

May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday



### Mass Intentions

Saturday May. 23 - 5:00pm

◆ Mass for the People

Sunday May. 24 - 9:00am

† Helen & Stephen Sefcik

Monday May. 25 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Tuesday May. 26 - 8:30am

† Helen Brannon

Friday May. 29 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Saturday May. 30 - 5:00pm

† Helen & Stephen Sefcik

Sunday May. 31 - 9:00am

◆ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle  
Living & Deceased  
Members of the  
Grygo Family

From the Pastor



Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Christ marks the beginning of the Church. Today is also the last day of the Easter Season.

Please plan to join us at our Memorial Day Mass this Monday at 8:30am.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the support of the Delaware City Juneteenth Worship Service and cookout on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mount Salem U.A.M.E Church in Delaware City. I will have more information to share next week.

Fr. Dave

**Donations Needed for Recently Deployed Soldiers to "Epic Fury"** – St. Jude the Apostle Parish is still receiving donations for those deployed to the Middle East. Items needed are Band-Aids, shampoo, toothpaste, eye drops etc. All donations can be left near the St. Mary Altar in our Church. They will then be sent to St. Jude the Apostle Parish.



**Remember Those  
Who Served**

Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor all military personnel who died in the service of our country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. Established three years after the Civil War in 1868, Memorial Day was once known as Decoration Day, a time to decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers with flowers. Let us keep our military personnel in our prayers.

**The Rectory Office will be closed this Monday for the Holiday. The Rectory Office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**Dear Padre** May 24, 2026

*I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?*

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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