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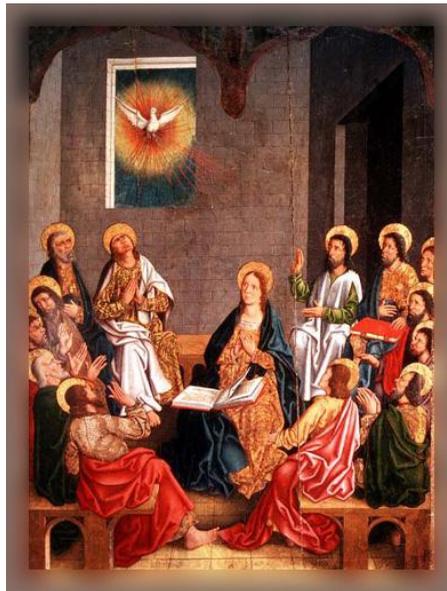
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The Pentecost Sunday

May 27th, mai

2012

Dimanche de la Pentecôte



Adoration and Prayer



Wednesday, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



The Holy Spirit offers us the grace and gifts that can set our faith on fire.

The Holy Spirit is a lively, dynamic presence in the world. This presence unites the Church as the Body of Christ and helps to inflame our faith so we, in turn, can build up God's Kingdom on earth. Empowered by the Spirit, members of the Church can boldly proclaim God's love and mercy that come through Jesus Christ.

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

This week, the Church celebrated the feast day of The Visitation of Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth.

After the angel Gabriel delivers God's almighty message and request to the handmaiden, he also informs her that her cousin Elizabeth, who is "getting on" in years as we would say, is also "with child" even unto her barren time.

Mary, filled with joy, thanksgiving, and (I'm sure) a bit of trepidation of what her own future would hold when this "news" got out, rises up and heads straight for her cousin's home; knowing that she would be grateful of some help.



Many times, as we ponder this story, we focus upon one or two things:

1) The miracle of St. John the Baptist in his mother's womb. Elizabeth was well past child-bearing age and yet the Lord, the Giver of Life, blessed her with a child.

2) The kindness and compassion of the Mother of Jesus. Here, having just found out the most shocking, wonderful, frightening, and miraculous news of her own life, she reaches out and goes to help another in need.

In reflection on these beautiful passages in Scripture, there is another thought that comes to mind. It is one that brings a great comfort. It is one that reminds us that our Father in Heaven is a loving, caring, and tangible God. He interacts with us and communicates His love to us through many means; including our friends and family.

Have you ever noticed or considered, that not only did Mary help Elizabeth, but Elizabeth helped Mary?

Imagine, for a moment, how confused (though trusting) and worried (though trusting) Mary must have been after the angel's magnificent visit. At some point, she must have wondered, "Did this really just happen to me? Am I really going to have a son that has been conceived by the overshadowing power of the Holy Ghost?"

Our God is a loving God. He does not want us to worry. And, when we are unsure of ourselves or perplexed about something, He often sends us a sign or encouraging word through earthly means so that we are reassured, validated in our thoughts, and comforted in the mission of our state in life.

Elizabeth greets Mary immediately with these words: "How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Isn't that wonderful?

If Mary did have any doubt at all, God relieves it for her in this moment by confirming everything she thinks the angel said to her; for here is another person, her cousin, her family; who is many miles from her home, and yet, who knew that she (Mary) was with child and that this child was the Lord!

It is the same in our own lives if we open the eyes of our hearts to see things clearly.

Often, when we reach out to do unto others, it is we who are served in some way.

God will speak to us through our kind acts or He will send us validation through the word of a friend, a phone call, a passage in a book, or even a few lines of a song on our car radio or i-pod.

Mary went to help Elizabeth, yes.

But in so doing, it is she who was helped the most. She was given strength and confidence for the once-in-a-lifetime mission that was unfolding before her. She was not alone and God let her know that.

Mary is not unaware of the great gift God bestows upon her in visiting her cousin; for as soon as Elizabeth exclaims her wondrous words, Mary answers with her beautiful Canticle of thanksgiving. We find that in Luke 1 46:55.

