



# Weekly Bulletin

May 10 to May 17, 2008

## “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit”

Pentecost is sometimes called the “birthday of the Church.” Our patron Saint Paul spoke of the reality of the Church as the “Mystical Body of Christ.” We know that the soul is the principle of life for any body. The Holy Spirit functions as the “soul” of this great “Mystical Body.” Though Jesus has ascended to the Father, He sent His promised Spirit to the disciples. In baptism and confirmation we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which gives us the new life of grace. It is the Holy Spirit who acts through all the sacraments and guides the Church from age to age.

So much for the divine reality of the Church, what about the human component? We are all too well aware of the limitations and failings of members of the Church. My personal imperfections and sins provide a counter-witness of the Gospel to the people around me... but they do not essentially rob the Church of its immaculate identity. My own failure to heed the inspirations of God does not mean that the Church is not still filled with the Holy Spirit—it reminds me of my need for mercy and to give thanks for the coming of the Savior.

The Holy Spirit works through these very human members to bring Christ’s Love to the world. (Yes, it would be more efficient to use angels!) God chose each one of us to cooperate with His plan of salvation in a particular way. We each have great gifts to celebrate as well as the defects we lament! Our vocation is to discover and realize the potential of these gifts in our lives. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta always used to say: “You cannot do what I do and I cannot do what you do.” She insisted that each person discover the way that God had prepared a unique life of loving service for each. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and shows us how to use them for the glory of God, the good of our brothers and sisters, and our own fulfillment.

In a special way this year, we are grateful to God for the personal gifts that Archbishop Harry Flynn brought to this archdiocese as our shepherd. Through him, Jesus Christ was made known, loved, and served in many wonderful ways. We wish him well in his retirement—we will miss him! We know that Archbishop John Nienstedt will have his own distinctive gifts to bring in service to the Gospel. The Holy Spirit works through us all... let us be attentive and faithful to the graces each one of us has received!

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#### SCHEDULES

##### Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

##### Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

##### Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

##### Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-  
12:00PM

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society  
Meeting

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 5/10**

5:00 PM The Launderville Family

**Sunday 5/11**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 5/17**

5:00 PM Don Furchner

**Sunday 5/18**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 5/10 (Vigil)**

John 20: 19-23

**Sunday 5/11**

John 20: 19-23

**Monday 5/12**

Mark 8: 11-13

**Tuesday 5/13**

Mark 8: 14-21

**Wednesday 5/14**

John 15: 9-17

**Thursday 5/15**

Mark 8: 27-33

**Friday 5/16**

Mark 8: 34 - 9:1

**Saturday 5/17 (AM)**

Mark 9: 2-13

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov  
tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev  
Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu  
tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj  
yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob  
pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj  
(Cathedral). Tso nej npe  
thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig  
mam li hu rov rau nej.

**Mother's Day**

Today we honor all mothers for the love they daily manifest in their sacrifices and generosity as they nurture and guide their families. Gratitude is the best gift that we can give our mothers. They need to know that their efforts are appreciated and we need to let our mothers know that that they are blessings to their children. We pray for all mothers on this special day.

**Plant Sale to Benefit Missionary Sisters of Saint Peter Claver**

On Saturday, May 17th from 9am to 6pm, the Missionary Sisters of Saint Peter Claver are hosting a fundraising Perennial sale. All proceeds benefit the Sisters who so generously "lend us" Sister Mary Joseph. Come early as plants go fast. The plant sale will be held at the Sisters' convent located at 265 Century Ave South, St Paul, MN, 55125. Refreshments will also be available for sale. For more information, please contact Joua Ly at 651-329-6999 or Angela Florin at 651-773-4970.

**Archdiocesan Young Adult Retreat**

The last chance to sign up for the young adult retreat is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. If there are 30 registrants, the retreat will be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-8 PM in the church and Wellisch Hall.

**Prayer For Vocations**

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

*Pope John Paul II*