

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

Genesis 11:1-19; Psalm 33; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52-56

Today's readings remind us that power exists for the good of the powerless.

The first reading contrasts the use and abuse of power. In the eighth century B.C., Isaiah is sent to inform Shebna, the prime minister, of his removal from office. Shebna has been a "disgrace to [his] master's house" (Isaiah 22:18). The prophet also speaks of Eliakim, one truly worthy of authority. Eliakim will discharge the duties of office as a "father" and will support King Hezekiah and his kingdom by paternal service.

Psalm 138 praises God for living up to God's name and covenant loyalty. "On the day I called, you answered me" (Psalm 138:3) captures this divine commitment. The most high Yahweh responds to the needs of the lowly.

Matthew combines the scene of Peter's confession with a post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus to Peter. The Lord calls Peter blessed because he perceives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Because this faith comes from God, Jesus confers the grace of leadership on Peter. This impetuous disciple will be "Rock", an unshakable foundation for the Church (see Matthew 7:24-27). The keys (as in Isaiah) suggest power, the power of one who will focus not on self but on community.

All of us exercise some kind of power. Are we more Shebna or Eliakim? Are we intent upon making our power felt or making our power a service? Isaiah, the psalmist, and Matthew agree that to be in charge means to protect our charges.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER MAY 28, 2023

Pentecost!! What a celebration!

The Lord sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way after redeeming us from our sins. The Apostles were imbued with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in many tongues so everyone understood as in contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel. May we be blessed with the right words as we talk with our youth about the possibility of choosing a religious vocation – priest, sister, or a brother.

Also this weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself is the most selfless act of love we humans perform.



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Participate in Sacramental and Liturgical Celebrations, Serve our Community

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sundays – 8:00 am

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Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Schedule of Masses

May 28	8am	Mass- <i>Pentecost</i>
June 2	6pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
June 3	8:30 am	Mass- <i>1st Saturday Mass</i>
June 4	8 am	Mass- <i>1st Sunday Social</i>

BIRTHDAYS

Katie Post	6/1
Pat Kalicki	6/1
Laney Slife	6/2
Maxine Lewis	6/3

Liturgical Ministers

May 28	<u>Lector</u> J. Nelson	<u>Greeter</u> J. Hacker	<u>EM</u> P. Widowski B. Palmer A. Dueker	<u>Servers</u> M. Palmer E. Zmuda	<u>Ushers</u> * M. McMahan D. Zmuda Sr.
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Gift Bearers L. Coleman & P. Shallenberger **Cantor** C. Ross

June 4	<u>Lector</u> S. Widowski	<u>Greeter</u> D. Irby	<u>EM</u> X. Gruszczuk Z. Garrett P. Widowski	<u>Servers</u> C. Bergmann M. Bergmann	<u>Ushers</u> * J. Nelson R. Weeks
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Gift Bearers K. Retz & R. Weeks **Cantor** S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *May 21, 2023*

General	\$990.00 (2)
Loose	\$40.00
Dio Collection	\$100.00 (<i>Seminarian Education</i>) (1)
	\$50.00 (<i>Catholic Community</i>) (2)

Total \$1180.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (3) \$40.00

Total \$40.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN MAY 28	8am	Mass- <i>Pentecost</i>
FRI JUNE 2	6pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
SAT JUNE 3	8:30am	Mass- <i>1st Saturday Mass</i>
SUN JUNE 4	8am	Mass- <i>1st Sunday Social</i>

MAY HEALTH FOCUS

Exercising alone for many people is not as effective or enjoyable as it is when you work out alongside friends! Just 30 minutes a day (recommended 150 minutes/week) of walking or 300 minutes/week of brisk walking can be done. Walking is something an individual can do on a daily basis and consider it a form of exercise!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith Alive needs volunteers for *June 22, 23 & 24*. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the church.

THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Help support the programs of the *Metropolis Crisis Pregnancy Center* and *Hope Unlimited*. Please take a bottle home to fill with change and return it to church by **June 18**.

HOGGS HOLLOW POTLUCK

Let's come together to share our Catholic faith and friendship at an outdoor gathering of ladies from our 3 parish family. The event will take place at Hoggs Hollow Winery outside of Glendale, IL on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 until 2:00. Bring a dish to share if you wish, but don't feel obligated. We'll introduce ourselves, play some Catholic Trivia, and just eat, sip, and visit. ***Questions? Call or text Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568.***

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2023, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes.

-Bishop Michael McGovern and Agencies and Ministries Supported by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4	<i>First Sunday Social (After Mass)</i>	
June 18	<i>Fathers Day</i>	
June 21	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	6pm
June 22-24	<i>Faith Alive Work Days</i>	
June 24	<i>Parish Family Women's Potluck at Hoggs Hollow Winery</i>	11am-2pm

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email spccil@frontier.com. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.****