Ordinary Time

In his apostolic letter approving the Roman calendar, Pope Paul IV noted some important facts about the liturgical year: Over many centuries, Catholics had become accustomed to so many special religious devotions that the mysteries of redemption lost their proper place. This was due to the large number of vigils, holydays and octaves, and to the growing dominance of various seasons over the Church year; St. Pius X and Blessed Pope John XXIII restored Sunday to its former dignity, so that everyone should once more consider it as the Church's original feast day. The popes restated the traditional teaching of the Church: The celebration of the liturgical year has a special sacramental power and force which nourishes and strengthens life of Christians. The Church year is not merely a recalling of the historical events by which Christ won our salvation. The reason for the restoration of the liturgical year is to help believers through their faith, hope and love to share more fully in the entire mystery of Christ as it is unfolding throughout the year.



Youth For Christ Camp

Youth For Christ Camp is the place to be to grow in faith and strengthen friendships. Children between the ages of 8 -14 yrs are invited to come for a week or two as **Campers**. Those 15 yrs of age and older can volunteer as **Counsellors**. Camp is loaded with activities such as swimming, hiking, volleyball and other exciting games. Camp is also a great place to reconnect, continue or begin a beautiful faith journey with God. We celebrate Mass almost everyday, listen to Talks, reflect on the life of Christ, and have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the end of each day we rejoice and praise God through singing at Campfire. If you have any questions please e-mail us at campstlouis.com or visit our website at youthforchristcamp.org, or call St. Louis Parish at (780) 826-3010. Registration forms for camp and family week are available at the back of the church.

Dates 2012

- Counsellors July 2-6
- 10-11yr. olds July 8-13
- 11-12 yr. olds July 15-20
- **25th Anniversary Mass & BBQ –**
- **July 29th starting with Mass at 5:00 pm.**
- Family Week July 29-Aug 3
- 8-9 yr. olds August 6-10
- 13-14 yr. olds August 12-17

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Fidelity Day 2012

This year for the 19th time, we will celebrate Fidelity Day; it is to mark anniversaries that are not always celebrated otherwise. We will remember those who mark their commitment in marriage, five,10,15,20,25,,,50,55,60...years ago. For people who got married in a year that ends with a 7 or 2. If you are married over 60 years you may also participate in fidelity day.

The celebration will take place on Sunday June 17th. It is a celebration for all the graces received during the years of marriage. If you are interested in participating **please fill out the registration forms by June 3rd**. Please hand in the forms in at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket. There will be a Knights of Columbus Brunch after the 9:00 Mass at the Cultural Centre. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Fidelity Day: June 17th 2012 9:00 a.m. Mass, and Brunch at the Cultural Centre

Couple's Names: _____

Address: _____

Morinville, T8R _____ **Phone:** _____ **or** _____

Date of Your Wedding: _____ **In What Parish?** _____

Information About Catholic Communion and Celiac Disease



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Matthew 7:7

Catholic Communion and Celiac Disease

Catholics with celiac disease face a special challenge when it comes to the Church and the Holy Eucharist. Canon law states that the host must be made of wheat and water and contain no foreign materials or impurities. From the time that the Lord Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples “Do this in memory of me,” the Roman Catholic Church has faithfully protected the integrity of the Eucharist by only allowing wheat flour and water for the bread and pure grape juice for the wine to be used in the sacred liturgy. Catholic celiacs cannot safely share in the Eucharist using traditional altar breads.

Celiac Disease

Celiac disease, or celiac sprue, is an inherited autoimmune condition. The disease is an immune system malfunction that causes the body to attack the lining of the small intestine as well as other organs. Damage is triggered by exposing the immune system to certain proteins, commonly called gluten, which are found in the cereal grains wheat, rye, and barley. Celiac disease is a lifelong affliction; there is no cure. Damage to the small intestine occurs every time gluten is consumed, regardless of whether symptoms are present. The only treatment is to adopt what is called the gluten-free diet, which completely eliminates the offending proteins from the celiac’s diet.

Holy Communion Options

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion have been called the very source and summit of the Christian life. Every Catholic in good standing has the right to receive Holy Communion (Canon 843). The Church has been studying the issue of Holy Communion for people with celiac disease very carefully.

