

Mass Intentions ~ May 13-19, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Larry Temple (RIP)
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — George Kehle (RIP)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Edith Granger (RIP)
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Leonard Bacigalupo (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — Taylor Massey (Sp Int)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Pat Hurley (RIP)
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Nolan Hughes (RIP)
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Dianne Brechtel (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:
Fr. James Gilbert, great uncle of Collice Hamburg
Repose of the Soul:
Pedro Moscoso, grandfather of Brisa Aldorf
(full prayer list on our website & prayer board)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday. @ 4:30-5:00 pm
Adoration this week: Monday — Friday, 8 am - 12 pm

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Senior Recognition Mass, May 19th @ 10:30 am Mass. Join us to honor and celebrate our graduating senior class!

Our Home Open House, May 23rd @ 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center — This event is hosted by the St. Paul Capital Campaign Committee. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social and refreshments. There will be a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m., with time for questions, input, and discussion. Members of the Committee will be on-hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the fundraising campaign for our Renovation and Expansion Project. If you are unable to attend this event, a second Open House will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 pm.

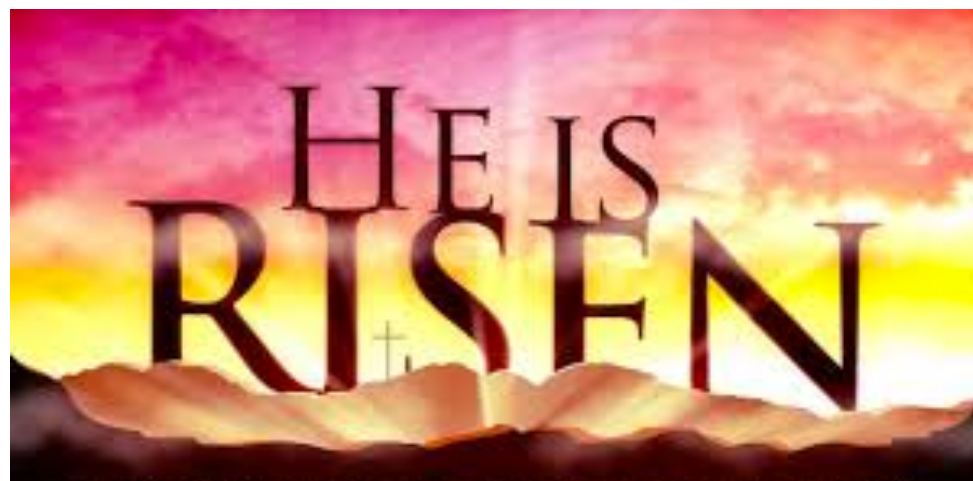
Save the Date for our Annual Pentecost Outdoor Mass & Celebration, June 9th @ 10:00 am

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Offertory Collection for May 4/5:

General Fund = \$30,041

Catholic Home Mission 2nd Collection = \$2,093



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Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

**May 12, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day**

Come, Holy Spirit, Come



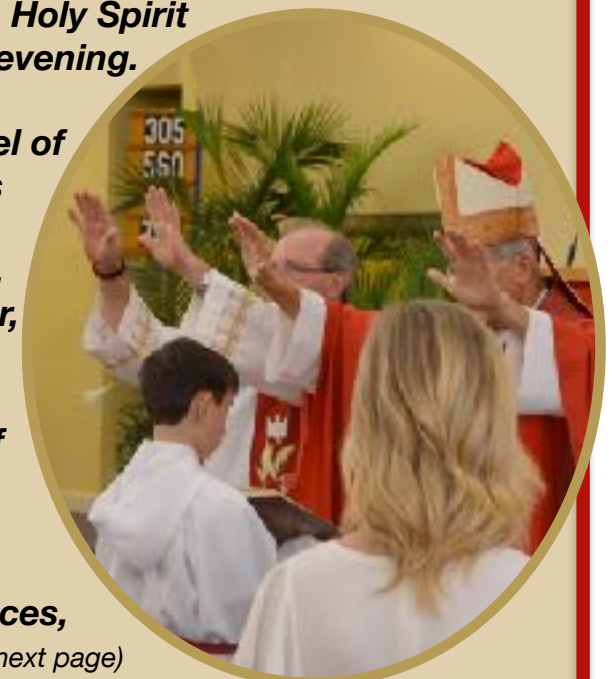
16 of our St. Paul teens received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. It was such a happy and joyful occasion.

Bishop Kopacz remarked on the wonderful level of participation and the energy and responsiveness of all who were present. He observed that the music was especially appropriate, and energetic. He asked if we had made changes since last year, and he was very complimentary.

