Our first big feast after Easter is the Solemnity of Pentecost. This is the day that the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and they were given the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles were able to then preach the Gospel and spread the word of God. This gift helps us walk out of the church doors and share the words and traditions of our faith with the rest of the world.

One of the best ways to evangelize to those who are seeking Christ is to personally invite them to church. On this feast of the heart to spread the love of Christ to those hard to do, but you’ll be amazed when that one angel among may be waiting to be asked, and this is the gifts we’ve been given through the Holy within us as Christians and share our

Amen? Amen!

Congratulations to Peg Polanski who won the $100 Early Bird Drawing. The next Early Bird Drawing will be June 11th following the 11 am Mass. Get your raffle tickets in...they can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thanks to all who have already turned in their tickets!

Did you know even if you can’t attend our Summer Celebration you can purchase a duck for the Final Duck Race of the night? The winner splits the winnings with the parish (depending on how many tickets are sold) and last year the winner won $300! The tickets for the Final Duck Race are $20 a duck. Call the parish office if you are interested.

Saturday, June 17th
5PM - 11PM

Cold Beer ~ Fun Games ~ Great Food
Live Music from Kickstart

$5 Admission includes a raffle ticket - win $500, $1000 or even $2000!
+ THIS WEEK AT SMSJ +

NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, June 5 - St. Boniface
11:45AM † For our parishioners’ intentions
7:00PM Summer Celebration Meeting

Tuesday, June 6
11:45AM † Larry Longbottom (Elaine Best)

Wednesday, June 7
11:45AM † For the sick in our parish

Thursday, June 8
11:45AM † Paul Davis (Helen Davis)
7:00PM BINGO

Friday, June 9
11:45AM † For the deceased of our parish

THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, June 10
3:00PM † Pat Fiora (Kevin & Tom Tankersley)

Sunday, June 11
9:00AM † Margaret Rupp (Marge Rupp & Family)
11:00AM † Mary & Tony Brueneman
51st Wedding Anniversary
Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the Church began.

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a very short time, thousands had themselves baptized: it was the birthday of the Church. The miracle of the languages on Pentecost shows that the Church is there for all peoples from the very beginning: She is universal (the Latin term for the Greek kat’holon, catholic) and missionary. She speaks to all men, overcomes ethnic and linguistic barriers, and can be understood by all. To this day the Holy Spirit is the “soul” of the Church, the essential principle of her life.

~ YOUCAT question 118

“THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I BELIEVE IN CHRISTIANITY: IT IS A RELIGION THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE THOUGHT UP.”

~ C. S. LEWIS

Students entering Grades 1-6 will meet Mon. - Fri. from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Students entering Grades 7-12 will meet Sun. - Thu. evenings from 7-9 PM. Registration is open to any child in grades 1-12. Cost is $20 per student (with maximum of $60 per family). For more information, please contact Cody Egner at 871-5757, ext. 215, or cegner@eastsideregion.org. To register, please visit eastsidefaith.org & fill out the digital form.

“We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies.”

~ St. Justin Martyr ~
A GOSPEL REFLECTION

JOHN 20: 19-23
by Father Jason Williams

“As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.”

We can’t do it on our own! God gives us the gift of life so as to live for his glory, loving him and our neighbor as we have been loved, but we can’t do that without his help. Knowing us, and knowing our desire to live our lives for his sake, he sends the Holy Spirit to us so that with his help we can love to the point of laying down our lives.

When we open ourselves to God’s grace – trying each day to get rid of those little obstacles in our thoughts, words, and actions that get in the way of God’s presence in our lives and trying to do what we can to draw closer to God in prayer – then the Holy Spirit can cause all that we do to bear fruit. He fills us with his gifts, especially when we pray that these gifts become a real part of who we are, when we beg him to fill our hearts not with the things of the world but rather with the things of God.

May our celebration of Pentecost renew in our hearts the desire for God’s presence in our lives, and may it strengthen the bond he established at our confirmation so that our lives may bear the fruits that speak of the goodness and love of God for all.

