

A New Wind: By Scott Hahn

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 (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 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 (see 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 (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 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 (see Genesis 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 (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 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 (see also John 7:37-39).

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

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

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB



Millions of Monicas is a new ministry in the Diocese of Peoria for women to pray together for their children who have left the faith. This is not a support group or a self-help group. We simply meet once a month and pray together for each other's loved ones in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

1st Tuesdays 7:00pm St. Mark Parish 113 W. Bradley Ave. Peoria,

Phone 309-673-1263 with any questions

4th Tuesdays 7:00pm St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 904 E. Lake Ave. Peoria Heights, IL

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Pentecost Sunday — May 19th 2024

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

St. Joseph

Sat. May 18th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
5:00 pm Fabian & Dorothy Cahill+
10:30am Paul Gilles+
Sun. May 19th 8:00 am Communion Service
Mon. May 20th 8:00 am Communion Service
Tues. May 21st 8:00 am Communion Service
Wed. May 22nd 8:00 am Communion Service
NO Adoration and Confessions
Thurs May 23rd 8:00 am Communion Service
Fri. May 24th 8:00 am Communion Service
Sat. May 25th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
5:00 pm Joe Miller+
Sun. May 26th **10:00am** Judy Maher+
Please pray for Father Verrier's travels to see his mother.
Please pray for Mrs. Eileen Verrier for a speedy recovery as she is having surgery on May 21st.
May he return to us safely.
MASS TIME CHANGES NEXT WEEKEND

St. James

Sunday Confessions
7:30 — 7:55 am

Sun. May 19th 8:00am
Murdock Family
Offered by
Ann **Murdock**

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NEXT WEEKEND

Sun. May 26th 8:30am
Julie Hennenfent+
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St Joseph

Lector

Sat. May 18th
Sun. May 19th

Volunteer Needed
Chastain

Sat. May 25th
Sun. May 26th

Volunteer Needed
Seaborn

Please consider Volunteering to Lector
For more info Ask Father Verrier



Please consider volunteering to Lector on another day. We only have 2 lectors on Saturday and many on Sunday. Contact Karla Wilbur to let her know if you are available. We need one or two a month to fill the openings. We have no lector on May 25th, or July 6th.

Lector Schedule in the back of the church to review.

Father and the Saturday lectors thank you for your help.



ST JOSEPH SPRING BEEF RAFFLE

The last chance to get tickets after Saturday 5:00pm Mass and before 10:30am Mass on Sunday

Drawing after 10:30am Mass 5-19-24

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There are two main qualifications for reception of the Sacrament: (1) danger from illness or advanced age and (2) going under anesthesia for surgery. The illness should be serious in nature. The Sacrament should be received at the onset of danger for any sick person while he or she is capable of active participation in the ritual. Family and caregivers are asked not to deprive those they care for from the graces of this Sacrament through an unnecessary delay in requesting a priest to administer the Sacrament. This holy anointing is not intended to be received repeatedly unless the sickness significantly worsens, or a notable time period has passed. Please call the Parish Office at 309-446-3275 to request an Anointing of the Sick.

Congratulations to All 2024 Graduates!

May you have **WISDOM** in heart and mind,
SUCCESS in every challenge you find,
COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you,
BELIEF in yourself to make it come true,
STRENGTH to do your best and endure,
And the guiding light of **FAITH** to ensure
that wherever you go, whatever you do,
God's LOVE
will always see you through. Amen

Thank You

We have completed another year of CCD classes! Many, many thanks to the families and our children who participated in this year's program.

Special thanks, also, to our amazing team of catechists and teen helpers. This year's staff includes Amy Chastain, Julie Burwell, Karla

Wilbur, Bridget McKown, Kristina Porter, Jovi Chastain and last but not least our fabulous Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shuster. May God continue to bless all of you!

Financial Stewardship

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

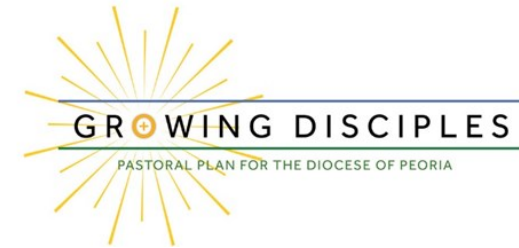


Sunday Totals: May 12th - No Masses this weekend

St Joseph \$1,520.00 (Electronic)

St James \$220.00 (Electronic)

Mission of the Month of May West Virginia Passionists
Collection last month for Haiti \$323.00



As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church.

Yet, as we are well aware, the world we live in today presents many challenges for us to propose the Gospel in a compelling and impactful way. We cannot ignore the realities we face. However, we are full of hope as we trust the prompting of the Holy Spirit to engage in a new apostolic age of missionary discipleship.

It is in this hope that Bishop Lou Tylka announces the decisions that have been discerned regarding the structure of the parishes in the Diocese of Peoria for the future. We certainly call upon the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to these necessary changes to create a more vibrant, mission driven and sustainable Church for growing disciples.

Two years ago, the Diocese of Peoria initiated a process in our diocese which we call "Growing Disciples." The process was not centered upon the reality of decline; rather it has been a process of renewal seeking opportunities for growth. Originating from listening sessions of his first two years serving as Coadjutor Bishop, the Bishop articulated five foundations on which to create a better, more vibrant Church: Evangelization, Discipleship, The Eucharist, Vocations and the legacy of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He enlisted the help of the Catholic Leadership Institute to guide our process of assessing our current structure and discerning a more mission-driven sustainable structure for the future.

The process was quite thorough, working with every parish and ministry in the diocese. They gathered hard data, including Baptisms and funeral trends, Mass attendance counts, the number of active priests, upcoming priest retirements, trends in candidates for the seminary, maintenance costs for the churches, parish budgets, projected costs for repairs, geography and population trends among other factors. The Growing Disciples Core Team, Consultants, Priests, Curia Offices, Diocesan Planning Commission, and Key Parish Leaders provided opportunities for conversations, prayer and discerning. The Diocese gathered feedback from thousands of parishioners and community members as we went through several rounds of parish modeling.

The details of the new parish configurations, as well as the assignments of priests can be found on the Growing Disciples website: growingdisciplescdop.org beginning Saturday evening, May 18, 2024.

These difficult and yet necessary changes will create greater freedom to engage in this new apostolic age. The first disciples, including the Blessed Mother Mary, were filled with the Holy Spirit and commissioned by Jesus to go make disciples. May we encounter the same gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us today - setting our hearts ablaze for Christ, so that we too may bear fruit for God's kingdom in our local Church.

Venerable Archbishop Sheen - pray for us!