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# PENTECOST

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Friends,

Today we come to the high point of our Easter celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, meaning "fifty days" after the Passover -- was the feast day in which the Jewish people celebrated the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Whenever human beings forget how limited we are and try to take the initiative in our dealings with God, what inevitably follows is disaster. An example is the story of the Tower of Babel that we are told in Gen 11 where human beings decided to build a tower that would reach to heaven.

Does the story of Babel remind you of the story we read today from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples of Jesus speaking in other languages? Actually, the two stories are related. But Pentecost is not a repeat of Babel, Pentecost is a reversal of Babel, and this for three reasons:

1. At Babel human beings decided to build a tower to God by their own effort; at Pentecost it is now God who decides to build a bridge to humans by sending the Holy Spirit. Babel was a human initiative, a human effort, Pentecost is a divine initiative, a divine activity through the Holy Spirit.

2. Babel was a requiem of misunderstanding; Pentecost is a chorus of mutual understanding. The miracle of Pentecost is very different from the miracle of Babel. At Babel, the people came together with one language, understanding themselves. After God's intervention they dispersed no longer understanding each other. At Pentecost, on the other hand, people of different ethnic backgrounds came together unable to communicate, but after the miracle of Pentecost, they said, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear them, each of us in our own language?" (Acts 2:7-8).

3. Finally, Pentecost differs from Babel in its result. Babel resulted in the disintegration of the human family into different races and nationalities. Pentecost, on the other hand, brings all peoples together and reunifies them under one universal family. On Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Today is, therefore, an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to be active and faithful members of this family of God we call Church.

**From Our Bishop:** In light of those positive realities, **it is time to remove the "General Dispensation" from the obligation to come to Mass each week. This will take effect on the Solemnity of Pentecost, one week from today, on the weekend of May 22-23, 2021.** At that time, the normal expectations regarding the practice of our Faith will once again be in effect, which includes the obligation to participate, in-person, in the celebration of Holy Mass each weekend for all who are able to do so. Of course, if a person is unable to do so, due to sickness or other serious risks or concerns, the obligation does not apply; that person is dispensed by virtue of his or her particular circumstances.

**"Be Blessed and Be a blessing"**

**Yours in Christ & Mary,  
Fr. R. Mathias MSFS**

#### Buildings and Grounds Position Opening

The Immaculate Conception Parish Council is seeking a parishioner, preferably with some related experience to fill this position that will be vacated by Mike Mann later this year. If you are interested, please call the office or speak to someone on the Parish Council.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, May 22 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Elizabeth Dobrowolski (Birthday)  
By: family

#### Sunday, May 23 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. †Darla Smith  
By: Marie Koole

#### Monday, May 24 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. †Joseph Tobon  
By: wife, Nancy

#### Tuesday, May 25- St. Bede the Venerable

6:30 p.m. †Frank Ballinger  
By: Marie Koole

#### Wednesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:00 a.m. †Sister Sharon Beckmann  
By: Marie Koole

#### Thursday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

#### Friday, May 28 - Venerable Pierre Toussaint

6:30 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
By: Shukrani Goodlow

#### Saturday, May 29 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. The People of the Parishes

#### Sunday, May 30 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11:00 a.m. †Deceased Members of the KOC  
By: Knights of Columbus

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm: 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

#### Update on Masks

On Friday, May 14, 2021, the MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) updated its Gatherings and Mask order to align with CDC guidelines which state: "fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

In light of this development, and taking into account the growing numbers of people becoming fully vaccinated and/or having the access to vaccinations; we are making the following changes to liturgical worship at Parishes effective immediately:

Parishioners are not required to wear masks for indoor worship. However, those that are unvaccinated are asked to continue to wear their masks, for their own protection as well as the protection of others.

