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Pentecost Sunday



*Welcome
& Congratulations
Archbishop
Christopher Coyne*

*May the Holy Spirit
continue to guide
your ministry of hope,
mercy, justice and love
in the Archdiocese
of Hartford.*

Welcome!

*Midd-South Catholic is a welcoming and accepting
Catholic community that fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
and lives that faith through love and service.*

JESUS CALLING

*What gift of service
have you received
from the Holy Spirit and
how well are you using it
right now?*



Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sacred Heart Campus

Sunday Mass

7:30am, 9pm

Sacred Heart Campus

11am

St. John of the Cross Campus

DAILY MASS

Mondays - 8am

St. John of the Cross Campus

Tues & Wed - 8am

Sacred Heart Campus



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THIS IS US...

Come Home to Fellowship, Community, Growth!

At Pentecost, the disciples gathered “in one place together.” (Acts 2:1) After walking with Jesus, breaking bread with him and with one another, this tight-knit group had formed a life-giving community. Who was this little community? Well, Mary, Jesus’ very first disciple, was there, along with other women and men—some whose names we know. Not as individuals but together as a group, they prayed, hoped, and waited. Together they experienced an amazing transformation in the power of the Holy Spirit, becoming a community fully alive and ready to embark on the great mission to which Jesus called them.

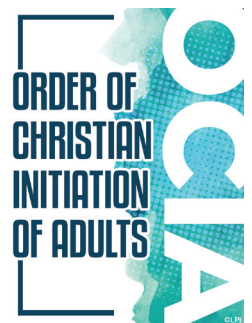
Today, we are the ones who, coming together, become the evangelizing community that the Spirit is forming and empowering. And have you noticed that, little by little, our community is growing. We are adding to our numbers, just as happened in the first century. Nancy Cirincione (in white blazer), one of our newest companions in faith, tells us, “I truly feel at home and at peace here at Mid-South Catholic Parish.” Over several months, Nancy walked with a group of seekers, praying and learning in common following a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This process is designed to help create the feeling that Nancy describes. Jennifer Voity (in floral dress) agrees. “I have formed a forever bond with this small group of men and women. I am so grateful to have had this experience!”



The OCIA Group at the Easter Vigil

Beginning wherever they find themselves in their journey of faith, OCIA participants gather with sponsor-friends and catechists to walk side-by-side, learning and growing as they connect with God and the church in powerful ways—just like the community of disciples described in the New Testament. “As I learned and understood the teachings of the Catholic Church,” explains new Catholic, Ron Sanctuary (tan jacket), “I know it has deepened my faith in so many ways. I have a more powerful sense of God’s presence in my life than I ever have before.”

Maybe you or someone you know is ready to gather with us more deeply in faith and fellowship. The Mid-South Catholic OCIA group meets year-round, so you can join in whenever you want. Together we walk at a comfortable pace as we together discern the path where God is leading us.



Maureen McDermott

G.I.F.T.: A two-way street

It was about twenty years ago now that our intergenerational faith formation program, what would soon become what we know now as GIFT, was in the earliest stages of being developed. I was so excited I had to tell anyone who would listen. I remember saying to three other women who were with me in a small study group, “Just think of how much you will have to share with other folks in this program!” No one argued with me, but I was met with blank expressions, looks of disbelief. I was thinking of the years of life-experiences, lives of deep faith that they could offer as incentive and support to anyone participating in the programs to come. Sitting at table together would be only a start.

What seemed so hard to swallow way back then has turned out to be the blessed reality of these years of our GIFT program. And not surprisingly, it has been a two-way street: along with the generous sharing that so many are willing to do, has come the increase in learning that undergirds our faith, enriching our lives and giving depth to our own prayer-life and our worship as a family of faith. It has opened our eyes to opportunities to offer wholehearted service beyond the confines of our own small lives, and to receive gratefully what others, young and old have to offer. *-Maureen McDermott*

Registration information on next page.



G.I.F.T.

Growing in Faith Together

The 2024-2025 GIFT theme is
Jesus Calling
 Called to be followers of Christ

This year's program theme invites each of us to recognize and respond to the unique way God calls us in our lives. Through learning in the context of the liturgical year and through Sacred Scripture stories, feasts and seasons, we will follow Jesus' journey and discover meaning and purpose in our own. Join us as we Grow In Faith Together!

G.I.F.T. IS FOR EVERYONE AGES 6-106!

It is not only a catechetical program for children and families— it is for adults of every age and stage of life.

