

# St. Mary University Parish

## Central Michigan University



### FROM THE DESK OF FR. T. J.

*Week of May 20<sup>th</sup>*

#### The Feast of Pentecost:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost brings the Easter Season to an end. Pentecost is also the birthday of our Church. I would like to raise a couple questions: **What is Pentecost? How do we as Roman Catholics look upon the day of Pentecost?** I would like to answer these questions by quoting from my two Catholic Encyclopedia's.

The Catholic Encyclopedia: "Originally, this was the second feast in rank of the Jews, the celebration of thanksgiving for the harvest and the ending of Passover time (cf. Dt. 26:1-11). Later it was the celebration of the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai (cf. Ex. 20). In Christian recognition, Pentecost is the feast celebrated 50 days after Easter or ten days after the Feast of the Ascension. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (Acts 2:1 – 42), as foretold by Christ (Jn. 16:7). It marks the beginning of the active apostolic work and it hailed as the birthday of the Church, for it was through the coming of the Holy Spirit that the Church began to form the members of the new kingdom."

Our Sunday Visitor's CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: "For Christians, Pentecost acquires its significance from Acts 2:1-41, where this feast is the occasion on which the Holy Spirit descends on the assembled disciples in the appearance of "tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them" (Acts 2:3). Fire is associated with God's presence in the Sinai theophany: "Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire" (Ex. 19:18).

**MAY 20, 2018 • PENTECOST**

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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

In the Church's liturgical Calendar, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. The Preface for the solemnity of Pentecost in the Roman Missal expresses well the liturgical focus of the celebration: *'Today you sent the Holy Spirit on those marked out to be your children by sharing the life of your only Son, and so you brought the paschal mystery to its completion. Today we celebrate the great beginning of your Church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith.'*

### Health Leave:

I announced last weekend that as of June 1<sup>st</sup> I will be leaving St. Mary University Parish as I am taking a leave of absence for health reasons. The problem I am facing is not my physical health. It is more emotional for which I am seeking help in. Bishop Cistone is sending me to St. John Vianney Center located in the Philadelphia Diocese. During my first week there, they will be evaluating me to see how long I will be there. When I come back to the Saginaw Diocese I will receive another parish assignment.

### Welcome Your New Pastor:

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Patrick Jankowiak will arrive at St. Mary University Parish as your new pastor. Fr. Patrick is presently the pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Bay City. Fr. Patrick is a native of the Saginaw Diocese with his home parish being Blessed Sacrament in Midland. I invite you to welcome Fr. Patrick Jankowiak as your new pastor.

### St. Mary Mass schedule for the summer (Until June 1st):

#### **Weekday Mass Schedule for Summer:**

Monday – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule for Summer:**

Sunday – 6:00 p.m. Mass

### Catholic Services Appeal (CSA):

The last weekend of April we went through our commitment weekend which started off our 2018 campaign of CSA. Our target is \$1,000.00 and two parishioners have already made their pledges, so I invite all of you who are parishioners of St. Mary University Parish to also make your pledge and do our part to support the operations of our diocese. I invite us to take a moment to pray this prayer:

### **Appeal Prayer:**

God our Creator, Giver of all good gifts, we praise and glorify you. Teach us to acknowledge always, and with enduring gratitude, the many blessings Your infinite love has showered upon us. Widen our vision and enliven our generosity, as we seek to support the pastoral and charitable works of our diocese.

All-loving Father, we honor and adore you. Open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit, who enables us to live in faith and give in love, so that the joy of the Gospel may penetrate every heart in our local communities.

Open our eyes and stir up in us compassion, so that all may come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, now and forever. Amen.

### **On Retreat:**

Each of us priests are required to go on a retreat each year. Last weekend I announced that I was planning on taking my retreat in the second week of June, but with my health leave that has changed now. I still would like to get a retreat in before I go, so I am choosing to take my last few days here for my retreat. I will begin my retreat the afternoon of May 29<sup>th</sup> and end it the morning of June 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be staying with a priest friend and he will be the director of my retreat. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you.

## **LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of Scripture and Catholic Theology? Wanting to strengthen and deepen your relationship with God? Feeling the desire to fulfill your baptismal call by serving others? The Lay Ministry Program may be just for you! Come and learn about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program at one of the upcoming regional information meetings scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, 207 Ashman St., Midland, MI 48640 or Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603. For more information regarding either of these meetings or general information about the Lay Ministry Program, please contact Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, at [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or (989) 797-6609.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth" (*pentecoste*). This name came into use in the late Old Testament period and was inherited by the authors of the New Testament.

Pentecost has been interpreted as the reversal of the tower of Babel incident in Genesis 10. God confused the languages in Babel because of their dissent. Now God brought them back to the faith through Pentecost

## **CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

**NAME CHANGE.** Reach Out has officially changed it's name to Central Catholic.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday Supper in the lounge after 6pm Mass

Corpus Christi every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the lounge

Sports at the SAC - Fridays at 2:00

## **APOLOGETICS**

We will pick up again next fall! Don't let those braincells die while on break. Be sure and inform that conscience during the summer!

## **MEN AND WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Enjoy your summer! We will start back up again this fall. If anyone is interested in a book study during the summer, please contact Cory.

## **SUMMER**

Please stay in touch with us throughout the summer! We will try and plan some events for any student who is sticking around Mt. Pleasant. We hope you have a fun and safe summer. Whatever you do, do it now and do it well!

## **SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION**

May 13, 2018: \$619.31

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