

**ST. MARY'S
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

SAT. 4:30 p.m. FIFTH ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION LOVED ONES
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners



MON. PENTECOST MONDAY Page 203, 208
10:30 a.m. +Charles Turjanica by Sister, MaryAnn

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan & Helen Lambert by Son, Fr. Richard

THU. 10:30 a.m. +No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

June 4, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 211
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Nicholas & Catherine Sopkovich by Dr. Mrs. Tom Sopkovich

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You have shown the fishermen to be all wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O lover of us all, Glory to You!

CHURCH DONATIONS May 21, 2023
Candles \$ 62.00 Cemetery \$5.00
Monthly Dues \$25.00 Ascension \$325.00
Offertory.....2,105.00

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Ethan Andrew James, Valedictorian, who graduated from Fitch High School last Sunday. Good Luck and Best wishes on all your future endeavors. God Bless you!

BCW ...NEWS

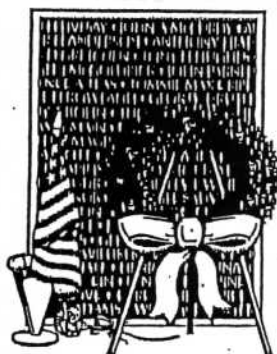
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MEMORIAL DAY

Services will be held at our cemetery TODAY, May 28th at NOON.

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on our Great Prizes and a FUN NITE out with Family & Friends. Also....Bingo is held the second Wed. Of the Month. Hope to see you here!



On Memorial Day we pay special tribute, but it's every day that we benefit from their brave and selfless deeds. Our thanks and prayers go with those courageous men and women, who made the greatest sacrifice so that we may prosper in
FREEDOM

FREE FRIDAY

PENTECOST WEEK IS FREE FROM FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

PENTECOST

Again the day of *PENTECOST* has come...a day of special importance which takes its place alongside Easter Sunday. May we compare the Pentecost of which the Acts of the Apostles speaks and the Pentecost of today?



Yes, we have the right, the duty and the joy to say that Pentecost continues. We know that fifty days after Easter the Apostles gathered in that same Upper Room which had been the place of the first Eucharist and of the first meeting with the Risen Christ.

Here they discovered in themselves the power of the Holy Spirit, who had descended upon them.

It was the power of Him whom the Lord had repeatedly promised them at the cost of His own suffering on the cross. On the strength of this power they began to act, that is, to carry out their service. The Apostolic Church was born. But today, in every church and chapel, there is a continuation of the original Upper Room of Jerusalem.

First there is *BAPTISM*, the sacrament of the total cancellation of faults, whatever their number or their seriousness may be; then there is *PENANCE*, the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God and with the Church and also the *ANOINTING OF THE SICK*.

But the Spirit's work of making us holy always reaches its highest point in the *EUCHARIST*, the Sacrament of the fullness of holiness and grace.

In this wonderful flow of supernatural life, what is the place of *CHRISMATION*? The value of this sacrament springs from the conferring of power by the Spirit of God to each baptized person to make him or her a perfect Christian, ready to bear witness with courage to Christ's resurrection: "You shall be my witness". Because it marks the soul indelibly, Chrismation can never be reduced to a distant memory.

Dear people, may the Spirit of God fill your hearts with His joy and renew your wills.
"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle within them the fire of Your love."

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was first established to honor those who had given their lives fighting for our country, and our war dead still receive special attention. The custom of placing small American flags on the graves of those who died in battle and for other veterans is one way of calling attention to those who risk -and at times lost their lives in our nation's defense. As time has gone on, the day also has been used as an opportunity to remember all of our deceased loved ones.



Remembering our dead seems to be a natural human instinct. It is impossible to find a society anywhere on earth in any century that has not given the dead honor and respect. For a Catholic, however, it is much more than a matter of mere instinct. For the Catholic, honoring the dead is a serious responsibility; and the reason lies at the heart of

our Faith. As Catholics, we believe that there is no fundamental division between the living and the dead. When we are baptized into Christ, we are irrevocably connected, not only to Him, but to all others who also have been baptized into Him.

We become parts of the one Body of Christ, and as such we are all mutually interconnected. Death does nothing to change this. Since our baptism is eternal, it extends beyond our death. Thus, our connection to each other stretches beyond the great chasm of death and continues to link us to all those who have gone before us. This is the Communion of Saints we profess belief in every Sunday.

On this Memorial Day, we must be sure not to allow our loved ones to go without regard. By all means, we should take the time to enjoy ourselves with our families; our deceased loved ones would want that for us. But the day should not pass without a visit to the cemetery to spend some time at their graves.