



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

May 20-21, 2017

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Arsonist

Peter and John "upon arriving imposed hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." —
Acts 8:17

Near the end of Jesus' public ministry, Samaritans would not allow Jesus and his disciples to pass through their town because they were headed toward Jerusalem. St. John the apostle was indignant. He asked Jesus if he could call down fire from heaven to destroy those Samaritans (Lk 9:52-54). Jesus refused him, rebuking John on the spot (Lk 9:55).

Jesus did eventually allow John to call down fire from heaven onto the Samaritans. The deacon Philip had taken the gospel in power to the unbelieving Samaritans, and they received the word of God (Acts 8:5ff). "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two...prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:15). John laid his hands on those whom he had earlier wished to incinerate, and the fire of God, the Holy Spirit, did fall upon them to consume them with the love of God (Acts 8:17). Jesus gave John his wish, but not in the way John had expected. John had to undergo a bigger conversion than the Samaritans did.

Are there any individuals or groups of people whom you wouldn't mind having God remove from earth? Can you imagine if Jesus eventually used you as His agent to bring these people into new life in the Spirit? If we are to love our enemies, we need that same gut-wrenching conversion John experienced. Repent! Forgive and love your enemies (Lk 6:35). "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22).

Prayer: Jesus, send the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away the hardness in my heart. May I lead thousands to receive the Spirit.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Saturday, May 20---5:30p.m.----- Tom Britten By Family
Sunday, May 21---11:00a.m.-- Tom Britten By Family
Monday, May 22--7:30a.m.---- Tom Britten By Family
Wednesday, May 24---6:00p.m.---Tom Britten By Family
Thursday, May 25---7:30a.m.---Tom Britten By Family
Friday, May 26-----7:30a.m.----- Tom Britten By Family

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....\$ 1515.00
Loose.....\$ 203.00
Children.....\$ 5.00
Total.....\$1723.00

Building Fund

Individual.....\$ 150.00
Loose.....\$ 40.00
Total.....\$ 190.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Leroy Littlefield, Anna Marie Wink, John Blackwell, Gary Collins, Buddy Weller and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

May 20/21 Nick Ashford Family
May 27/28 Keith, Kathleen, and Hallie Barkley
June 3/4 Pam and Cassie Ashford
June 10/11 Wayne, Adela, and Staci Kotara
June 17/18 Jerod and Tami Keesee
June 24/25 Joanie Kling Family

Birthdays

May 20th Hali Bohr & Rita Lister
May 21st Joannie Kling
May 22nd Cindy Cox
May 23rd Ray Britten & Charles Britten

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for May

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Wesley
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors: Cari Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten

Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Caroline and Saffron
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Gary Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Cody and Carrigan
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Alex and Damon
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Bill Homer

Announcements:

TYM: Please join us Sunday for Mother's Day breakfast!

TEEN ACTS RETREAT June 29th through July 1st- TYM will pay for \$75 and we have a donor that has offered to pay the rest!!

CAMP OLOG Jr. High students TYM WILL PAY FOR THIS! You choose the date you want to go ANY kids can go 4th grade and up. Please ask for an application to any of these from Kathleen

TYM is caught up with our jobs and can take on more. If you have something you need help with just let us know!

***Please note:** This Year, Parish Picnic Mass is cancelled and also the Holy Day of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday after Easter.

PARISH UCA PLEDGE REPORT 2017-2018

Quota-----\$18,311.00

Pledged Amount----- \$13,465.00

Paid-----\$ 8,740.00

Balance-----\$ 4,725.00

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Water. The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth: just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. As "by one Spirit we were all baptized," so we are also "made to drink of one Spirit."²⁷ Thus the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified²⁸ as its source and welling up in us to eternal life.²⁹

Anointing. The symbolism of anointing with oil also signifies the Holy Spirit,³⁰ to the point of becoming a synonym for the Holy Spirit. In Christian initiation, anointing is the sacramental sign of Confirmation, called "chrismation" in the Churches of the East. Its full force can be grasped only in relation to the primary anointing accomplished by the Holy Spirit, that of Jesus. Christ (in Hebrew "messiah") means the one "anointed" by God's Spirit. There were several anointed ones of the Lord in the Old Covenant, pre-eminently King David.³¹ But Jesus is God's Anointed in a unique way: the humanity the Son assumed was entirely anointed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit established him as "Christ."³² The Virgin Mary conceived Christ by the Holy Spirit who, through the angel, proclaimed him the Christ at his birth, and prompted Simeon to come to the temple to see the Christ of the Lord.³³ The Spirit filled Christ and the power of the Spirit went out from him in his acts of healing and of saving.³⁴ Finally, it was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.³⁵ Now, fully established as "Christ" in his humanity victorious over death, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit abundantly until "the saints" constitute - in their union with the humanity of the Son of God - that perfect man "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ":³⁶ "the whole Christ," in St. Augustine's expression.

The **Women's & Teen ACTS** Retreats are coming up, and it's time to get yourself or someone you love on board!

TEACHERS -- the June Women's Retreat is your **PERFECT** opportunity to attend this amazing retreat! (The other women's retreat is in October.) So many teachers we talk with in October say, "Remind me for the June one." So here is your reminder!

You can sign up online through June 1 (the day registration ends). Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Women's Retreat, June 8 - 11, 2017 <http://actsamarillo.org/online-adult-registration>

The Teen Retreat is also coming up! Registration for this one will end June 22, so any teen who is 14 to 18 and has finished at least one semester of high school all the way up to those who have just graduated may attend. We hope to have a full retreat! Get signed up **TODAY!**

Teen Retreat June 29 - July 2, 2017 <http://actsamarillo.org/online-teen-registration>