

# Pentecost Sunday

## Mass Intentions

Tues., May 21st, 8 a.m.: Rev. James Dougherty  
Wed., May 22nd, 8 a.m.: Arnold Mudd, by Garry & Rosalie Heizer  
Fri., May 24th, 8 a.m.: Patsy Kertz, by St. Anne's CCW  
Sat., May 25th, 4 p.m.: Arthur, Clara, & LeRoy Wiegard, by Glenda  
Sun., May 26th, 10 a.m.: Frances & Donald Tibbs, by Dave & Bridgie Young; For the Parish

## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday, May 25th, 4 p.m.:

Lector - B. Trost  
Ushers - M. & P. Ramsey  
Eucharistic Ministers - J. Keith, H. Siegfried, M. Doiron  
Servers - Volunteers  
Gift Bearers - S. Cowell & Ushers

### Sunday, May 26th, 10 a.m.:

Lector - C. Crain  
Ushers - T. Beshoar, W. Ruhmann  
Eucharistic Ministers - J. Deterding, A. Deterding, K. Chapman  
Servers - O. Cowell, E. Eckart  
Gift Bearers - M. Mehring & Ushers

## Please Pray For ...

Rhonda Mehring-Smith; Nursing Home Residents;  
Homebound Parishioners

*Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.*



## Thought For The Week

You might be surprised by what your smile can accomplish.

## On the Lighter Side

The coach was talking to his little league players. "We have to use good sportsmanship. No temper tantrums, no yelling at the umpire, and no being bad losers. Do you understand that?" The kids all nodded yes. The coach then went on to say, "Good, now explain that to your parents!"



## Memorial Day Mass

You are invited to join us for Mass on Memorial Day at 8 am at St. John's Cemetery. Please bring your lawn chair and join us at the Cross.

## Readings



1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues, "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries, but the same Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you....Receive the Holy Spirit."

## From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this great feast of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world to stay with us always. Three months ago we began our journey from Lent to Easter, from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from death to new life. It is a journey of conversion and transformation, not only for those who were baptized, confirmed, or received their first communion during this time, but for all of us. The arrival of the Holy Spirit fulfills Jesus' promise to his disciples and blesses us as we live our new lives in the Risen Lord. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit continues to enlighten and enliven us on our life's journey.

A word of thanks to all for your expressions of help and concern in light of the fire that was in the school on May 5th. The work of restoring the building has begun. A lot of the damage was from the heavy smoke. Please keep the workers and contractors in your prayers.

Congratulations to all our graduates from grade school, high school and college. We ask God's blessings for you and all your future endeavors. Don't forget the Lord loves you so much!

Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

## Mass for Life

Mass for Life, May 29th, St. Clare of Assisi Church, O'Fallon. Mass at 6 p.m. with Rosary to follow. Bishop Michael McGovern invites you to join him to celebrate life and pray for the unborn.

## Liturgical Schedules

New liturgical schedules have been emailed/mailed. If we have an email address on file for you, we emailed the schedules. If we do not have an email address on file, we mailed you a hard copy. Please let us know if you did not receive the schedules. Thanks!

### Annual 4-Person Golf Tournament



SJB School's Annual 4-Person Golf Tournament will be Thursday, June 6th at North County Country Club in Red Bud! Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; entry fee is \$250 per team (includes golf, cart, meal, drink tickets); optional Skin Game. All proceeds benefit SJB! Pick up a registration form at the entrances, complete, and return by Monday, June 3rd. Any questions, contact Chris at 618-317-5397.

### Strawberry Festival

St. Patrick's, Ruma, Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday May 19th. Featuring fried chicken dinners, dressing, and all the sides with strawberries and ice cream! Serving from 11 am-2:30 pm. Carry outs available. In addition there will be a large country store, homemade jams, baked goods, music, balloonatic, silent auction, 50/50 raffle.

### Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for your generosity! Your support helps the CCC connect millions with Christ. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection; see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org)

### Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We're counting on you! Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

### Summer Directed Retreats

June 17-24: The 7-day summer Directed Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Directed Retreat is designed so you may adjust the length of your retreat according to your personal schedule. This year you also have the option to commute. Cost: Please visit [kh.snows.org/events/directed-1-2024](http://kh.snows.org/events/directed-1-2024), or for more information, call 618-397-0584.

### Celebration of Life

Come help us celebrate a life well lived. In loving memory of Angie Mudd. Come share your favorite stories and memories. Sunday, May 19th, 1-4 pm, St. John the Baptist Catholic Social Center. ~ The family of Angie Mudd

### Ordination Anniversary

Father Dennis will celebrate his 49th Ordination Anniversary on June 7th! Be sure to congratulate him and thank him for everything he does for our SJB parish and school family!

### Rally on the River

Rally on the River is Saturday, May 25th! Jeeps, trucks, cars, motorcycles, golf carts, side-by-sides, & ATVs; \$2000 in cash attendance prizes. Veterans Salute at 12 p.m. Benefits SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Go to [evansvillekc.org](http://evansvillekc.org) to register or for more info. Register by May 10th to receive a Rally Shirt (\$25/person). For more Rally info, call Mark McConachie at 618-977-2168.

### Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$3,081.00
Loose.....	\$956.02
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$4,037.02</b>
Adopt a Parish.....	\$35.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$70.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$175.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$20.00
Initial Offering.....	\$25.00
School Support.....	\$20.00

### Invitation From Bishop Braxton

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop Emeritus of Belleville, invites you to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM O'clock in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois commemorating the 54th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood the 29th Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopacy and the 80th Anniversary of his birth. The Intention of this Mass will be Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. You are invited to greet the Bishop and enjoy Refreshments at a Reception immediately after the Mass in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. RSVP by Friday June 14 to Mary Fleming, Chief of Staff, [m Fleming@diobelle.org](mailto:m Fleming@diobelle.org) 618-722-5031. Please Note: Your prompt response is extremely important in order for us to prepare the refreshments for the Reception.

## Rose Mass

Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Belleville, Memorial Day "Rose" Mass on Monday, May 27th at 9 am. Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights, will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. You may pre-purchase a rose for your loved one to be placed on the altar by coming into the office at Mt. Carmel or mailing in a payment (10101 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62223).



## Blood Pressure Screening

SJB Church's monthly blood pressure screening will be May 25th and 26th.

Thank you to our volunteers this month - Sheryl Rehmer and Ruthie Mollet.

## Happenings This Week

Sun.: Feast of Pentecost; Graduation Sunday for all graduates of St. John's; Strawberry Festival at St. Patrick's

Mon.: K of C Meeting; Gibault Graduation

Tues.: Mass at 8 am at St. John's; Bible Study in Church; Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in the library

Wed.: Mass at 8 am at St. John's

Thurs.: No 10 am Mass at St. Patrick's – Fr. Dennis has a doctor appointment

Fri.: 8 am Mass at St. John's followed by rosary and Adoration till 9:30 am

Sun.: Feast of the Holy Trinity

Mon.: Memorial Day: Mass at 8 am at St. John's Cemetery (bring your lawn chair)

## Gibault News

**Visit Gibault!** Summer is a great time to bring the entire family for a private tour of Gibault Catholic! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

**Enrolling for Fall 2024:** We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

**Summer Camps:** Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer. <https://gibaulthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

**Summer Classic Golf Tournament:** This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21st. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email [dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com) or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

## Picnic Appeal

Our Annual Picnic Appeal letter has been mailed. We are planning to have a Quilt Bingo on Sunday, July 14th in the gym. This event, along with the Appeal, is to help us make our \$40,000-\$45,000 budget goal.

If everyone gives something, the load will be easier for all. No amount is too big or too small! God bless you for all you do to support St. John's!

## Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(The Holy Spirit Drives Us Forward) The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat; the Holy Spirit is the wind that fills it sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ.