NOTE: Please communicate this pastorally with the understanding that some Parishioners will also want to continue wearing a mask even if they do fall into exempt categories. Clergy and altar servers are asked to continue to wear masks. Anyone assisting with Holy Communion must also wear a mask. Ushers/Parish staff are NOT to ask any parishioner and /or attendee what their vaccination status is.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 29 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Nancy Schopf  
**Lector:** Colleen Stedman

**Door Monitors:** Marie Koole & Nancy Schopf

**Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Chad Thelen  
**Lector:** Tom Springer

**Door Monitors:** Jeff Springer & Pixie Ziehm

*From the Principal...*

Dear Parishioners,

**Open enrollment for I.C School and Summer Childcare**

We are currently accepting online applications for the 2021-2022 academic school year. We offer grades K-7th, preschool, and child care programs. You may connect with us in the following ways. Contact the school office by phone on Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., email us at [principal@iccatholicschool.com](mailto:principal@iccatholicschool.com), or visit us online at [www.iccatholicschool.com](http://www.iccatholicschool.com).

Don't miss out on the opportunity to give your child the gift of a Catholic Education.



**Helping Mothers and Babies**

A reminder that during the month of May, the Upper Elementary students are sponsoring a donation drive to support the mission of the Pregnancy Helpline in Three Rivers. We are collecting money, newborn diapers and newborn clothing for pregnant women in need. For anyone who picked up a baby bottle bank please return them this week. Bottles are due back by May 28th. Contact the school office for more information.



Baby bottle banks and additional items can be dropped off in the back of church or returned directly to the school. Thanks for your support!!!!

In Christ's Easter Peace,  
*Mrs. Sharon Voege*

**IC PARISH SUPPORT**

**Week of 5/16/21 YTD**

Sunday Collection (66) .....	\$ 4,081.71 .....	\$ 229,747.41
Holy Days .....	\$ 358.35 .....	\$ 10,247.35
Visitors/Loose .....	\$ 99.00 .....	\$ 5,604.01
Mass Stipend.....	\$ 45.00 .....	\$ 2,680.00
Utility Fund.....	\$ 50.00 .....	\$ 3,068.00
Donations/Bequests .....	\$ 0.00 .....	\$ 12,055.00
<b>Total Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,634.06 .....</b>	<b>\$ 263,401.77</b>
Weekly Need.....	\$ 5,804.00 .....	\$ 266,984.00
Over/Under.....	\$ (1,169.94) .....	\$ (3,582.23)
<b>Income not included in weekly needs:</b>		
IC Help.....		\$ 25.00
Votive Lights.....		\$ 51.00
Second Collection/Catholic Relief Services.....		\$ 1,147.00



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**Shop & Support IC School**

Sue Morton, our Music Director, will be leaving our Parishes in June. Her family will be moving out of state. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this part time job, please have them contact the office.



Happy Birthday to John Krull who is celebrating his 92nd birthday on May 29th.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The new Ultrasound machine on the Pregnancy Helpline Center of Three Rivers mobile bus will be in our church parking lot on **Tuesday June 8th**. The dedication ceremony will begin with a blessing by Fr. Mathias at 5:30 and will be followed by a ribbon cutting and refreshments, with tours, given until 7:30. Thank you to all the donors who made this possible and please join us in this celebration of life and continued prayers for the unborn.



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

AS OF MAY 18, 2021

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$ 49,586	\$ 43,929	\$ 5,657
<b>St. Clare</b>	\$ 11,731	\$ 13,108	\$ -0-
<b>St. Barbara</b>	\$ 8,517	\$ 4,970	\$ 3,547

*Shining Christ's Light...*

Together as one Family in Faith

**ST. BARBARA CHURCH**  
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 23**  
The People of the Parishes

**8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 30**  
†Joan Ormins  
By: Roger & Cathy Doering

**Lector:** Mary Jo Sharp

**SB PARISH SUPPORT**

**Week of 5/16/21 YTD**

Sunday Collection (15).....	\$ 1,060.00.....	\$ 31,803.00
Holy Days.....	\$ 70.00.....	\$ 750.00
Visitors/Loose.....	\$ 138.00.....	\$ 3,962.00
Mass Stipend.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 310.00
Donations/Bequests.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,268.00.....</b>	<b>\$ 36,825.00</b>
Weekly Need.....	\$ 808.00.....	\$ 37,168.00
Over/Under.....	\$ 460.00.....	\$ (343.00)

**Income not included in weekly needs:**

Second Collection/Catholic Relief Services ..... \$ 320.00



Happy Birthday to Joyce Davis who is celebrating her 81st birthday on May 26th.

