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JUNE 8, 2025 · PENTECOST SUNDAY



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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	06/07/25	4:00pm	Ed Muller †
Sunday	06/08/25	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	06/09/25	———	No Mass
Tuesday	06/10/25	———	No Mass
Wednesday	06/11/25	8:00am	Julia Flerchinger
Thursday	06/12/25	8:30am	Jerry & Pat Kazda †
Friday	06/13/25	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	06/14/25	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	06/15/25	9:00am	Richard Fuchs †

This Week

- Saturday, June 7th:**
- Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
 - Wine and Cheese
- Sunday, June 8th:**
- Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
- Monday, June 9th:**
- No Mass
 - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, June 10th:**
- No Mass
- Wednesday, June 11th:**
- Mass 8:00am
 - Holy Hour & Confessions
- Thursday, June 12th:**
- Mass 8:30am (8th Grade Graduation Mass)
 - Mass at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel 12:30pm
 - Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour 7:00pm (ALL ARE WELCOME)
- Friday, June 13th:**
- Mass 8:00am
 - No School / Parish Office Closed
- Saturday, June 14th:**
- Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday, June 15th:**
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PENTECOST

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . . Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

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Letter from Father

8 June 2025
The Feast of Pentecost
Good News and News News

Greetings,

This week has been pretty exciting at Holy Family. On Wednesday, our school received a visit from Dr. Rob McCann, who is the executive director of Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, and Mrs. Mary Schweitzer. You may know that Catholic Charites, in cooperation with Asotin County Housing, is building a seventy-two unit apartment complex for low-income families behind the Wal-Mart here in Clarkston. As part of their outreach to Holy Family Church and School, Catholic Charities invited our students to suggest a name for the new complex. A group of students met over lunch several weeks ago to brainstorm ideas for names and there were several good ideas. They suggested naming the complex after St. Carlo Acutis, and our late pastor, Fr. Root. They also suggested a few more regional names such as Twin River, Lewis & Clark, and Nez Perce. Ultimately, of all the names submitted to the selection committee in Spokane, they chose to name the new apartments in honor of our own parish community. It will be named Holy Family Haven and promises to be a true haven for families who are struggling with housing uncertainty and homelessness. In addition to that good news, Catholic Charities awarded a prize of \$10,000 to Holy Family School for their work in naming the apartment complex.

Second, I received news that will affect the life of our parish in a couple of ways. I met with Bishop Daly on Tuesday and he asked me to take over as pastor at Holy Rosary in Pomeroy. I told him that I would as this will help relieve the pressure on our diocese in a sudden shortage of priests who are qualified to be pastors. In just the last year, three pastor priests have either had to go on leave of absence for medical reasons, left the Diocese for a religious order, or have been removed from ministry. Two of these events have happened quite recently, which turned a neatly planned schedule of priestly transfers into a sudden flurry of making sure that every parish has a priest. Fr. Steve Werner, the outgoing pastor at Holy Rosary, will be moving to the parishes in the Okanogan Valley. A priest from Walla Walla will cover his assignments in Dayton and Waitsburg. What does this mean for Holy Family? In all likelihood, the main effect will be a change in Sunday Mass times. I will work with the congregation in Pomeroy and with Holy Family to come up with a Mass schedule that will work for everyone. Rest assured, there will be Mass at Holy Family every Sunday. The daily Mass schedule should not be affected. The only real issues will be around the Holiday and Holy Day Mass schedules.

While this might be a matter of concern for many of you, I see it as an opportunity to witness the Gospel. I am always cognizant of the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish and recognize that we will have to sacrifice some of the things that we might have taken for granted in recent years as a means of ensuring that another parish of our brothers and sisters have what they need as well. Both Bishop Daly and I realize that this is not a perfect solution but it is the solution that works best at the current time. I would simply ask that you be patient and flexible as we navigate what this means for our parish community.

Finally, this will be our last bulletin until September. There will be a regular information sheet distributed at Masses during the summer.

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff Core

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Wishing you a joyful summer!

Principal Sheri Gehring and the Faculty & Staff of Holy Family Catholic School



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