Registration for Mid-South's Faith Formation Program G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) is here!

The 2024-25 G.I.F.T. program is open to single adults, couples and families (Ages 6-106!)

- Please pick up a new family or returning family registration form from the bulletin board area in the atrium or on the website: [Faith Formation > G.I.F.T. > Registration](#)
- **New Families:** please note that you will also need a parish registration and copies of previous records of faith formation attendance.
- Our Sacramental (First Reconciliation/Holy Communion or Confirmation) programs are a two year process typically beginning in 1st Grade/9th Grade but we accommodate students and adults of every age.
- **Returning Family registrations are due by June 1st.** New Family registrations do not have a deadline.
- Please pick up a Returning Family or New Family Registration form from the back tables, Atrium, Faith Formation Office, or download from our website www.msccatholic.org under Faith Formation > G.I.F.T. > Registration.
- Our program is open to single adults and families! All new students must provide any Sacramental certificate copies to the Registrations.

First Holy Communion



REGISTER TODAY!

Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information:

203-264-5065

www.midsouthcatholic.org

The 2024-25 GIFT Schedule:

Sundays 1: 4-6:30 PM

Sept. 15th	Jan. 5th
Oct. 13th	Feb. 2nd
Nov. 10th	Mar. 9th

Wednesdays: 5-7:30 PM

Sept. 15th	Jan. 8th
Oct. 16th	Feb. 5th
Nov. 13th	Mar. 12th

Fridays: 6-8:30 PM

Sept. 20th	Jan. 10th
Oct. 18th	Feb. 7th
Nov. 15th	Mar. 14th

Sundays 2: 4-6:30 PM

Sept. 22nd	Jan. 12th
Oct. 20th	Feb. 9th*
Nov. 17th	Mar. 16th

*** NOTE:**

The 2-9-25 session time will be **1-3:30pm** due to **Super Bowl Sunday**.



Little Rock Scripture Study

Twenty years of LRSS will wrap up in our parish with two short faith-sharing programs of three weeks each. From the Alive in the Word series we will present *Hope, an Anchor in Today's World*, and *Hospitality, Welcoming the Stranger*. The first program has begun and will continue on Wednesday mornings **May, 22nd, & 29th** at **9:30 AM**. The second will be an evening program, presented in June. Each program will consist of reading and reflection on three passages from Scripture. For further information, contact **Maureen McDermott: mfmcderr@netscape.net** or **Deb McGrath: deb.mcgrath27@gmail.com**.



Eucharistic Ministry Information and Training

Have you thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister (EM) and would like more information? Or do you already have the desire to serve Mid-South Catholic as an EM, but need to learn the ropes? On **Saturday, June 1st**, from **10:30 AM to 12 PM**, there will be an information and training meeting for prospective Eucharistic Ministers. TO REGISTER for the session or simply to learn more about this ministry, please contact BJ Daly Horell at bj@mscatholic.org or 203-264-5071, ext. 203.

Celebrating the Sacraments The Sacraments are the most treasured ways we celebrate Christ Alive in the life of our faith community! Lately, you've seen our newest Catholics participating fully in our sacramental life. What sacraments might you be missing at this time? Contact the parish office to get started at 203-264-5071, or contact BJ or Ami directly at bj@mscatholic.org or ami@mscatholic.org.

Altar Server - Training at St. John of the Cross!

Our worshipping community needs your help. Altar servers draw near to Jesus in ways you can't yet imagine! Anyone entering grade four and beyond (teens and adults very welcome!) should contact BJ to explore whether this ministry is right for you! The next training for new servers at the Sacred Heart campus is Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 PM. We are also adding one additional training course in late June for those who wish to serve at the 11:00 AM Sunday mass in Middlebury. Please contact BJ in the parish office: 203-264-5071, ext. 203 or bj@mscatholic.org.



Mid-South Parish Altar Servers, Ruth Salsbury and Evan Brough with Auxiliary Bishop Betancourt at the Mid-South Confirmation Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Please pray for our sick at home, in hospitals and convalescent homes, especially:

