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Dear Parents,

As he ascended to his Father, Jesus asked his disciples to wait. Trusting him, they went back to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper – and waited. Those 10 days until Pentecost must have seemed very long to them! They did not know exactly when this “advocate” he had promised would come or even what this would look like. (Does any of this sound familiar today?)

Waiting is not easy. Right now, most of us feel this pandemic, which has stolen most of our normal daily activities, has gone on long enough. We are all tired of waiting. But unlike the first disciples, we already have a strong helper, the Holy Spirit – given at baptism and strengthened at Confirmation. Jesus said he would never abandon us and the Spirit dwelling in our hearts, the Divine Comforter is how he keeps his promise.

In the second reading St. Paul reminds us we were all “baptized into one Body, given to drink of one Spirit.” Take comfort: all Catholics are with you as your family prays during Mass “in the unity of the Holy Spirit.” Together, we are called as the disciples were, filled with the Spirit, to tell everyone we meet what God has done and is still doing today.



*Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.*

- Pentecost Sequence

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The Holy Spirit Calling Us to Action

Over the past several weeks, Bishop Pates, along with the leadership of Diocese of Joliet, has begun implementing and sharing a reopening plan for parishes within our diocese to safely resume gathering at our churches. As a result, Fr. Slawek has appointed Deacon Fred to chair and oversee a safe reopening at St. Peter the Apostle. Among Deacon Fred's first tasks is to build a core team of volunteers.

On this Pentecost weekend, we hope you might hear the call of the Holy Spirit to participate in this process to safely resume communal gatherings for our parish family.

Those under the age of 60, who are healthy with no underlying health conditions are asked to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams. Religious Education families, high school and college students, as well as young adults, are especially encouraged to answer this call to volunteer for teams.

Specifically, there are three teams being formed: Set-up Team, Greeting Team, Cleaning Team.

Please click on the link below to read more and to find out how to volunteer.

If you are unable to assist at this time, please continue to pray for those who are working to bring us back to our place of worship and community.



Share your Sunday!

Share your family's faith experiences and activities on [Facebook](#), or post ideas for spiritual enrichment and prayer.

Outreach & Support

We have formed a team of people ready and willing to help those in need. If you would still like to offer your help, [please sign up here](#).

If you find yourself in need of errand help (i.e. someone to pick-up groceries for you), in need of a spiritual care phone call, or you just feel alone and isolated and could use a chat, [please sign up here](#).

Stay Connected

Please visit the parish home page at www.stpeteritasca.com for links to prayer opportunities, daily readings and Mass.

[click to read more and volunteer](#)



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Pentecost Sunday

Today, we celebrate Pentecost - where the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. From that moment, they were given power to proclaim Jesus and to be witnesses the ends of the world.

We too, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, are given this same outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Special Pentecost Mass

Bishop Pates is inviting all whose Confirmation has been postponed due to the Coronavirus to join him for a special Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 31st!

If this applies to your family, please invite your sponsor and loved ones to join with you as well. This is quite a unique opportunity to gather with our Bishop.

Other Masses

Check your parish website to see if live-streaming is available. You are welcome to join Fr. Andy Davy's Mass for young families on Saturday or Bishop Pates' normal Mass on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

LIVE

STREAM



4:00 PM
Saturday 5/30
with Fr. Andy



10:00 AM
Sunday 5/31 with
Bishop Pates



2:00 PM
Special Mass with
Bishop Pates

[Daily Readings](#)

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

-Galatians: 5:22-23.

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Gospel Reading - John 20:19-23

Reader

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Reader

The Gospel of the Lord

All

**Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ**



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly
present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You
above all things and I want to be with you.

Since I am unable to receive you at Mass,
please Jesus, come into my heart. Be
with me now and never let me be
separated from you. Amen.

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Would You Rather...

Each person in your group comes up with 3 different 'would you rather' questions and writes them on strips of paper. Make some fun, some silly, some tougher, some hard. Make some that address our faith and the journey of our faith. Be creative. You can google 'would you rather' for some helps in coming up with questions. Fold the paper strips into squares and put them all in a bowl or hat.



Good for the
Whole Family!



Paper



Pens



Ideas

Round 1

Each person will select a strip and take turns answering their question. The first person will go, by reading their 'would you rather' statement out loud. While that person is deciding 'would they rather' the others in the group will have to vote as to which they think they will do. Would they? Or Would they not? Then the person will give their answer to the question on their slip of paper! And they must give the reason for the answer that they give. Then the next person will go following the same process until everyone has had a turn.

Gospel Connection

This Sunday we as followers of Jesus celebrates Pentecost. The day the church was born. The day that the [Gifts of the Holy Spirit](#) were given to us!

Would you rather have one eye in the middle of your forehead or two noses?

Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?

Round 2

Follow the same directions as in Round 1 but this time add the layer of answering your question by adding which Gift of the Holy Spirit you would use in deciding 'would you rather' and/or why you 'would not'? Again, the next person will go following the same process until everyone has had a turn.



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Celebrating Pentecost

You can do so much to help your children enter into the celebration of Pentecost. We have included several ideas that you can try with your kids.

And remember that it's the birthday of the Church. You bring the cake and the Holy Spirit will bring the gifts! Celebrate this great feast with your family.



"Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here"

For the Kids...



Happy Birthday!



Gifts Craft



Coloring Page



Pentecost Hat

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Come Holy Spirit!

As parents, we are ministers of the Holy Spirit in our families. Our children observe how we decide between right and wrong and how we make decisions based on whether or not they bear 'fruit of the Spirit'; whether they bring love, joy, or peace to another. We must call upon the Holy Spirit in our own lives and listen to how the Holy Spirit is moving within us and guiding us so that we, in turn, can then be true ministers of the Holy Spirit to our children.

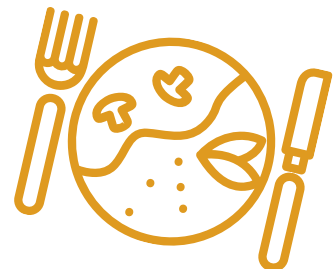
Pray this prayer as a family before dinner or during another time of the day.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Family Dinner Conversation

- Have you ever locked yourself in a private space (i.e. room, house, etc.)? Describe the fears and emotions while in that space.
- How did you overcome those fears?
- How have fears or emotions prevented you from participating in an activity (i.e. conversation, sports, club, church events, etc.)? Describe.
- Have you ever invited the Holy Spirit into your situation? Why or why not?
- Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work during this pandemic? Did it bring you peace?
- To whom can you bring Christ's peace this week?



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Birthday Cake Bake-Off

Challenge your friends to a Family vs. Family Birthday Cake Bake-Off! Decide what type of cake you will be making. Will it be a sheet cake, layered cake, or cupcake display? Set your own ground rules, but the theme is **Pentecost**.

Decide a start time, and end time, then video call to determine the winner of the Bake-Off based on these criteria (Eh = 1pt, Whoa = 5pts):

	Eh...		Good		Whoa!
Theme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Best-looking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colorful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whole-family involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Special Masses with Bishop Pates

A reminder that Bishop Pates will celebrate two special livestream Masses on the [Diocese of Joliet YouTube Channel](#) (LINK) especially for those waiting for sacraments:

- **May 31st** (Pentecost) at 2:00 pm for those waiting for Confirmation, or Adult Initiation (RCIA)
- **June 14** (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) at 2:00 pm for those waiting for First Communion (bilingual)

Gather your family. Invite sponsors, grandparents and friends to watch from where they are and join Bishop Pates for these uplifting celebrations of hope.