

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

The heart of Pentecost is simple and sweeping: the Holy Spirit descends not as an idea, but as a living fire that transforms ordinary people into bold witnesses of Christ.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is not a human project held together by strategy or strength. It is born from the breath of God. The same Spirit who hovered over creation, who spoke through the prophets, who overshadowed Mary, now fills the disciples—and us—with divine life.

The Spirit arrives as wind and flame—signs of movement, purification, and power. Wind disrupts what is settled; fire burns away what is false. Pentecost is not comfortable. It is God stirring His people into mission.

What Pentecost means for us today:

- The Holy Spirit is not distant. He dwells within us, guiding, strengthening, and consoling.
- The Church's mission continues through our words and actions, just as it began in the Upper Room.
- Spiritual gifts are given not for personal glory but for building up the Body of Christ.
- Unity in diversity is a hallmark of Pentecost: many languages, one message; many people, one Spirit.

Pentecost challenges us to ask: *Where is the Spirit inviting me to speak, to forgive, to serve, to love more boldly?* The Spirit does not erase our fears, but He empowers us to move through them. He does not demand perfection, only openness.

The same fire that descended on the apostles seeks a place in us. When we allow the Spirit to work, our lives become signs of God's presence in the world—quietly, steadily, sometimes unexpectedly. Pentecost is not a past event; it is a present invitation.

Let us Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your fire and renew in us the joy of the Gospel. Make us instruments of peace, courage, and compassion. Guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and send us forth to bear witness to Christ in all we do. Amen.

Love and prayers, Fr. Charley

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas

Saturday/Sábado 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday/Domingo—8:00am & 10:00am

Rosary/Santo Rosario—Saturday/Sábado 4:30pm,

Sunday/Domingo 7:30am/9:25am

Weekday Mass Schedule/Horario Semanal de Misas

Tuesday/Martes; Wednesday/Miércoles; Thursday/Jueves &
Friday/Viernes—Chapel/La capilla

12 Noon/12Mediodía Rosary;/Santo Rosario—11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado - 3:30—4:30pm

First Friday-Healing Mass/Primera Viernes Sanación Misas

12 pm/12 Mediodía

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist/Exposición del Santísimo

Sacramento 11:00am

First Saturday morning Mass/Primera Sábado Misas— 8:00 am

Adoration/Adoración Eucarística— 7:30am

WEEKLY READINGS

Weekly Readings can be found in the USCCB
bible@usccb.org

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Let's celebrate the beautiful diversity of our parish family!



Sunday, May 31st
MASS 5:00 PM
International Rosary
International Pot Luck Dinner



Mass attendance satisfies your Sunday obligation.
Please bring a dish representing your ethnic heritage.

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to donate. Please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a date. The donation is \$150.

Funerals

Please contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with the funeral home to make sure the day and time you want are available. The contact number is 256-852-0788.

Chapel Chairs

We have 25 new chairs for the Chapel. We still have sponsorships available. Each sponsorship is \$500.00 per chair. Installment options are available; contact the office for more information.

The altar flowers are in memory of

John O'Brien

By: Elizabeth O'Brien



Wedding Anniversary

William & Ina Cacioppo
Jay & Bridget Cloys



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Bill Andre,
Paul Shea, Helen Bill-Cash, Fred & Margaret Dorsey,
Arthur Nussberger, Lisa Connor, Lucy Sinopole,
Betty Lemley, Ferdinand Manglona, Patrick Buckley,
Debbie Baswell, Elsie Andrews, Joe Cassani and for those in
our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a loved one remembered during the liturgy for any special occasion: a birthday, anniversary, get well, deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-0788.