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J.C. Corr	Jeanne Gray	Emilia Ayon	Lynn	Rossomando	Gail Prager
Jennifer Pike	Doug Mihalko	Ethan McGuinness	Anthony Desimone	Marcia Bartow	Sharon Wooley
Mary Arpaia	Marty Flanagan	Elizabeth Walsh	Norma Voels	Michael Browne	Betty J. vonBergen
Michael Berardelli	Valerie Venezia	Sal Lafata	Albert Pagliaro	Marian Pelletier	Rose Sparano
Joe Capobianco	Canadeo	Raymond DiFonzo	Tony DeFelice	Sandy Romano	Connie Court
Virginia Cartiglia	Ed Villamana	Olga Scileppi	Louise Pawlowski	Ed Robinson	Maureen Ann Crowley
Mark Cavallero	Carter Razz	Infant John Vincent	Sam Falco	Taylor Richard	Christian Lawson
John Weyant	Kayla Snabaitis	Paul Pittman	Mary Wanag	Frank Locasio	Kathryn Lowkis
J.A. Zawacki	Martha D'Erano	Andrew Perrella	Dorothy McNamara	Mary Lou Cheek	Jane Corbitt
Ezra Black	George Logan	Ray Eliason	Samantha	Gayle Horrell	Sally Logan
Baby Declan Rowe	Paul Beavers	Jim Walsh	Lucia Mannello	Manuel Tomas	
Baby John	Brian Logan	Mark Anderson	Brandon Young	Esther Vilela	
Steve Brown	Mary Ann Pingaro	Jolynn Parlato	Peggy Noel	Jerelyn Fields	
Julia Logan	James Forte	Shannon	Tammy McAdams	Sheila Drakeley	
Ann Farrow	Maureen Ann Koren	Joan Anderson	Rhonda Ostrom	Cosmo Mazza	
Bella Burns	Rick Small	Kelli Leanden	Larry Lucas	Adam Smith	

Are you searching for something more? Have you noticed a restlessness, an emptiness within? Do you desire to connect your faith to life, life to faith?

Centering Prayer Group:

Every 1st Monday, online 7:00 PM

Every 3rd Saturday, online 8:30 AM

To join the online group, please contact:

Esther Rada: erada@outlook.com

Dawn Fleming: dfleming@holyfamilyretreat.org

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together):

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem

to pray, study, share, and provide service.

All women of Mid-South Catholic are invited to attend. For further information or to obtain schedules for future meetings, contact one of the following members:

Pat Kugeman: 203-417-9930

pmkugeman@aol.com

Hilda Henriques: 203-233-0242

hildahenriques@yahoo.com

Nancy Pisani: 203-525-7260

nsvlp4@gmail.com

Little Rock Bible Study:

For further information please contact one of the following facilitators:

Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)

Maureen McDermott (SHC) (Zoom)

203-264-5065, ffo@mscatholic.org

Men's Ministry:

In-person and Zoom, Every Saturday, 6:30 to 8:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem

For further information, please contact:

Dave Kania: dkania08@gmail.com

Patrick Fellin: pfellin21@gmail.com

Mom's Bible Study (MBS):

For information, please contact:

Trista DiDonato: 203-313-1556,

trista_didonato@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

First Wed every month, 9:30 AM, SHC, Jerusalem,

For information or requests, contact: **Peggy:** 203-888-4298 or

Cookie: 203-837-0164 (for Shawls)

or **Mary** 203-264-9497 (for Lap blankets)

The Women's Group at SJCC:

For further info: **Michele Cambra:**

203-228-2001, mrcambra@yahoo.com

Women Sharing Wisdom (WSW):

First Monday every month, 6:30 PM, SHC,

Emmaus Room Sharing the wisdom that comes to us from our experience of God and faith. For further information, contact:

Deb McGrath: 203-733-4239

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge a commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations, especially in our Archdiocese. Join us, your parish community, and *Do This In Memory of Me*, by sharing your blessings. For more information, you may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. NO APPEAL FUNDS ARE EVER USED FOR LEGAL FEES OR SETTLEMENTS.

Catholic Communication Campaign Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect million with Christ. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Immigrant Stories

The Palace Theater is hosting the first in a series of Immigrant Stories **Saturday, June 1 at 11AM.**

The speaker is Hossna Samadi, Outreach Coordinator for IRIS. Hossna will offer her unique perspective, detailing her personal journey from Afghanistan to Connecticut. From overcoming obstacles and prejudices to assimilating into a new community, her story serves as testament to the resilience, perseverance, and determination that so many immigrants possess as they work to make a better life in a new country. Susan Suhr, the founder of New Start Ministry, will give a brief introduction before the talk, providing some background understanding about refugees and immigrants. New Start Ministry is an interfaith group based in Woodbury, that works in conjunction with IRIS to co-sponsor refugee families for local resettlement. Please call the Palace Box Office at 203-346-2000 to reserve your free tickets. For more information, please contact Kate Clarke at k.clarke39@yahoo.com or 203-528-7841.



