

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. June 4th	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Living/Deceased Doggett & Gristina Families
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. June 5th	Pentecost Monday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	George & Fran Allen - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Tues. June 6th	Pentecost Tuesday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Mario LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Wed. June 7th	Pentecost Wednesday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	William K. Skuba - <i>His Parents</i>
Thu. June 8th	Pentecost Thursday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Jim Gillenkirk - <i>His Parents</i>
Fri. June 9th	Pentecost Friday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Helen Posten - <i>Sica Family</i>
Sat. June 10th	Pentecost Saturday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Gillenkirk Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. June 11th	Trinity Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	In Honor of Our Lady - <i>Mary Seeley</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

### DEVOTIONS

#### Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am - 4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am - Noon

# Pentecost Sunday

## INTROIT ANTIPHON

*Wis. 1: 7; Ps. 67: 2*

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth, alleluia; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Let God arise, and His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him fly before His face. {V} Glory be.

## COLLECT

O God, who hast this day taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost: grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in His holy consolations. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*Acts 2: 1-11*

When the days of Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue: and they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? And how have we heard every man our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also and Proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

## ALLELUIA

*Ps. 103: 30*

Alleluia, alleluia. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created: and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

## [Here all kneel]

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## GOSPEL

*John 14: 23-31*

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My words: and the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved Me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and in Me he hath not any thing. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father hath given Me commandment, so do I.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 67: 29-30*

Confirm this, O God, which Thou hast wrought in us; from Thy temple, which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to Thee. Alleluia.

## SECRET

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and shed upon us the light of the Holy Spirit to the purifying of our hearts. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Acts 2: 2-4*

There came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, where they were sitting, alleluia, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTCOMMUNION

May the in-pouring of the Holy Ghost cleanse our hearts, O Lord; as dew sprinkled over our innermost being, may His presence render us fruitful in good works. Through our Lord.

# How to Select That Which we Should Chiefly Practice

## *Part III, Chapter 1*

The queen bee never takes wing without being surrounded by all her Subjects; even so Love never enters the heart but it is sure to bring all other virtues in its train; marshalling and employing them as a captain his soldiers; yet, nevertheless, Love does not set them all to work suddenly, or equally, at all times and everywhere. The righteous man is "like a tree planted by the water side, that will bring forth his fruit in due season;" inasmuch as Love, watering and refreshing the soul, causes it to bring forth good works, each in season as required. There is an old proverb to the effect that the sweetest music is unwelcome at a time of mourning; and certain persons have made a great mistake when, seeking to cultivate some special virtue, they attempt to obtrude it on all occasions, like the ancient philosophers we read of, who were always laughing or weeping. Worse still if they take upon themselves to censure those who do not make a continual study of this their pet virtue. Saint Paul tells us to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep;" and Charity is patient, kind, liberal, prudent, indulgent.

At the same time, there are virtues of universal account, which must not only be called into occasional action, but ought to spread their influence over everything. We do not very often come across opportunities for exercising strength, magnanimity, or magnificence; but gentleness, temperance, modesty, and humility, are graces which ought to colour everything we do. There may be virtues of a more exalted mould, but at all events these are the most continually called for in daily life. Sugar is better than salt, but we use salt more generally and oftener. Consequently, it is well to have a good and ready stock in hand of those general virtues of which we stand in so perpetual a need.

In practicing any virtue, it is well to choose that which is most according to our duty, rather than most according to our taste. It was Saint Paula's liking to practice bodily mortifications with a view to the keener enjoyment of spiritual sweetness, but obedience to her superiors was a higher duty; and therefore Saint Jerome acknowledges that she was wrong in practicing excessive abstinence contrary to the advice of her Bishop. And the Apostles, whose mission it was to preach the Gospel, and feed souls with the Bread of Life, judged well that it was not right for them to hinder this holy work in order to minister to the material wants of the poor, weighty as that work was also. Every calling stands in special need of some special virtue;

those required of a prelate, a prince, or a soldier, are quite different; so are those beseeching a wife or a widow, and although all should possess every virtue, yet all are not called upon to exercise them equally, but each should cultivate chiefly those which are important to the manner of life to which he is called.

Among such virtues as have no special adaptation to our own calling, choose the most excellent, not the most showy. A comet generally looks larger than the stars, and fills the eye more; but all the while comets are not nearly so important as the stars, and only seem so large to us because they are nearer to us than stars, and are of a grosser kind. So there are certain virtues which touch us very sensibly and are very material, so to say, and therefore ordinary people give them the preference. Thus the common run of men ordinarily value temporal almsgiving more than spiritual; and think more of fasting, exterior discipline and bodily mortification than of meekness, cheerfulness, modesty, and other interior mortifications, which nevertheless are far better. Do you then, my child, choose the best virtues, not those which are most highly esteemed; the most excellent, not the most visible; the truest, not the most conspicuous.

It is well for everybody to select some special virtue at which to aim, not as neglecting any others, but as an object and pursuit to the mind. Saint John, Bishop of Alexandria, saw a vision of a lovely maiden, brighter than the sun, in shining garments, and wearing an olive crown, who said to him, "I am the King's eldest daughter, and if thou wilt have me for thy friend, I will bring thee to see His Face." Then he knew that it was pity for the poor which God thus commended to him, and from that time he gave himself so heartily to practice it, that he is universally known as Saint John the Almoner. Eulogius Alexandrinus desired to devote himself wholly to God, but he had not courage either to adopt the solitary life, or to put himself under obedience, and therefore he took a miserable beggar, seething in dirt and leprosy, to live with him; and to do this more thoroughly, he vowed to honour and serve him as a servant does his lord and master. After a while, both feeling greatly tempted to part company, they referred to the great Saint Anthony, who said, "Beware of separating, my sons, for you are both near your end, and if the Angel find you not together, you will be in danger of losing your crowns."

*St. Francis de Sales*

(Cont'd next week)

**WELCOME: St. Michael the Archangel Parish** extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

**APPRECIATION:** St. Michael's wishes to thank Mrs. Catherine Seeley for preparing the First Communion class.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all the First Communicants and their parents. God bless you.

**EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:** June 18th is the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi. A Eucharistic Procession will follow the 10:15 a.m. Mass and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART:** Friday, June 23rd is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A plenary indulgence may be granted by saying the *Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* publicly in front of the blessed Sacrament today.

**SUPPORT FSSP PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:** The 2017 priestly vocation campaign is underway. This is an annual campaign which supports the formation of our priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton Nebraska. Please use the envelopes attached to the poster, which is located in the church vestibule and respond with your usual generosity to this appeal. Your donations will be used 100% for priestly formation, and are fully tax deductible.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection on Sunday, June 18th for the Pontifical Mission Society in the U.S. This year your contributions will assist the **United States Catholic Mission Association**. Additional information may be found in the vestibule of the church.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

June 18th - External Solemnity of Corpus Christi  
 June 23rd - Feast of the Sacred Heart  
 August 19th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

*Altar Boy Schedule*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**June 4th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Timothy Sica  
**AC2** Peter Sica

**TEAM A**  
**10:15 Mass**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Patrick Seeley  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** Joseph Seeley  
**C** Brendan Seeley  
**S1** Sean Michelin  
**S2** Mathias Morris  
**S3** Timothy Seeley

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday** Mathias Morris  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday** Timothy Sica  
 Peter Sica  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Thursday**  
**9: a.m.**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**June 11th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

**TEAM B**  
**10:15 Mass**

**MC** Francis LaFata  
**TH** John Skuba  
**AC1** Sean Michelin  
**AC2** Patrick Schneider  
**C**  
**S1** Brian LaFata  
**S2** Joseph Skuba