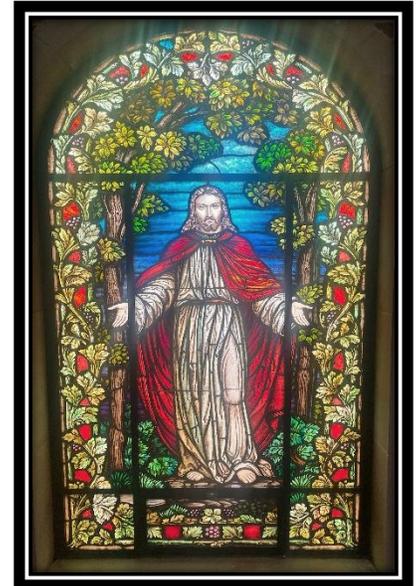
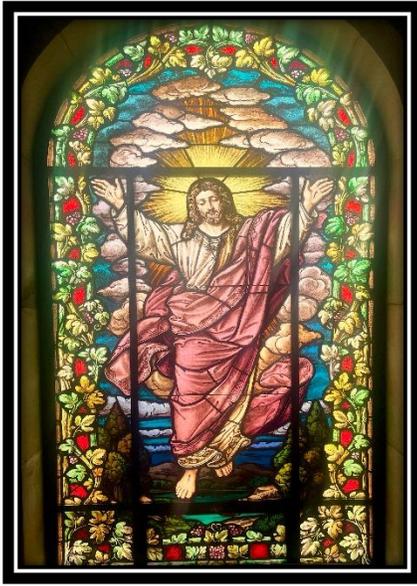


# THE GOOD NEWS

June 2022



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## It's 9:00 Somewhere- Day of Pentecost



Words fail. No matter how eloquent the person writing or speaking, words fail to convey human experience. From the emotions of a mother's first sight of a newborn healthy child to the feeling of being in a small boat during a storm at sea, we can sometimes capture something of an experience, without being able to capture the thing itself. Like the look of love in a dog's eyes, not everything can be put into words.

The Evangelist Luke finds himself at the limits of language as he writes of the Pentecost experience. He writes, “When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And

suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

The sound was like the rush of a violent wind. The tongues were as of fire. This is like when Luke wrote of Jesus' baptism, “[As he was] praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.” Not wind. Not fire. Not even a dove. But something like wind, fire, and a dove.

A television news reporter covering a tornado will often record someone describing the sound as the family huddled for safety as something like a freight train roaring by. Not a freight train. But something like that.

In fact, the Pentecost experience was a creative force sending that has rippled through space and time as the Holy Spirit has remained active in the world. Before that morning, the Jesus Movement was relatively small. The greatest preacher in the world sometimes had thousands on a hillside, but mostly walked and talked with a smaller travelling band of men and women so that they could all be in one place on that 50th day after Easter. By the end of the day, the sum total of Christ-followers would never fit in a single room again. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, calls Pentecost something like the Big Bang, as all Christianity radiates outward from this moment of creation.

The impact can be seen in the person of Peter. Fifty days earlier, he denied he even knew Jesus. In the time since, he first huddled out of fear, but then after Jesus' appearance and his ascension, he worshiped with others in the Temple in Jerusalem. The evidence is that he kept mum about Jesus. But after something like wind and fire, the timid disciples became bold evangelists and as they proclaimed the Good News of Jesus, people from around the world heard the Gospel in their own mother tongue. The Holy Spirit reversed the confusion of the Tower of Babel through the miracle of a group of largely unschooled Galileans preaching in perfect Egyptian, Parthian, and so on. The Holy Spirit serving as a unifying force to bring separate people together so each heard the same Good News in a way she or he could best understand.

Peter boldly shares the story of Jesus and tells the crowd, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy

Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Luke concludes, "So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

That morning of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came with such power that words could not fully convey the experience, the first thought of those seeing and hearing the disciples was that they had been hitting cheap wine pretty hard. New wine is the cheap stuff, and these men and women were, after all, from Galilee. The crowd looked at the messengers and figured that with Galileans, the saying probably wasn't "It's 5:00 somewhere" as an excuse to start drinking. Instead, the saying must be, "It's 9:00 somewhere," perhaps coming out more as, "Lord knows with those guys, it's always 9:00 somewhere."

The crowd was on to something, however, in that the Holy Spirit is always ready to show up in a mighty way. When a friend calls you late one evening crying because her husband has left. Or when you go with your mom to that early morning appointment to get the biopsy results. Or when a co-worker learns his son has been in a car accident. Or when a child calls late at night from jail. In all the times and places when you need God to be present, recall, "It's 9:00 somewhere," and just as the Holy Spirit showed up one Pentecost when it was time to clock in for work, so God will not leave you comfortless. The Holy

Spirit will come to you in all these times and places and so many more.

There are many kinds of pain and suffering and anguish in our world, but there is but one source of healing. And we who know the Great Physician Jesus Christ can offer that comfort and healing to others. Before the week is out and for many of you, before this day is over, you will run across someone fighting a great battle. And when you bump up against someone in need, remember this sermon and don't hold back. You don't have to get it right. Just trust the Holy Spirit to honor your good intentions. Share Jesus' love in ways small or big. God will handle the rest.