“Strengthening our relationship of belonging to the Lord Jesus, the SPIRIT enables us to enter into a new experience of fraternity. By means of our universal Brother – Jesus – we can relate to one another in a new way; no longer as orphans, but rather as children of the same good and merciful Father. AND THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! We can see each other as brothers and sisters whose differences can only increase our JOY & WONDER at sharing in this unique fatherhood and brotherhood.”

~ Pope Francis, Homily for the Solemnity of Pentecost, 2016
PENTECOST

+ LAY MINISTERS + STEWARDSHIP +

Saturday, June 10, 3:00PM
Readers: T. Wood & J. Heitker
EMHC: R. Bagby, L. Kahles, & A. O’Connor
Greeters: J. Wood & J. Heitker

Sunday, June 11, 9:00AM
Readers: M. Bates & J. Mullan
EMHC: M. Mathers, D. Hoying, & K. Douthit
Greeters: C. Collins & S. McKenrick
Servers: M. Scharringhausen & A. Sublett

Sunday, June 4, 11:00AM
Readers: J. Doggett & M. Brusman
EMHC: L. Keeney, H. Davis, J. Losekamp, K. Losekamp, & B. Losekamp
Greeters: B. Ferrara & D. Crabb
Gifts: Crabb Family

THANK YOU!

Volunteer Your God-Given Talents
Stewardship involves sharing talent. God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of our Lord. Put your faith and love into action. Volunteer for things that interest you. Build lasting friendships and become part of the SMSJ family. Check the directory on page 3 or contact the parish office at 271-0856, and we can put you in touch with the people with whom you should chat.

~ B I N G O ~
EVERY THURSDAY at 7PM

Four Grand Club

Congratulations to our weekly $40.00 winner: Betty Lammers!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Offertory Total: $3640.30 Envelopes: 75

Weekend of May 20 & 21

THANK YOU!
Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Bradley Grubbs, husband of Kim Lamping and son-in-law of Arlene Lamping who passed away May 22, 2017. There was a Prayer Service officiated by Fr. Jason Williams at Thomas Justin Funeral Home on Friday, May 26. Please keep the Lamping family in your prayers.

We recently installed a new display in the back of church for pamphlets, books, and CDs and purchased some new discs from Augustine Institute to fill it up. Check out the CD’s Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist (Dr. Brant Pitre), The #1 Reason I Love Being Catholic (Dr. Allen West), Angels Explained (Dr. Mark Miravalle) and many others. It is incredible to encounter the riches of our faith; please take advantage of these great resources. There is a slot at the bottom of the stand for donations to help cover the cost of these materials. Enjoy!

ORDINATIONS and ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Jamie and Fr. Jason attended the ordination this year of three new brother priests for our archdiocese. They ran into Fr. Jim Riehle, who grew up in St. Anthony Parish and served as a pastoral intern at St. Cecilia; he celebrated his 3rd year as a priest. This year Fr. Jason had his first year anniversary, and Fr. Jamie celebrated his 13th. Both were thrilled that they were able to celebrate their anniversary dates with the parishes where they had Mass. The parishes held lovely receptions; many thanks from both of them for so many prayers, cards, and messages of thanks and encouragement!

RIGHT TO LIFE DISPLAY & PRAYER SERVICE SATURDAY JUNE, 3RD & SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

SMSJ’s will be displaying white crosses on our campus from June 3rd - June 16th. These crosses serve as a visual reminder of babies killed by abortion along with those women and men impacted by abortion. Please pray for the unborn, those considering abortion, as well as those affected by abortion.

If you would like to help set up the display we will be meeting on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00am in the church parking lot. We are looking for about 40 volunteers so please bring your family and a hammer.

If you would like to join us for a prayer service for the unborn and those impacted by abortion we will be praying at SMSJ on Sunday, June 4th at 12:15 (following the 11:00am Mass).

For questions or to RSVP to assist with the display please contact Andrea Corvi at apcorvi@gmail.com or 719-310-5517.

If you or someone you know is unexpectedly pregnant or impacted by abortion please reach out to Pregnancy Center East at pregnancycentereast.com or call them at (513) 321-3100.