Sat.	May 23	5:00PM	Vu Family & Peter Tran † Stephen Corsale †
Sun.	May 24	8:00AM	Jason Francisco (I)
		10:00AM	Bill Whalen † Michael Delap †
Tues.	May 26	12:00PM	Charles Dixon †
Wed.	May 27	12:00PM	Yvonne King †
Thurs.	May 28	12:00PM	Jason Francisco (I)
Fri.	May 29	12:00PM	Louis Paul Kleis Jr †
Sat.	May 30	5:00PM	Gerald Casperson † Joe Miller †
Sun.	May 31	8:00AM	Ed & Barbara Stluka †
		10:00AM	Julio & Aurelia Ramos † John O'Brien †

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. May 23	Pentecost Vigil Prayer Service	6:30 pm
Sun. May 24	Youth Group Meeting	12:15 pm
Mon. May 25	Memorial Day	
Sun. May 31	International Evening Mass International Rosary International Dinner	5:00 pm
Fri. June 5	First Friday Adoration/Rosary Mass St. Andrew's Table	11:00 am 12:00 pm
Sat. June 6	First Saturday Adoration/Rosary Mass	7:30 am 8:00 am

St. Andrew's Table will meet Friday, June 5th after the Mass and Healing Service for lunch. This will be our last get together until fall. All are invited for food and fellowship.

Memorial Day

*We wish everyone a safe and relaxing
Memorial Day weekend.*





“Receive the Holy Spirit”

Pentecost is the day that the Apostles received the Holy spirit from Jesus. He freed them from their fear and they were able to speak about Jesus. Some 3,000 people gathered around them that day and were baptized. This first assembly of believers became the Church. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the Church. Twice during the Eucharistic Prayer, the Priest asks the Holy Spirit to intervene. First, he holds his hands over the bread and wine and asks the Holy Spirit to make these offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Second, He calls the Spirit upon the congregation so that the people become the Body of Christ. These 2 prayers are called epiclesis.

MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; May 24, 2026; Pg.4,8-9. The **MagnifiKid** missalette is available in the gathering area for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and to take home afterward.

FORMED.ORG

is available to our parishioners
Please sign up for your individual account

Annual SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES 9/23/26

It will be cost prohibitive to continue
if our user numbers (78)
don't increase.

Questions? Contact Susan Turner: Susan@OLQU.org

FATHER'S SUNDAY GOSPEL COLORING CONTEST is for students in 1st—4th grade to connect with the gospel reading each week. Coloring sheets are available at the display in the gathering area. Father really enjoys the kids participation.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Saint John Paul II High School

Registration for 2026 JP II Summer Camps is open! Whether your student is looking for athletic development, academic enrichment, or creative fun, there are a variety of camps available throughout June and July this summer. Join the fun, it is open to the community. Visit www.jp2falcons.org/camps today for details or camps@jp2falcons.org for any questions.

Bellas Girls Camp

This camp is offered to girls (grades 4th—6th) to grow in friendship, confidence & their relationship with Christ all while having an unforgettable amount of fun. They will play games, have fun activities, eat yummy snacks & grow in our faith. This camp is run by Campus Minister at JP II with other JP II girls. Contact Ms. Ashley Arominski. AArominski@jp2falcons.org. Sign Up Now! jp2falcons.org/camps.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry will meet for their monthly meeting on June 24th from 12:15 to 2:15 pm.

Youth Ministry Facilitators

The Youth Ministry is looking for Facilitators for Youth Group activities. The youth group meets once a month on the fourth Sunday after Religious Education. If you are interested in helping to facilitate activities and meetings for our youth, please contact Mark Blackburn at mark@olqu.org or call the office at 256-852-0788 for consideration. Our youth are precious to us as a community and our future. We have the opportunity to provide a rich Catholic environment that guides them throughout their lives. This is our chance to be a part of the future of the Catholic Church.

Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On June 11, 2026, as part of the 250th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U. S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Ways to Honor Mary during the month of May:

1. Pray the Rosary.
2. Say the Hail Mary throughout the day.
3. Create a prayer corner placing a representation of our Blessed Virgin Mary, such as a picture, small statue or a rosary.
4. Create an outdoor space, flowers in honor of Mary.

Baptism Preparation Class

Deacon Jim Multeri is holding Baptism Preparation classes. If you need to take this class to have your child baptized, or if you need to take a class to become a Godparent please contact him at 256-852-0788.

House Blessings

Fr. Charley is blessing homes. If you wish to have your house blessed please fill out the form in the gathering area or call the parish office with your name, address, phone number, and desired day of the week. We will confirm the information with Fr. Charley and contact you to finalize the date and time.

OLQU Office Contact Information

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OLQU Parish Office Contact:

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Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of Our Lady Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, through spiritual growth and service to others, seek to follow Mary's example of doing God's will by being a loving and open community centering on the Word, the Sacraments, and the Presence of Christ in our lives.

Councils, Commissions & Ministries

Ministry Coordinator: Eva Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
Finance Council: Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
Adult Ed/Sacrament/OCIA: Susan Turner	256-852-0788
Agape Joy: Rafael Urrutia	915-227-9509
Altar Linens: Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
Altar Servers: Jared Ebelhar	256-684-8385
Arts & Environment:	
Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
Care Ministry: Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
Chain Rosary: David McClure	502-759-1939
Charismatic Prayer Group: Jeff Anderson	256-852-8734
Communications: Damian Hochmuth	256-890-1621
EMHC: Maria Nolen	334-517-8157
Fund Raising: Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
Gardening: Marge Mullen	256-683-1663
Greeters: Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
Grief Ministry: Almaretta Brislin	256-603-1213
IT & A/V Care: Jim Chaloupka	256-852-0788
Lawn Care: Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
Lectors: Sybil Shearburn	256-679-7023
Life in Faith: Cindy Williams	256-509-7258
Marriage Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri	256-852-0788
Loving Hands: Carol Lee	256-852-4095
Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
Men's Club: Roberto Ruiz	256-655-2509
Money Counters: Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
Music Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788
Prayer Shawl: Donna Pillarella	256-852-0788
Religious Education: Susan Turner, Director	256-852-0788
Sacristans:	
Safety & Security: Kent Wieter	256-830-1183
Social: Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
St. Andrew's Table: Joanna Acker	256-721-6922
St. Vincent de Paul: Luster Ingram	256-852-2899
Ushers: Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
Women's Club:	
Youth Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788

"Our work is to enlarge the tent and let everyone know they are welcome in the Church."

Pope Leo XIV

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul needs: canned meats, complete meals (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc) spaghetti, pasta, instant mashed potatoes, sugar, flour, oatmeal, cake mix, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, Jello, pudding, cold /hot cereal, canned peas, dried beans, corn meal or corn muffin mix, and stuffing mix. Paper goods, toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). We have seen an increase in food request with the warmer weather, thank you for your donations!

Contact email address help@olqusvdp.org.

General Information

New to our parish? If you are visiting our parish and are interested in joining our Catholic Family, registration forms are available in the gathering area or at the parish office (office hours are Tues.- Fri. 9am -3pm). Fill one out and drop it into a collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

AL Catholic Center of Concern is in need of:

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- New underwear for men, women, and children (all sizes)
- New socks for all ages

Center of Concern office phone number 205-963-9355

PLANT SALE CONTINUES

Thank you to "**Harvest Herbs**" (parishioner owned) for donating all the beautiful vegetable, herb, & flower plants to raise funds for the church. **Total to date is \$707!**

Sale continues thru Sunday. Plants are free of chemicals!

Note: please return borrowed black trays to the pavilion

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 24	Building Fund
June 7	Religious Education
June 14	Building Repairs & Maintenance

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.19
Weekly Collection May 16/17	\$	5,815.00
Religious Education	\$	222.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	984.00
Building Fund	\$	791.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$	262.00
Special Collections (Catholic Home Missions & Easter)	\$	170.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	614.00
Disaster Relief	\$	102.00