



6th Sunday of Easter
 22 May 2022
 Immaculate Conception Parish
 Fairbank, IA 50629

>Welcome

Today's Readings
 Acts of the Apostles 15:1-29
 Psalm 167:2-8
 Revelation 21:10-23
 John 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
 JOHN 14:27



Times Are a-Changin'

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissent arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- * *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*

Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer....

April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie, Norma Westemeier,
Karen Coffin, Charlie Corey Marci Willey, Ron Babinat,
Diana Snyder, Jill Rourke, Michael McDonough,
Rose Kalb, Dave Chase, Mary Ellen Youngblut
Lindsey Ernst, Sherry Duffy, Don Brandt,
victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster; terrorism,
and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts who are
suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch † May they
know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and hearts of those
who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and healing rise like incense
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**

▶ Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry:

contact Michelle Weepie 319-635-2428

▶ I C Parish Prayer Chain Hotline:

Please contact Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M)

▶ Sacrament Of The Sick ~ Anointing for the seriously ill or dying, call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 319-283-3743, or if having surgery speak with Father Atwood in the Sacristy before or after Mass

▶ Baptism Class For Parents:

All parents who wish to have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception parish are required to attend a baptism class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact Deacon Jim at 319-509-1210 for scheduling details.



▶ I C Cemetery – contact the parish office

▶ Funeral Dinners: Group #2 May, June, July & August

We provide desserts & serve a catered meal

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~ Fr. Ray Atwood, Pastor ~

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

This past weekend, I went to the graduation party of a high school senior in LaPorte City. The place where she celebrated looked great. Balloons, big numbers ("2022"), lots of pictures, track medals, and great food, such as bbq pork! It was fun sharing old stories and reconnecting with old friends. That young lady's party was a great success, and one of the keys to her success was her mother. Her mother helped make it all possible. Moms help organize, make phone calls, purchase and order food, decorate, and do other things to make our events a success. Most importantly, they are there to celebrate these important moments with us. What is true for graduation parties is true for Church events. Our Lady was one of those beloved mothers who was there for key events in the life of her Son. Mary gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem. She was also present at the Crucifixion on Good Friday. But there was a third event at which she was present. If you read last week's column, you know the answer, which is Pentecost. As we near the end of the Easter Season and the celebration of Pentecost, let us reflect on Mary's role in that crucial event.

Saint Luke sets the scene in his second volume, called Acts of the Apostles, chapter one, verses 13-14: "*When they entered the city then went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*" After the Ascension of Jesus, the Christian community returned to Jerusalem. This was the place where Jesus died and the place where the Church would be born. St. Luke reminds us of the fundamental importance of the Apostles in the birth of the Church. They are critical. But then he lists Our Lady, some other women, and his brothers (who were, in fact, cousins). The Church is made up of men and women. It is a living community of saints and sinners. Our bishops are successors of these Apostles, and so the teaching of Christ continues through them.

Notice something else. They don't just gather and wait. They wait *in prayer*. This was following the example of Jesus Himself. Before Our Lord called His Apostles, He prayed (Lk. 6:13). He wanted to be ready for this important task. Prayer is our lifeline to the heavenly Father. It is a means of gaining both strength and wisdom. Your cell phone won't work long without a battery charge, and so too, the spiritual life won't last long without the recharge of prayer. Prayer is the essential preparation for big decisions and big events.

The final element is the Holy Spirit. Acts two tells the story of the coming of the Spirit. The first sign of the Spirit was the unity of the Apostles and Mary. They were all together. The Lord reminds us that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is (Mt. 18:20). Then we hear of the noise of the wind and tongues of fire. These were audible and visual signs of the coming of the Spirit. Our Mother, who was present at the Lord's birth, is also present at the birth of His Mystical Body, the Church. She is part of the foundation of our Catholic faith community.

Our Lady's role was to be present and to be prayerful in preparation for the coming of the Spirit. Like all good mothers, she is there for her children, and always will be. As we celebrate Pentecost in a couple weeks, may the prayers and example of Mary, Spouse of the Spirit, open our hearts to the coming of the Lord in new and exciting ways. God bless you.

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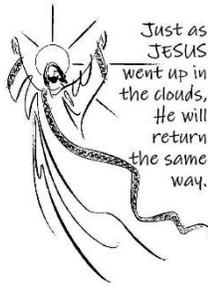
Homily Notes: What did I hear that I would like to remember or think about later?

Parish Financial Support

May 15-19

Budget	\$2168
Offertory	\$272
Building Fund	\$40
Parish Center Debt	\$525
NCYC	\$100
In Memory of Becky VanDaele	
Trees Donation	\$1268

Thank You



Dear Parish Family,

With mixed emotions, it is time to step aside as leaders of the Religious Education program. We have cherished our role in this ministry. We have enjoyed building relationships with the students and parents. We have worked with the most dedicated catechists in the diocese. Our Faith Formation Commission has been an amazing team. The private "funders" of our program have earned our love and respect forever. This small group of parishioners always wants to remain anonymous, but we will never forget them.

