceeds from this dinner will help to support their Bicentennial Memorial Project which will be dedicated at the Chester Courthouse on Sunday, August 26.

HOT WEATHER HAS ARRIVED and St. Vincent de Paul needs donations of bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Offices, #13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area/immediately off Route 157) or call 618-394-0126 for additional information.

A QUILTARAMA will be hosted by Mary Help of Christians, Chester, on Tuesday, June 12, at the K of C Hall from 8:30AM-3:30PM. Surrounding parishes have been invited. We are asking the ladies of our parish to bring casseroles, salads, desserts, and attendance prizes. Also, assistance with lunch that day would be appreciated. Contact Bonnie Todd (618-340-5013) to say that you'll donate a dish or help with lunch.

MEET ME AT THE MUNY (AGAIN)! We had so much fun last year that we are trying it again! On Wednesday, July 11, we will travel to see "Jersey Boys". Tickets are \$35 for parishioners (guys-this includes you too). Seating will be approximately in the same area as last year. Other guests will need to pay an additional \$15 bus fee. We will stop at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher for a Fried Chicken Dinner. Additional stops can be made along the way for boarding. Departure time will be announced closer to the show date. Donna Ritter (826-3706) will need all monies by Wednesday, June 13, to confirm your seats. For additional information, please contact Donna Ritter.

STILL FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT: There are so many biblical readings given for the vigil and day of Pentecost, we could spend a month pouring over them. The gospel acclamation gives a great summary. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Baptism surely fills with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation strengthens that holy presence. With what does the Holy Spirit fill my heart this week? How does it help me stay faithful? Enflamed in love, who and how will I love?