

# The Pastor's Corner

This time of year, it is so easy to think about severe weather, particularly tornados. In fact, these particular phenomena, which can be thought of as wildly energetic columns of wind are quite fascinating and horrifying at the same time. The sheer display of raw power and force is seemingly unparalleled and feared for one simple reason: they have the force to change life as we know it in a matter of seconds, given the right force and wind speed.



Pentecost is an amazing occasion as well because we hear about the force of a different wind, though there was a sound that accompanied its arrival not unlike the sound a twister might make. The disciples were all gathered together, and living in fear, as they waited wondering what Jesus was going to do next. Then, that moment of Pentecost arrived. The strong driving wind was the Holy Spirit that was descending upon them mightily, and it vividly appeared above each of their heads as tongues of fire, indicative of the gift that they were receiving. Notice too, that from that moment, life changed in a profound and dramatic way. They immediately went out and began to tell others about Christ in a courageous and bold way. It was almost as if the disciples were completely changed by that strong driving wind. Their life was changed.

As frightening as tornados are, there is no need to be so afraid of the change we receive when the Holy Spirit that comes to us. It does change our spiritual landscape, in a certain sense, but it is not for ruin but for redemption. In that, though, we should wonder: are we allowing the strong driving wind of the Holy Spirit to change us? It is all too easy to remain as things are~ but God always wants to move us forward, even with the wind of the Holy Spirit.

May each of us be filled with the strong driving wind, which is not a severe weather event, but rather Jesus's gift of the Holy Spirit..

*-Fr. Belken*

## PLEASE NOTE

Parish Email Addresses are changing!

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Fr. Belken: [frbelken@stlnh.org](mailto:frbelken@stlnh.org)

The Phone System now includes options to reach Fr. Belken's office, and also an option for the case of sacramental emergencies or to notify him of a deceased parishioner. Phone number is the same.

## MEET ME AT THE GROTTO!

Join Bishop Rice at our grotto behind St. Lawrence Church **this Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 6:30pm**, to pray the Rosary and dedicate the month to Mary!



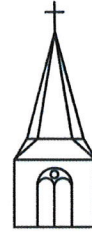
## Readings for Next Sunday

### The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

PENTECOST SUNDAY · MAY 19, 2024



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<u>Mass Schedule</u>								
Sat.	May	18	4PM	Felix Enderle	Thu.	May	23 7AM	Hubert Scheeter
Sun.	May	19	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	May	24 7AM	Andrew Essner
Mon.	May	20	No Mass		Sat.	May	25 4PM	Don Gosche
Tue.	May	21	6PM	Anthony Glueck	Sun.	May	26 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	May	22	7AM	Robert & Emma Gaines				

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.** MAY 19-Margaret Heuring, MAY 26-Coonie Essner.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

May 12, 2024: Loose \$119, Envelopes \$2760, Total: \$2879.

**FRIDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**FRIDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: Doug & Ann Menz  
Justin & Tara Modglin, Becky Moore, Jarrett Moore, Jewell & Pat Moore.

**SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEET ME AT THE GROTTO WITH BISHOP RICE, 6:30PM.** Please join Bishop Rice in praying the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother. Bring a lawn chair if desired. Light refreshments will be served following the Rosary.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, PICNIC MEETING.** 6PM in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend to plan or the picnic.

**JOB OPENING.** Saint Denis School in Benton, MO is seeking friendly faces to be a part of the “Saint Denis Difference” for these following positions: a principal and part-time teacher, a full-time elementary teacher, and a part time administrative assistant. These positions are all a part of the school family atmosphere, making a difference in young disciple’s spiritual and intellectual journey! For applications, qualifications, or for further inquiries, please contact Fr. Belken at the Saint Denis Parish Office at 573-545-3864 or please email [office@stdenisbenton.org](mailto:office@stdenisbenton.org).

**TOTUS TUUS.** Totus Tuus is coming to St. Lawrence June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or Pat Moore for more details.

**DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF).** As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of DDF, 44 families have graciously donated. Thank you so much. We are approximately 1/3 of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$7,985.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, there are cards in the pews or in back of church. For more information regarding DDF, you can contact Billy or Stacey Johnson at the Parish Office. Let’s close this out early this year and finish by 30 June.

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat.	May	25	4PM	Diane Ashcraft
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat.	May	25	4PM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat.	May	25	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Tom Essner
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat.	May	25	4PM	Bennett Essner/Brooke Reeves/Oliver Walter/Leeland Walter
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat.	May	25	4PM	Daniel Burger/Heath Burger/Major Burger/Robin Burger

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun.	May	26	8:30AM	Stephanie Burger
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun.	May	26	8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun.	May	26	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Zachary Essner
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun.	May	26	8:30AM	Kynli Duenne/Leeland Duenne/Leigha Estes/Vanellope DeShaney
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun.	May	26	8:30AM	Matt Burger/Mark Burger/Russell Burger/Daniel Carroll

**PASTORAL NOTE: ONE-HANDED RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION-** Over the coming weeks, Father is asking that those who must receive the Eucharist with only hand transition to either receiving on the tongue, or in the case that this is not possible, on one hand which is flat and outstretched to receive our Lord, and then is immediately moved to one’s mouth to receive. Please do not “pinch” the host to receive it from the minister’s hand to receive. Though this may be unfamiliar, it is simply a movement into greater conformity with the instruction of the Church on how to properly receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your attention to this matter, as we continue to renew ourselves in our love for the Holy Eucharist!

**CAMP RE-NEW-ALL.** Camp Re-NEW-All Fredericktown is in need of help with the following positions: 1F (June 9-14), 2 girl counselors, 1 boy counselor and a Lifeguard; 2F (June 23-28), a medical professional (nurse, EMT, etc.); 3F (July 7-12), 5 boy counselors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Sellers, [kimsellers66@gmail.com](mailto:kimsellers66@gmail.com) or call Linda Glendenning at the diocese office, 573-866-0841. Thank you so very much for your consideration, God Bless.

**STEUBENVILLE, CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE SUMMER 2024.** Join us in Springfield, MA on July 26-28! Secure your spot for the weekend that changes everything. Register now and give your teens an opportunity for spiritual growth and lasting transformation. Whether your teens are disengaged, doubtful believers, dedicated 'youth group kids,' or devout Catholics, these conferences present the gospel in a fresh and compelling way. This event promises to be a life-changing experience for your teens, offering them the opportunity to deepen their faith, connect with like-minded peers, and encounter the incredible power of God's love. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.