**Baptismal Prep**

If you are preparing to have your child Baptized you are required to take our Baptismal prep class. This class will be offered on the 2nd Friday of the following months: September, December, March and June. Class will begin at 7:30 pm and last approximately an hour. Our next class with Deacon Dennis will be **June 11th**. Please call or email the office to register!

**ST. CLARE CHURCH**  
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**9:20 a.m. Sunday, May 23**  
†Scott Brown  
By: Vic & Linda Feczko

**9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 26**  
†Melva Sobota  
By: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

**9:20 a.m. Sunday, May 30**  
†Deceased Members of KOC  
By: Knights of Columbus

**Lector:** Nancy Nasser  
**Ushers:** Evan Nemeth & Ron Holben

**SC PARISH SUPPORT**

**Week of 5/16/21 YTD**

Sunday Collection (10).....	\$ 502.00.....	\$ 55,102.26
Holy Days.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 1,932.00
Visitors/Loose.....	\$ 120.00.....	\$ 5,514.07
Mass Stipend.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 390.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 335.00
Donations/Bequests.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 2,075.00
<b>Total Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$ 627.00.....</b>	<b>\$ 65,348.33</b>
Weekly Need.....	\$ 1,333.00.....	\$ 61,318.00
Over/Under.....	\$ (706.00).....	\$ 4,030.33

**Income not included in weekly needs:**

Donation Reserved/Window ..... \$ 1,840.00  
Second Collection/Catholic Relief Services ..... \$ 165.00



**ST. CLARE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Meeting May 27th  
10:00 am in the Church Hall.  
Everyone is welcome!

**FIRST AID TRAINING & CERTIFICATION**

Ron Sprowl, a safety officer, parishioner at Holy Angels Church, a Sturgis fireman and a part-time paramedic for Life-Care Ambulance has agreed to conduct a class for us.

The class is for all three churches in our collaborative. Ron will conduct the class for free. The class will cover CPR, AED, Blood Bourne Pathogens, General First Aid, etc. For people that would want to have a refresher class, there is no charge. For persons who wish to have a certification there will be a \$25.00 charge for the certification and card which is to be paid by the individual.

Ron, due to work schedules, would be conducting the class during the week on either a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The class time would be 6 PM - 10 PM. We are planning to conduct the class sometime in June. Interested persons should contact Deacon Dennis at 708.446.8244 or email me him at [d.cristofaro@att.net](mailto:d.cristofaro@att.net). Registration is required in order to know how many will attend and what location to utilize. We would like to hold the class at St. Clare as that would be central to all three churches.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! May 23 - 29**

Donald Owen  
Joyce Davis  
Daniel Collins  
Diane Foghino  
Everly Granzotto  
Kara Schroer

Pat Burke  
Ann Harshberger  
Oscar Rubi  
Dave Williams  
Victor Castro  
Leonard Darling


John Krull



**Bishop Bradley has ended the dispensation to attend Mass, effective May 22nd. Since we are all called back to Mass, Father Mathias will no longer live stream the Mass on Facebook.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**645 S. DOUGLAS AVE., THREE RIVERS, MI**

St. Clare Mission Parish 23126 M-86 Centreville, MI 49032	St. Barbara Mission Parish 479 S. Burr Oak Road Colon, MI 49040
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**Welcome To Our Parishes**

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office:  
 645 S. Douglas, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:      IC Church      St. Clare      St. Barbara

I would like to enroll as an active member.  
 Please change my address to the one shown above.  
 I would like to learn more about school/parish activities.  
 I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.  
 I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, we ask for healing and health for those on our prayer list. Please bless them and meet all of their needs. Amen.

