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## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET**

**Pentecost**

**May 24, 2026**

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

**On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,**

**Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."**

**When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.**

**The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

**Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.**

**As the Father has sent me, so I send you."**

**And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."**



## **The Wind and Fire of Pentecost      Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday (Year A)**

**Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” John 20:21–23**

**Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today’s Gospel recounts Jesus’ first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength.**

**By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam (Genesis 2:7). Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples.**

**Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke’s continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: “And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them” (Acts 2:2–3).**

**When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity.**

**Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit’s nature and work.**

**The “strong driving wind” that “filled the entire house” symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit’s divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God’s hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches.**

**The “tongues as of fire” signify the Spirit’s purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God’s mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and**



sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit's workings and power in our lives.

Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.

### **May 31, 9:30am Mass**

**Join us as we celebrate the many years of service of the priests of Clement Manor.**

**We are especially grateful for the lives of Fr. Michael Michalski, Fr. Dave Reith, and Fr. Bill Stanfield as they celebrate 50 years of priesthood this Spring. And Fr. Paul Lippert celebrating 65 years.**

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## **The Name Above All Names**

**Reflection:** Any story can be told in a variety of ways. You can share the saga of how you came to be the person you are today as a tragedy or comedy, a drama or a love story. And all of these versions might be true. But which one, your audience might wonder, is truer than the rest?

Like so many biblical episodes. Pentecost is not just one story. It's recounted for us in two rather dramatically different scenarios. In the Acts of the Apostles, Pentecost is a wild and sweeping encounter with driving wind and descending flame that blows and burns the Spirit into surprised disciples while they're at prayer. Thus in-Spirited, the group is driven into the streets by divine momentum to proclaim the gospel in a miraculous language event.

Yet in the second scenario, related by John's Gospel, Pentecost is a deeply quiet, private affair. Jesus appears before the disciples and, with a gentle bestowal of peace and a simple intimate breath, the transfer of power takes place between Lord and church. The Pentecost described in Acts requires fifty days of preparation. The Johannine Pentecost happens on Easter Sunday night while the disciples are still wallowing in their fear and confusion.

If both stories are true, which one is truer? Does the timeline of Pentecost, or its particulars, matter so very much? We might ask ourselves: Which Pentecost do I need at this time in my life—the pyrotechnic display or the tender encounter? Which version does the church need?

One thing we might all agree on is what the evangelists themselves confirm: The Spirit's breath is vital for the church to exist. Changing the world, heart by heart, is an immense task. We must do this in the Spirit, and we must do it together.

So take a deep and divine breath—and let's do this.

**Meditation:** Many spiritual practices involve attention to the breath: inspiration and exhalation. Breathing supplies energy for action, and restores peace and calm. The Spirit, too, compels us into the streets to act, and meets us again in restorative contemplation.

**Prayer:** I long to join my life with yours, dear God, breath by sacred breath. May each breath I take remind me that I am never on this journey alone.