The Mass was truly a joy-filled celebration and the presence of the Lord, as well as the power of His Holy Spirit, were very much in our midst!

These young men and women have spent the past two years preparing for this extraordinary moment in their lives — and it showed in their faces, and in their demeanor.

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On Thursday evening in the presence of our bishop, their family and friends, and the members of this community, the Confirmandi claimed their faith and personal relationship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In preparation for celebrating the Sacrament, it is customary for each individual to write a letter to the bishop expressing their desire and suitability to receive Confirmation. Bishop Kopacz spoke of those letters our young people had written to him about their faith experience, and why they felt ready to take this step in their lives. He was struck by their mention of “Rûah” — the breath of God. This was the theme of their Confirmation Retreat, and they had T-shirts made for themselves bearing that message. The Bishop reminded us of the beauty of that image of God breathing His Spirit on us, and how each year during Holy Week bishops actually breathe on the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass.

In his homily on April 30th, Pope Francis, reflecting on the Gospel of that day where Jesus tells Nicodemus “You must be born from above,” he linked this message to Easter and the Lord’s Resurrection. The Pope reminded us that in the first apparition of Jesus to the apostles, on the Sunday of the Resurrection, the Lord breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Francis said, “The Holy Spirit is our strength. This is our strength! We cannot do anything without the Spirit.” He said a Christian life is not only about behaving well and doing the right things, because we are reborn only from the Spirit, therefore we must make room for that gift.

“It is the Spirit that allows us to rise from our limitations, from our deaths, because there are so many necroses in our life and in our soul,” he said. The Pope explained that “a life, that may call itself Christian, but that leaves no room for the Spirit and does not allow itself to be carried forward by the Spirit, is a pagan life, disguised as Christian.

“The Spirit” he said, “is the protagonist of Christian life, who accompanies us, transforms us, and overcomes sin with us. One cannot walk the path of a Christian life without the Holy Spirit,” he said. These are powerful words indeed, and they are words to which we have been trying to give full expression to during these past five years as we made courageous decisions to move ourselves “From Maintenance to Mission!” ChristLife, Small Group faith-sharing, Bible studies, Lectio Divina, Adoration, are all processes that have been made available to open us to the wonderful and powerful movement of His Spirit.

When members of our staff traveled to Baltimore to train for ChristLife five years ago, we made a commitment to pray The Holy Spirit Prayer every day at 12noon, whether or not we were together. So, the office gathers in the hall every workday and unites in the prayer. When we are not physically together, we invoke the Holy Spirit on our own. We invited our whole Parish Family to develop the same practice that we may always be united in prayer at noon each day.

We once again invite you, our St. Paul brothers and sisters, to set a daily reminder to unite in praying to The Holy Spirit at noon. You can put the words to this prayer in your smartphone calendar, and set it to repeat each day at 12 noon. That way, no matter where we are, we will be together. You can also cut out the prayer on the next page to keep with you! What a powerful feeling to know so many are halting their activities to pray! Yes, we believe and trust Him to answer our plea.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.***

Come, Holy Spirit — we ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit upon us, to be present with us in this moment.

Fill the hearts of Your faithful — we claim ourselves as His faithful followers, and we ask Him to fill our hearts with His very being that our hearts beat in time with His.

Kindle in us the fire of Your love — arouse and inspire us with Your boundless love, just as a match sparks a fire and kindling grows and sustains the flames.

Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created — again, we ask His Holy Spirit to be present to us in this moment; sent from Himself that He who created us from the beginning, create us anew as His.

And You shall renew the face of the earth — imagine if we all, in one solitary moment, truly invoked His Spirit to come into our hearts and make us into His likeness at heart; the world would be changed; peace, love, and mercy would reign.

Did you know there is more to this beautiful prayer? We traditionally only pray that first piece, but this year, the staff decided to pray the complete Holy Spirit prayer. Let’s open up the remaining half to better understand why we call upon the Holy Spirit.....

***Let us pray. O God who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice
in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen***

Let us pray — we draw ourselves into active, communal prayer.

O God who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful — We follow the example of Jesus knowing that the Holy Spirit brings light to the darkness and reaches our hearts, teaching us in our hearts as faithful followers of Christ.

Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations — we ask the Lord to answer our prayers, that the Holy Spirit will bring us the gifts of true Wisdom and true Joy, being consoled by Him in these gifts forever.

Through Christ our Lord — we always pray through Jesus Christ who is our Lord, reminding ourselves this is not done on our own accord.

Amen — we end with this powerful word meaning so be it, yes I believe!

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and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
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