Rita Barton	Randy/Sharon Jacobs	Terry/Barb Wallace
Darlene Britton	Al Jewett	Inga Weaver
Brianna	Emma Klett	Jim Wragg
Cheney family	Ruth Lahmeyer	Lisa Zoski
Bernice Dobrowolski	Shari Larkins	Autumn
Chester Dobrowolski	Connor McElroy	
Vic Feczko	Eileen Miholer	
Ron Grotovsky	Karen Miles	
Katie Guzman	Denise Perry	
Deb Hallock	Dale Schultz	
Charlie Harley	Nate Silveus	
Debra Hernandez	James Tokarski	
Veronica Holtz	Laurie VanTassel	



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**ST. JOE VALLEY GOLF CLUB**  
**24953 M-86, STURGIS**  
**(3 MILES EAST OF CENTREVILLE)**  
 269-467-6275

# Parishes & School Information

**Rectory Office**

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**Bulletin Deadline** Monday at noon.

**Permanent Deacon** - Dennis Cristofaro 708-446-8244  
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**Director of Religious Ed.** - Joe Graber 816-5773  
**High School Youth Ministry** - Joe Graber 816-5773  
**RCIA** - Mark & Mary Brost 269-251-6392

**Mass times:** **Saturday 4:00 pm at Immaculate Conception**  
**Sunday 8:00 am at St. Barbara**  
**Sunday 9:20 am at St. Clare**  
**Sunday 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception**  
**Monday, Wednesday 8:00 am at IC**  
**Tuesday, Friday 6:30 pm at IC**

**MINISTRIES OF THE PARISHES**  
**Sacristans, Lectors, Ministers Holy Communion:** Peg Yoakam, 244-8541  
**Altar Servers:** Tina Darling, 679-4910  
**Ushers:** Mike Sebo, 269-492-5754  
**Homebound/Nursing Home Visitors:** Rectory Office, 273-8953  
**Jail Ministry:** Tom Springer, 273-4702 or 269-816-4965  
**Art & Environment of the Church:** Mary Sorensen, 278-5275  
**SC Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Celeste Nemeth, 467-1869  
**IC Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Nancy Schopf, 858-3730  
**SB Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Anne Freiburger, 239-823-1166  
**IC Prayer Chain:** Call the Rectory to add someone to the prayer chain.  
**SB Prayer Chain:** Patty Keller, 616-502-4814  
**IC Help:** Call the Rectory to donate or for help. 273-8953

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 9:00 am - 6:30 pm first Friday of every month.  
**Sacrament of Penance:** 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Saturday and by request.  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** contact the Parish Office at 273-8953.  
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.  
**Anointing of the sick:** Please contact the office.

**BOARD CHAIRPERSONS**

IC PARISH COUNCIL - LARRY LARSH	244-4547
SC PARISH COUNCIL - KATIE DAVIDSON	467-6105
SB PARISH COUNCIL - ED BELL	420-7225
IC FINANCE COUNCIL - SARAH MERCER	273-2228
SC FINANCE COUNCIL - JOHN LARIMER	625-6498
IC SCHOOL COMMISSION - SUSIE KUHN	317-363-5981

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PARISHES**

**Knights of Columbus #4141:** Mike Didelot - 273-9259  
 Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, church hall

**Daughters of Mary:** Nancy Schopf - 858-3730  
 Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., church hall

**St. Clare Ladies' Guild:** Sharie Holben, President - 517-899-3622

**St. Clare Men's Club:** Ron Holben, President - 517-290-0547

**St. Barbara Altar Society:** Patty Keller, President - 616-502-4814  
 Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Collaborative Evangelization Committee:** Mary Schudel - 244-1096  
 Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm

**SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

*Together with the parents, parish and community, We provide a Christ-centered Education to:*

***Build Faith based on the truths of the Catholic Church.***  
***Develop Knowledge for becoming productive citizens***  
***Practice Christian Service as Jesus taught***  
*Thereby Changing the World One Student at a Time*

**Immaculate Conception School (PK-5th)**  
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