St. Vincent DePaul Sandwich Ministry

Sacred Heart Campus
Next drop off: May 21th & June 4
7:30am - 4pm

Please take necessary steps to make and deliver the sandwiches with safety and prevention guidelines in mind. Sandwiches should be left in the large refrigerator inside the Church. We are in need granola bars, chips, crackers. Thank you for all you do. A new schedule will be out shortly. For more information, please contact Bill Hahn: bhahn23@sbcglobal.net.

St. John of the Cross Campus:
Sandwich Team 5, Week of 5/19

Teams meet weekly in Fr. Fanning Hall to make sandwiches. Tuna, mayo and sandwich bags are provided. Each team donates bread and eggs for egg salad. Teams meet in the morning and deliver the sandwiches to the shelter before lunch. For more information, please contact **Jackie Desmarais:** 203-509-6502



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Church Sanctuary Hours:

St. John of the Cross Campus: **7am-12pm (7 days/wk)**
Sacred Heart Campus: **9am-4:30pm (Mon-Thur), 9-12 (Fri)
4-6pm (Saturdays) and 7am-10am (Sundays)**

Confessions/Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3-3:30pm

St. John of the Cross Campus: **1st & 2nd Saturday each Month**
Sacred Heart Campus: **3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday each Month**

Online Platforms

BROADCAST LIVE: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:30, 9 or 11am

- **shcsouthbury.online.church:** An innovative space where our community can gather and experience Mass in real time! We strongly encourage you to gather together on Sundays on the [shcsouthbury.online.church](https://www.shcsouthbury.online.church) platform at 7:30am, 9am, 11am or 5pm Saturday Vigil. Chat with others from our community, offer your prayer intentions during the Prayer of the Faithful and be uniquely connected when it is not easy to be together physically. If you can't be at Mass onsite- this is the place to be!
- **www.midsouthcatholic.org:** See post on homepage for easy connection to *live* masses.
- **YouTube** Our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartSouthbury> has a library of our previous broadcasts of Masses and reflections and can be watched live.

For Online Giving, go to:

<https://osvhub.com/midsouthcatholic/giving/funds>

Mass and Prayer intentions

Saturday, May 18

5:00 PM Michael Halford
Requested by Ed & Mary Comstock
Eileen Ryan McCusker
Requested by Anne Donahue

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
9:00 AM Josephine DeAngelis
Requested by Elaine Corcillo
Lina Savard
Requested by her friends at Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, May 20

8:00 AM Antonio, Philomena & Nicola Fusco
Requested by their family

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 AM Bob Saracen
Requested by his family

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 AM Barry Silverman
Requested by Bob & Lucy Hamilton
Jeanne Carlos
Requested by Bob & Lucy Hamilton

Thursday, May 23

NO MASS

Friday, May 24

NO MASS

Saturday, May 25

5:00 PM Maria Pierelli
Requested by her husband, Dan
Alexander E. Dobkowski
Requested by The Launder Family

Sunday, May 26

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
9:00 AM Bill Mikolsky
Requested by Clay & Susan Cassidy
Lawrence Maye
Requested by Dr. & Mrs. Phil Guevarra

11:00 AM Eileen Tateo-Beebe
Requested by her husband

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

Offices Closed for the Holiday
8:00 AM NO MASS



Presentation of the Gifts *Those who have requested prayer intentions will be invited first to offer the gifts at your mass. Thank you in advance as we begin to celebrate again more fully together.*



The Marian Votive Candle of Sacred Heart *burns in loving memory of Michael Anthony Tusa by his parents Elaine F. Ackley by their families.*



For those who are serving in our Military, please keep the following in your prayers *God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe: R. Jay C.; Alicia C., Scott D.; Miles G.; Jeremy Gibbons (Staff Sergeant); Michael I.; Patrick P.; Brandon S.; Julian S.; Matthew Wynne.; Andrew P.; Gordie Fry-Coast Guard; Gill Rosario, Special Forces-US Army; Jack S., Ryan Mercede, Major Sarah Mobilio-USMC, Captain Andrew Perrella, USAF; SWCC Kevin Howe, SGT. Jay DeZinno, The 142nd Medical Company, Danbury, CT., PFC Brody Schwartz, US Army, Private John Massi, USMC*

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- * **Deadline** for all bulletin articles is **Monday, 12 pm.** Send articles to: mkorsu@mscatholic.org





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