## The National Eucharistic Revival

Emmaus Days – The diocese will host three events with the pilgrim delegation. We will greet the Eucharistic Delegation at St. Augustine of Hippo Church in East St. Louis the afternoon of Sunday, July 7th for an adoration service.

We will then move to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows where we will host a major event. The Shrine event will be relevant for everyone in the diocese. Plans for the afternoon have not been nailed down yet, but there will be some sort of program to build anticipation for the arrival of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Delegation at 5:45 pm. At 6 pm we will begin our solemn Eucharistic procession through the Stations of the Cross devotional site, hold an adoration service at the Shrine Amphitheater and then conclude with a candlelight procession. Bishop McGovern plans to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available all through the day.

On Monday morning at 10 am we will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral with a brief procession following. Next, we will proceed to Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville. At 1 pm Bishop McGovern will pass the Blessed Sacrament on to Bishop Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield. There we will have adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The event at the Shrine will truly be a Diocesan event. Every parish and Catholic organization will have opportunities to contribute to the success of this historic event. Please watch for more information.

## Catholic Speed Dating

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting Catholic Speed Dating for young adults ages 21-33 on Thursday, May 23rd at Holy Trinity parish in Fairview Heights, IL. Hors d'oeuvres & drinks will be provided. Registration is required and there is a \$10 admission fee. Check-in begins at 6:30pm and the event starts at 7:00. For questions or more information, please go to <https://www.diobelle.org/marriage-enrichment> or contact [mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org) or [mksorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mksorch@diobelle.org)



## Congratulations, Graduates!

Graduates, we celebrate your accomplishments with you! Congratulations on all of your achievements, and God bless your journey! Join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the main entrance after Mass.

## 24 Games, 24 Quilts!

Save the date! SJB Quilt Bingo, July 14th, in our Parish Center. Play 24 games for 24 quilts! More info soon!

## Stewardship Thought

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 yours to share?

## Job Opportunity

Do you have a spiritual calling for the Catholic ministry and a commitment to live faith through charitable work? Our partner The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, IL Council is hiring an ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. This is the career opportunity of a lifetime! Send resume and cover letter to [svdphr@svdpsouthil.net](mailto:svdphr@svdpsouthil.net). You may also view the job description here: <https://svdpsouthil.org/job-opportunity>

## Thank You!

Thank you! Thank you! The ladies of St. Anne's CCW would like to thank you for contributing to our latest fundraisers. We use the proceeds from the quilt raffle and rose sales to support our parish and school.

We are pleased to congratulate our quilt winner - Julie Restoff. Since the Newman Bingo was canceled, we offered our basket as a second place prize. That winner was Sandy Griffin. Again, thanks for all of your continued support!

Ladies, please look for the 2024-2025 dues letter to arrive in late summer. We'd love to see you join us on the first Tuesdays in September through next May.

## Thank You to Our Advertisers!

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## Faith Flash!

Pass it on!

We had a little bit of normalcy this week among a week where nothing was normal. The aftermath of the school fire has been a time of making do. Nothing is more evident of this than seeing the principal's "office" open for business in the front lawn of the school. On Monday the kids were able to return for a last Mass and a day of awards. At the beginning of the awards ceremony, it was announced that some area schools had collected money through fund raising efforts to help out with some of the damage done in the fire. This touching act of kindness reminds me when all seems wrong with the world, there is much that is right. This is also good reminder of what the Bible teaches on being generous and helping others.

Here are some bible passages on this subject:

- Contribute to the needs of God's people (Romans 12:13)
- If someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help - how can the love of God dwell in a person like that? (John 3:17)
- Happy are generous people because they give some of their food to the poor (Proverbs 22:9)
- Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed (Acts 20:35).
- Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35-40)

We are blessed to live in a community with generous people. We should take the opportunity to think how we have personally been blessed by generous people and think of ways to pay it forward to others. God Bless!

**Vacation Bible School** - We are looking for volunteers to help with our Vacation Bible School being planned for June 10-12. Please contact me at 618-282-3222 ext 4.

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation