



ST. MARY

Catholic Community

Novena

to the Holy Spirit

I ask you to join me in prayer over these nine days as we petition the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and Guide as we prepare for our Parish Family Synod, on the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22. Just as the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, with Mary, the Mother of the Church, in their midst, and waited for the coming in power of the Holy Spirit, so, we do the same, trusting that the same Spirit's coming among us will bring about a powerful renewal in our parish family, all for the Greater Glory of God. -Fr. Bill+

FRIDAY, MAY 14

The First Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
The First Pentecost

*That was the day when Fire came down from heaven,
inaugurating the first spring of love.*

-from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

Let love be sincere...Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in faith. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality...Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path. Give us Your Precious Gift of Piety so we can recognize *our belonging to God, our deep bond with God, a relationship that gives meaning to our whole life and keeps us resolute, in communion with God, even during the most difficult and troubling moments (Pope Francis).* May we grow in love for all of our sisters and brothers. In the Holy Spirit's Power, Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

The Second Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
The Wind of Pentecost

*Zephyr and gentle breeze they say You
and so You are in Your domain,
But if it please You, God, I pray You
possess me as a hurricane.*

-from the Gospel of John

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, "The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name..."

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path. Give us Your Precious Gift of Wisdom, *the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes and heart of God (Pope Francis).* Increase our longing for You and give us Your Heart. In the Holy Spirit's Power, Amen.



SUNDAY, MAY 16

The Third Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit, *This is a Beautiful Time*

*This is a beautiful time, this last age, the age of the Holy Spirit.
This is the long-awaited day of His (Her) reign in our souls through grace.
He (She) is crying to every soul that is walled:
Open to Me, My spouse, My sister.*

-from the Acts of the Apostles

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world.

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path. Give us Your Precious Gift of Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe) a joyful awareness of God's grandeur and a grateful realization that only in God do our hearts find true peace (Pope Francis). Give us courage to embrace our mission as a parish family to our neighbors, especially those who suffer and are marginalized by society. Make us ambassadors of Your Holy Peace. In the Holy Spirit's Power, Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 17

The Fourth Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit, *This is a Beautiful Time*

*O hear Him (Her) within you speaking this infinite love,
moving like some divine and audible leaven,
lifting the sky of the soul with expansions of light,
shaping new heights and new depths...*

-from the Gospel of John

On the day before He was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, "Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to your own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path. Give us Your Precious Gift of Fortitude, and remind us that we have strength for everything through him who empowers us. May we lose heart but rather trust that the Holy Spirit can lift our hearts and communicate new vigor and enthusiasm to our lives, always following Jesus (Pope Francis). Give us the strength to let go of what needs letting go of so that we can begin anew and renew our parish, all for Your greater glory. In the Holy Spirit's Power, Amen.



TUESDAY, MAY 18

The Fifth Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
O Spirita Sancta

*And yet He (She) has been waiting,
the weary ages through,
until the hush of heaven
has entered you.*

-from Acts of the Apostles

*Compelled by the Spirit, I (Paul) am going to
Jerusalem. What will happen to me there I do
not know...if only I may finish my course and
the ministry that I received from the Lord
Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God's
grace.*

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path. Give us Your Precious Gift of Counsel, which will help us to discern how the Lord wants us to proclaim His Gospel. Enlighten our hearts and direct our thoughts, words, and actions so that we may image Jesus more and more in our relationships with one another. In the Holy Spirit's Power, Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

The Sixth Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
Lo Spirito Santo

*So beauty's bird,
wind-wisdom seeking,
and sorrow's flood,
and love's flame stirred,
are one voice speaking a word called God.*

-from the Gospel of John

*On the day before he was to suffer, on the
night of the Last Supper, Jesus prayed to His
Father, "Consecrate them in the truth. Your
word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so
I sent them into the world. And I consecrate
myself for them, so they also may be
consecrated to truth."*

PRAYER

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THURSDAY, MAY 20

The Seventh Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
Ruaj-Elohim

*Spirit in Hebrew, feminine in gender
lifts my surmise to touch sweet certainty
that with a goodness like maternity
The Holy Ghost is tender.*

-from the Gospel of John

*On the day before he was to suffer, on the
night of the Last Supper, Jesus prayed,
"Righteous Father, the world also does not
know you, but I know you, and they know that
you sent me. I make known to them your name
and I will make it known, that the love with
which you loved me may be in them and I in
them."*

PRAYER

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FRIDAY, MAY 21

The Eighth Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit,
Ruaj-Elohim

*Two are the Son and Father, but the Other
so shapes my will its dear theology.
Come but to kiss and cradle tenderly
is Love who seeks to mother.*

-from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control. Against such
there is no law.*

PRAYER

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SATURDAY, MAY 22

The Eve of Pentecost and the
Ninth Day of our Novena to the Holy Spirit

-from Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit, *The Spirit's Name*

*But when at least you are alone with Him (Her)
deep in the soul and past the senses' choir,
Oh, give Him (Her) then the title which will place
His (Her) unpredictable breath upon your face:
O Dove, O Flame, O Water, Wind, and Cloud!
O Love that lifts us wholly into God!*

-from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. 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. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful family at St. Mary Parish and kindle in us the fire of your love. Enflame our hearts with a reverence for You, and guide us in discerning what it is You desire us to do in your Name. Accompany us on our Synodal Path today. Fill in this holy moment our Upper Room in the center of the city of Appleton with the same Holy Spirit which enflamed the hearts of Jesus and His disciples of long ago. Give us a new purpose and compel us to go forth on fire with Your Love. With you, all things are possible. Let us not be afraid. Come Holy Spirit! Amen!