While the idea of asking God to use you in the week ahead might be frightening, know that you have done this before. You have gone for a walk or sat with a friend or co-worker in need. You may have shared a meal and offered a listening ear. Perhaps you have cut the grass for a neighbor who was sick. Each of us has been there for someone else before. The challenge here is to follow the Spirit's lead and then those occasions will be more frequent. While you might not have thought much about it, that doesn't mean it was not deeply significant for the person you were with. This is not something we do for God, but it is God's gift to us as we are there for someone else when they need it.

When and how might this happen? I have no idea. But I do know this, God came in a mighty way at 9:00 in the morning on that Pentecost, when the Christian Church was born – and it is always 9:00 somewhere. Whenever the Spirit nudges you, just lean in and trust God to be in the midst of the

situation, for that creative force that changed the world at Pentecost is still blowing through our lives.

-The Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue

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## Letter from the Wardens:

We are excited to tell you there are several things happening this month on the St. Ignatius Campus! On May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Vestry meeting, the vestry voted unanimously for Roger Van Patten to fulfill the open Vestry position term through January, 2023. Thank you Roger.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> Jack and Roger met with Mike Lukich (the Lake County Engineer & Project Manager), in regard to the roundabout project at Deep Lake Rd. and Depot St. for an on-site visit to review and to get updates. The plans will be finalized and approved in July/ August 2022. The county hopes to start the 2-year project in late 2023 or early 2024.

Schwartz Nursery will begin the \$5,500 Memorial Landscaping Project in Mid-June and be completed by June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Church building is getting a face lift. As noted, in last month's newsletter the 32 windows are under repair and shall be completed by June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Dry-Vit and beam (bee infestation) is underway and to be completed by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

On the Administrative side, it is recommended every 3 years (by the Diocese of Chicago), that anyone working in a Leadership or Pastoral position at St. Ignatius take "Keeping God's People Safe" courses online. The link has been sent out and several have completed within the first week- thank you! Anyone who would like to participate and has not received the link, please contact Jack Fields.

And how was your week?

Peace,

-Jack Fields

-Cathy Ehlers



## Outreach Summary

### **We are continuing to raise funds or items for the Matthias Academy for the Month of June:**

Matthias Academy is a nonprofit adult day program located at 12603 224<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Bristol, WI., right over the IL. border.

The academy serves adults with mild to severe disabilities, specialized medical needs, behaviors and mild to severe autism from Illinois to Wisconsin.

Here is the wish list of items needed:

- Plastic crayon storage boxes
- Travel toothbrush holders (cases)
- Braille measuring spoon & set (Amazon)
- Braille measuring cups (Amazon)
- White paper plates
- Stainless steel nail clippers
- 6" long cotton swabs
- Hand wipes
- Band-aids (assorted)
- Disposable paper cups (4 oz)
- Books and Games

\*Wish list can be found on Amazon\*

-Outreach Committee



We continue to offer Fellowship opportunities on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after both services Please join us to visit old friends and make new ones while enjoying refreshments. This time together allows us to understand the needs and concerns of our congregation. Our goal is to GROW and Fellowship is one piece of that intricate puzzle.



**Parish Picnic** on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Service. We will be inviting former parishioners and encouraging you to 'bring a friend'. Details coming next month!

-Diane Cinnick

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# Let's Celebrate!

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## June Birthday's:

- 6/9 - Keith Garrett
- 6/9 - Liza Simon Roper
- 6/11- Rev. Bob Seay
- 6/12- Felicity Deichsel
- 6/16 - Renee Garrett
- 6/16- Aiden Nelson
- 6/19- Mildred Hamlin
- 6/20 - Pat Bletsch
- 6/23 - David McCollough
- 6/27 - Ernie Kraak
- 6/27 - Libby Deichsel

## June Anniversaries:

- 6/9 - Mike & Linda Mizwicki
- 6/15 - Keith & Lisa Wernli
- 6/18 - Jim & Pat Bletsch
- 6/18 - Gary & JoAnne Kriens
- 6/22 - Keith & Renee Garrett



Merv Daehler & family - Jim Hallwas - Bill Malinow - Arya Annis - Elizabeth Johnston - Jim & Pat Bletsch - Kent Adrianson - Clare Coleman - The Deichsel Family - Ken & Carol Ward - Mildred Hamlin -The People of Ukraine

## Carol Ward Obituary



Carol Jean Ward, 67 of Spring Grove, Illinois passed away Wednesday May 18th 2022 in Spring Grove, IL.

Carol was born in Harvey, IL on August 10th 1954, the daughter of John and Jean Belt.

Carol was a strong advocate of rescuing dogs in need, while providing a safe home full of love. She was very active over the years in the Island Lake Lioness Club and was the first women Lion in Wauconda Lions Club. She was a deputy clerk in the village of Lakemoor and at the Village of Fox Lake. She was a board member and active at St. Ignatius Church in Antioch IL. She was a loving wife, but most of all she was the most amazing grandmother, and had such a positive impact on her children and grandchildren.

Carol is survived by her husband Kenneth Ward; daughter Natalie Peter and son in law Blake Peter of Gilberts, IL, son, Tony Ward of Elgin, Grandchildren Kennedy Craft, and Gabi Peter, sister Alice Paulsen of Marcellus, MI, brother and sister in law Rick Belt, and Cathy Belt of Bentonville, AR. and several nieces and nephews

A Celebration of Life will take place at St. Ignatius Church in Antioch IL. on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 during our 10am Service.

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## The "Parish"



Newsletter

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