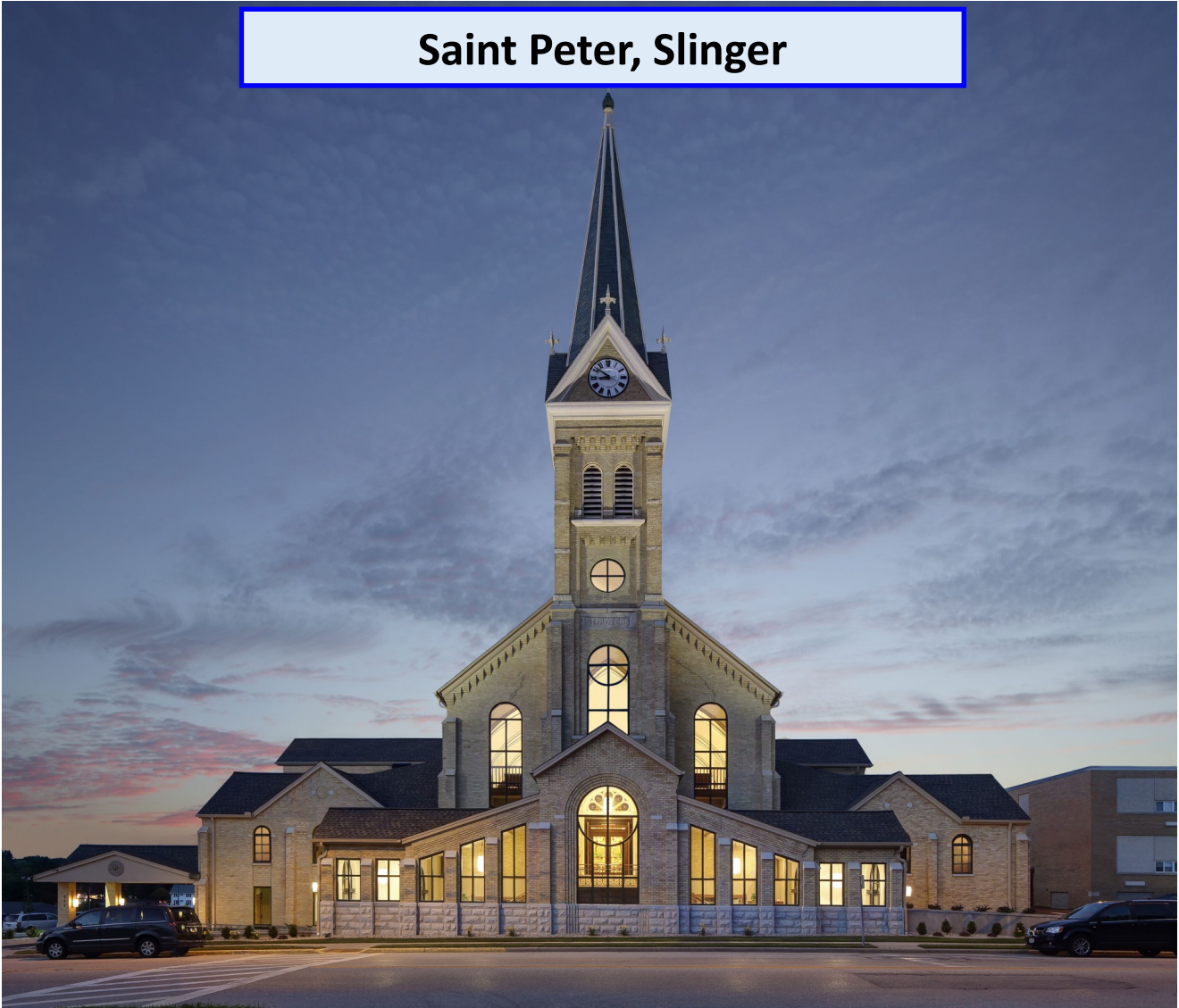
**Daily Reflections for Easter to Pentecost 2026—Alice Camille**

## **Holy Father's Monthly Intention May 2026**

**That everyone might have food**

**Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.**

### **Saint Peter, Slinger**



**Lord God,**

**You provide the bread of life for all Your people.**

**Open our hearts to share generously, avoid waste, and care for those who hunger.**

**Guide farmers, producers, and consumers to act with justice and compassion, so that every person may receive nourishing food and dignity through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

**Sunday May 24, 2026**

Reading 1, Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Gospel, John 20:19-23

Reading 2, Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13



Daily Reading for

**Monday May 25, 2026**

Reading 1, First Peter 1:3-9

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10

Gospel, Mark 10:17-27

Daily Reading for

**Friday May 29, 2026**

Reading 1, First Peter 4:7-13

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13

Gospel, Mark 11:11-26

Daily Reading for

**Tuesday May 26, 2026**

Reading 1, First Peter 1:10-16

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Gospel, Mark 10:28-31

Daily Reading for

**Saturday May 30, 2026**

Reading 1, Jude 1:17, 20-25

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel, Mark 11:27-33

Daily Reading for

**Wednesday May 27, 2026**

Reading 1, First Peter 1:18-25

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Gospel, Mark 10:32-45

Daily Reading for

**Sunday May 31, 2026**

Reading 1, Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm, Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Gospel, John 3:16-18

Reading 2, Second Corinthians 13:11-13

Daily Reading for

**Thursday May 28, 2026**

Reading 1, First Peter 2:2-5, 9-12

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 100:2, 3, 4, 5

Gospel, Mark 10:46-52



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