In Europe and other parts of the world, Catholic celiacs have used wheat starch based low-gluten hosts for Holy Communion for years. In these parts of the world, medical standards are different, and specially treated wheat starch is considered to be an acceptable part of the gluten-free diet treatment of celiac disease.

The clinical outcome for celiac patients in these other areas has not been shown to be significantly different from that seen in celiacs in North America who use a more stringent version of the gluten-free diet. In keeping with tradition, the Church has stipulated that completely gluten-free hosts are not valid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. However, the Church has approved of the use of low-gluten wheat starch based hosts provided that “they contain the amount of gluten sufficient to obtain the confection of bread without the addition of foreign materials and without the use of procedures that would alter the nature of bread.” The doctrine of concomitance teaches that under either species of bread or wine, the whole of Christ is received. Catholic celiacs are therefore encouraged to receive the Eucharist in the form of the Precious Blood. This is more easily accomplished in parishes that routinely offer Holy Communion under both species; however Catholic celiacs have the right to request Holy Communion in the form of consecrated wine from a separate chalice regardless of whether the Precious Blood is offered to the rest of the faithful present at a given celebration of Mass. Catholic celiacs are usually no longer required to present medical certification documenting their condition when they request accommodation for Holy Communion from their pastor. Their pastor generally does not need specific permissions from their bishop in order to meet the needs of their celiac parishioner.

Consecrated Wine

Holy communion under the form of wine is safe, provided that the chalice is free of any particles of wheat. Celiacs should not receive from the priest's chalice because of the fermentum, a tiny fraction of the regular wheat host, that is added to his chalice during the fraction rite. An easy way to avoid problems is for celiacs to receive from a chalice used only by celiacs and that is in some way distinct so that it will not be confused with the other chalices on the altar table. No particle of the consecrated host should be placed in this chalice. A distinctive chalice also reminds the priest and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion that a parishioner with special needs is present. The particular arrangements for receiving Holy Communion should be discussed with the celebrant and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion before Mass so that all parties involved are comfortable with the agreed-upon procedure. Every effort should be made to enhance the feeling of inclusion of the celiac at the Eucharist.

Catholic celiacs may choose to receive consecrated wine at a regular communion station if their parish offers communion under both species. There is greater risk for contamination using this option, but it has the benefit of allowing the celiac to receive Holy Communion with the rest of the community without feeling isolated or singled out for special treatment. When using this option, it makes good sense for a celiac to be near the “front of the line” when receiving communion to minimize the risk of crosscontamination.

In the case of Catholic celiacs affected by alcoholism or other conditions which prevent the ingestion of even the smallest amount of consecrated wine, the use of mustum is allowed. Mustum is a grape juice in which fermentation has been suspended so that there is very minimal alcohol content.

Low-Gluten Hosts

A special, extremely low gluten host has been developed for Catholic celiacs by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. These hosts are produced and packaged in a dedicated environment. They have been checked for gluten by the American Institute of Baking using the ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) method. This analysis determined that the gluten level in the low-gluten hosts was less than 0.01%.

Spiritual Communion

“Spiritual Communion” is an act expressing what was described by St. Thomas Aquinas as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him.” We ask our Lord to come to us in the same way He would if we were able to receive the sacrament. Spiritual communion is always available and might be especially appropriate when traveling or attending Mass outside your parish.

Is your participation in communion limited due to an inability to take gluten or alcohol? We have access to approved low-gluten hosts (approx. 0.01% total gluten content) and “mustum” (a wine substitute with less than 1.0% alcohol) that might enable you to partake more fully in the communion rite. Please contact the pastor for more details.

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What is Communion and Why Do We Observe Communion?

Holy Communion: Our Life in Christ:

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the third of the [Sacraments of Initiation](#). Even though we are required to receive Communion at least once per year (our [Easter Duty](#)), and the Church urges us to receive Communion frequently (even daily, if possible), it is called a sacrament of initiation because, like [Baptism](#) and [Confirmation](#), it brings us into the fullness of our life in Christ.

In Holy Communion, we are eating the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, without which "you shall not have life in you" (John 6:53).

Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Because of the intimate connection of the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our life in Christ, we must be free of any grave or mortal sin before receiving it, as St. Paul explained in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. Otherwise, as he warns, we receive the sacrament unworthily, and we "eateth and drinketh damnation" to ourselves.

If we are aware of having committed a mortal sin, we must participate in the [Sacrament of Confession](#) first. The Church sees the two sacraments as connected, and urges us, when we can, to join frequent Confession with frequent Communion.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
May 26 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Pentecost Sunday
May 27 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Julia Holterhus – Arnold & Madeleine	
	11:00 am	RIP Georges Turgeon - Family	
May 29 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Roland Boissonnault – S. Boissonnault	
May 30 Wed – mer	10:00 am	(Lodge)RIP George Theberge – Ed & Paulette Krywko	
	5 – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6:30 pm	Rosary	
	6:45 pm	Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction	
	7:00 pm	Mass	
May 31 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP David Hittinger - Mary	The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 1 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Derek Huot – Claude & Irene	St. Justin
June 2 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Holy Trinity
June 3 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Rita Schlachter (5 th Anniv) – Frank, Ellen & Family	
	11:00 am	For all the children receiving 1 st Communion and being Confirmed and their families	



Next Youth Night will be on Friday, June 1st at 7:00 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Vivian Wulff, Anne Wyman, Doris & children, Joanna Sehn, Louise Buttineau , Baby Weir, Carol Jean-Mosco,
Ernie Wulff, Henry Kieser.

Also please pray for those who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.
Please also keep in your prayers all children who are to receive Holy Communion for the 1st time and be
Confirmed next Sunday, June 3rd at 11 am Mass.



We welcome to God's family

Kael MacLean Lach Hittinger

son of Michael & Melissa, baptized on May 20th, 2012



Thank You... To the participants of the funeral for Tom Houle, who gave their donations to our church Restoration and Maintenance Fund in memory of Tom. May God reward you with His blessings for your thoughtfulness and grant Tom rest in peace and happiness in His Kingdom.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Restoration & Maintenance \$ 360.00

Papal charities \$ 25.00

May 20th \$ 3,308.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

KofC Breakfast breakfast will be held on Sunday May 27th at the Morinville Community Centre from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.



Volunteer list



There is a volunteer sign up sheet at the back of the Church for those who wish to volunteer for watering of the flowers around the church and parish office/rectory. If you would like to volunteer please write your name down with your phone number and we will contact you.



For more info feel free to call Donna at the Parish office.



Thank You...

To all the volunteers who helped out this past weekend with the removal and installation of the sidewalk edges. Also a sincere thank you to Wayne VanBrabant who donated the sod.

To all who donate time, talents and treasure to make our parish grow and look beautiful, sincere THANKS.



A few words from the Finance Committee

We have finally received a report from the Engineers who were onsite last year doing an inspection on the church roof and the steeple. In the report they suggested that the North Roof needs to be repaired quite soon. The approx. cost for this project is \$60,000.00. We talked about it at the Finance Committee Meeting and we are currently seeking estimates from a couple of other companies but would be able to do this kind of work as it is indicated in the report. We would like and hope to start this project this year and complete by winter. Phase 2 is the steeple area which is more serious work. The cost of this will be approx. \$340,000.00. Once again, we would hope to do this as soon as we can after we finish the work in the North Roof. With a total cost of the 2 projects \$400,000.00, this seems to be overloading and beyond our expectations. Yet, we know that sooner or later we have to do this to protect our beautiful inheritance and end long-causing problems of leaking. We are thankful for all your support shown in many ways, be through donations with the Restoration & Maintenance envelopes or outside of that, but we need your continuous support to make these projects happen. We are open to any valuable idea.



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Dust Angels	- May 28 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
* Blood Donor Clinic	- May 29 th , Tuesday 3:00 – 8:00 pm	- Rendez-Vous Centre
* Strawberry Tea	- June 2, Saturday 10:00 – 4:00	- Rendez-Vous Centre

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... “If one waits to love only until he is certain of receiving equal

Have a good week!



love in return, he may wait forever.”