We look forward to seeing the program grow under Kim's leadership. We hope she has the same support that we have had, especially with people stepping up as catechists. We look forward to spending our extra time with new projects and enjoying family and friends. God bless you all.

Dan & Lynda Cutsforth

Thank You!

Please join us in the Parish Hall after Mass today to thank Dan & Lynda for their years of service to the CCD/NCYC program with coffee/juice & donuts for fellowship. We welcome Kim Weepie as our new DRE!

May 2022

- Sun May 22 **Elections** for Pastoral Council TODAY!
- Wed May 25 Mats for the Homeless after 8:30 Mass
- Wed May 25 Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM
- Sat May 28 Hall Rented Graduation Party
- Mon May 30 Office Closed – Holiday

Memorial Day May 30 9:30AM

Ceremonies will be held at the Fairbank Legion Hall. Reading of the veterans names from both cemeteries will be at the legion with fellowship following. Coffee, juice, and rolls. Please come to honor our departed heroes.



June 2022

- Wed June 1 "Music in the Park" 6-8 PM
Featuring Emily Erhardt-Bauer
- Friday June 3 Movie IC Parish Hall 7PM
"An American Underdog" sponsored by Faith Formation
- Sat June 4 Hall Rented Graduation Party
- Thur June 9 Parish Life Mtg 9:30 AM
- Sun June 12 Confirmation at SH for both IC & SH 2PM
- Sat June 18 Hall Rented Baby Shower



Fairbank Days Event

June 24 3-6PM June 25 Noon to 3PM
!!!Quilt Show at IC Parish Hall!!!

Contact Kathy Miller 319-240-0764 or Cleo Joerger 635-2758

We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us. If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call or stop in the parish office to register.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sun	May 22	8:30 AM	IC	For the People † EM: Anita Destival , Duane Schmidtko Lector: Jean Bellis
Sun	May 22	10:30 AM	SH	Donald & Lola Jean Woods †
Mon	May 23	8:30 AM	SH	All Souls in Purgatory †
Wed	May 25	8:30 AM	IC	Zachary Rundle †
Thurs	May 26	8:30AM	SH	Alice Kauten
Fri	May 27	8:30AM	SH	Frank & Catherine Aiello †
Sat	May 28	4:30 PM	SH	Richard & Myrtle Fitzpatrick †
Sun	May 29	8:30 AM	IC	Joe Bovy † M: Deacon Jim EM: Janice Martins Lector: Kaylee Kleitsch
Sun	May 29	10:30AM	SH	For the People †
Sunday, June 5 at 8:30 AM Mass M: Deacon Jim EM: Kelly Galleger Lector: Kevin Bodensteiner				
May Ushers and Greeters Rick Woods, John Even, John W Even, Jr. Tom Kleitsch, Joe & Dianne Rubino				



Jeff & Julie Brehm Fairbank
Jake Schares & Ella, Nora Oelwein

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God, come to our assistance.
Lord, make haste to help us. Amen

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever

St. Hippolytus of Rome (AD 190-236)



Faith Formation

Question of the Week: Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- The Holy Spirit helps us in all areas of our lives. Have a discussion about how your family can be open to the gift of the Spirit.
- At mealtime, pray this prayer after you say Grace: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Explain to family members that we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make family decisions and personal decisions in our lives.
- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will instruct us in everything. Have members of the family share who their favorite teachers are and were. Children could make a craft item or help make cookies for their favorite teacher. Include a note with the gift thanking the teacher for what he or she has taught.

This week, spend fifteen minutes each day with Jesus in quiet prayer. Ask Jesus to fill you with the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Copyright © 1996-2012, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. All rights reserved.)

The Religious Education program is seeking energetic and faithful parishioners to share their time and talents as a **Catechist**. If you have these qualities and would like to serve in this very special ministry, please call Dan at [319-415-1968](tel:319-415-1968).

We will be purchasing Bibles again to present to 5th grade students next fall. We will be purchasing 14 Breakthrough Bibles for Catholic Youth. If you are interested in sponsoring a Bible for one of our students, please contact Dan (by cell or email) or Glenda in the parish office. Each sponsorship is \$30.00 Thank you in advance!



We appreciate all your support for this campaign. Will finalize this week and would appreciate if all bottles be returned to the church/office no later than Monday, May 23.

Checks are also accepted by mailing to

Mary's Inn Maternity Home.
PO Box 3338
Dubuque, IA 52004-3338
Memo line IC Fairbank

Monday
 MAY 23
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:11-15
 Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday
 MAY 24
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:22-34
 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
 MAY 25
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
 MAY 26
 St. Philip Neri, Priest
 Acts 18:1-8
 Jn 16:16-20

Friday
 MAY 27
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:9-18
 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
 MAY 28
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:23-28
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday
 MAY 29
 The Ascension
 of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Eph 1:17-23 or
 Heb 9:24-28;
 10:19-23
 Lk 24:46-53

