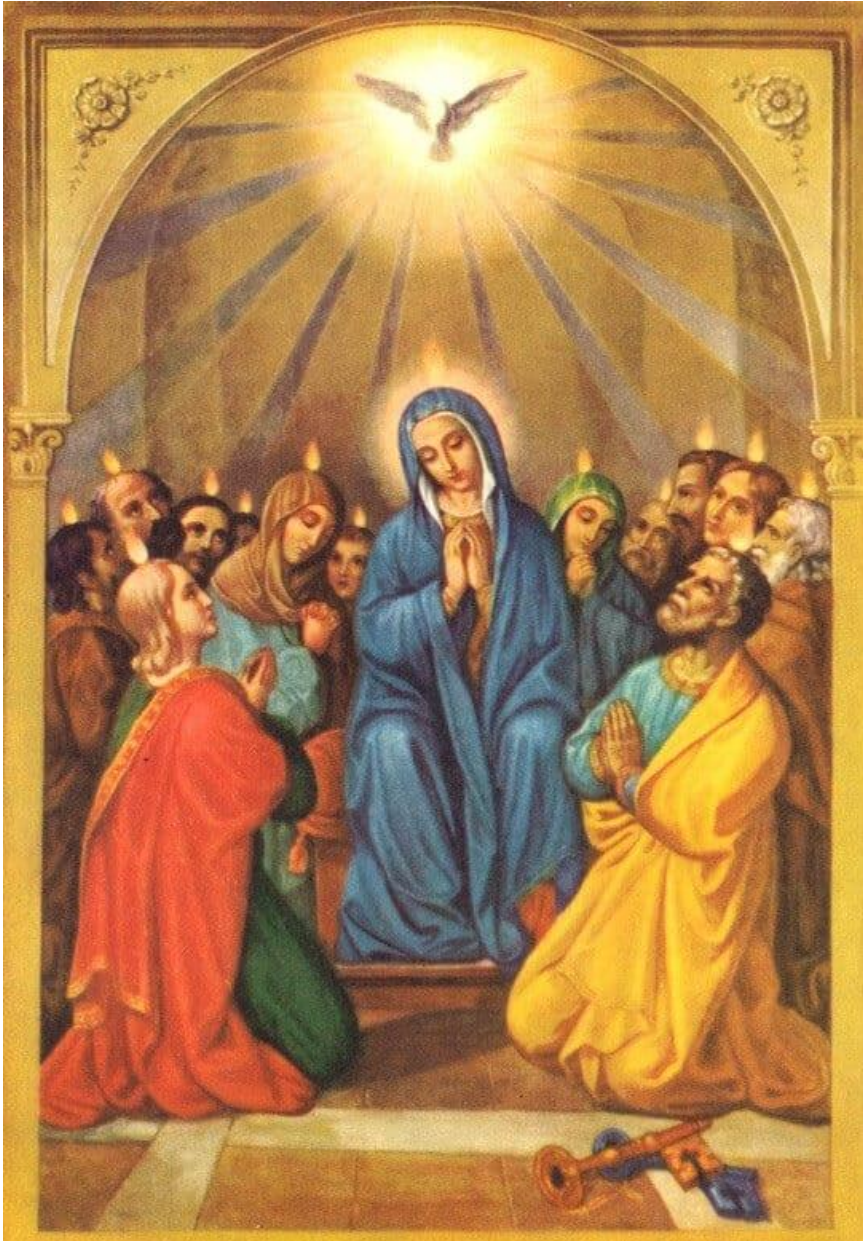


PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Lord, send out Your Spirit,
and renew the face of the Earth.*



“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 and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-4

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.
Anytime upon request.
(Call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

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If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18

4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P.
(The Lund Family)

Sunday, May 19

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Hackman (Suzanne & John Blute)
10:30 a.m. + Tony Petrarca (Jim & Cory Bracken)
12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish
5:00 p.m. For all of our Parish High School Graduates

Monday, May 20

6:30 a.m. + Kyle A. Kowaleski (Kristy & Steve Wagner)
8:15 a.m. + Tom O'Leary (Juliana O'Leary)

Tuesday, May 21

6:30 a.m. + Catherine E. Lampe
(St. Michael Adoration Ministry)
8:15 a.m. + Antonio Louisa & Maria Cruz (The Caso Family)

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 a.m. + Richard Lumpe
8:15 a.m. For the School
6:00 p.m. + Msgr. David Sorohan

Thursday, May 23

6:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Wallenfelsz
(St. Michael Adoration Ministry)
8:15 a.m. + Orville Dean Thompson (Johanna White)

Friday, May 24

6:30 a.m. For the Newly Ordained Priests of our Diocese
8:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Bishops Griffin,
Campbell, Brennan and Fernandes

Saturday, May 25

8:15 a.m. + Msgr. Mario Serraglio
4:00 p.m. + Warren, David & Michael Roberts
(Carolyn Roberts)

Sunday, May 26

8:30 a.m. + Jeffrey Brader (Suzanne & John Blute)
10:30 a.m. + Vincent Lavin (Deacon John Crerand)
12:30 p.m. + Caroline Cahall (The Cahall Family)
5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
our Parish

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MAY 12, 2024:

Envelopes..... \$ 15,707.00
Online Giving \$ 9,643.00
Total: \$ 25,350.00



BAPTISM
CONGRATULATIONS ON
THE BAPTISM OF
ELOISE ROSE KASICK



± MARRIAGE BANNS ±
CONGRATULATIONS TO:
FRANCIS PATRICK RANKIN
& MOLLY MICHELLE LAIRD



MAY 18, 2024
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Attention High School Graduates!

Help us recognize our seniors graduating from High School. Parents or students graduating are invited to reach out and let us know so that we can recognize your accomplishment as you move to the next chapter of your life. Simply email us at rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with your name and what High School you are graduating from. Thank you and know of our prayers for you as you complete your time in High School.

PARISH CALENDAR MAY

SUNDAY, May 19	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Gym) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (MH)	Thursday, May 23	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (U)
Monday, May 20	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	Friday, May 24	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 p.m. Opus Dei (C)
Tuesday, May 21	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)	Saturday, May 25	8:00 a.m. Opus Dei Recollections (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, May 22	6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, May 26	No activities

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

FROM THE PASTOR

ON THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY, it would be prudent to remind ourselves of the importance of this event in human and salvation history. Today's Solemnity represents the culmination of God's creative work in His disciples – men and women of all ages, in all times and seasons. All of today's scripture readings refer to the Holy Spirit of God, which comes down visibly on each of the apostles in a locked room in Jerusalem. In the Acts of the Apostles, the coming of the Spirit is like thunder and fire, and its immediate effect is to make the apostles preaching of God's great works intelligible in all human languages, tongues and dialects. The Gospel of John describes another way the Holy Spirit is given to the apostles – the Risen Jesus breathing on the apostles to impart the Holy Spirit. The power of the Spirit not only authorizes but empowers the apostles to forgive and to retain sins (In case you might wonder, the Scripture reference for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the ability of Catholic priests, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, to forgive sins.) Jesus formally sends out to the world His apostles, as He had been sent to the world by God the Father. But, again, before the apostles were sent out into the world, at Pentecost the Holy Spirit worked a miracle in each of the apostles, and through them, in the whole Church. As the apostles were huddled together around Mary in the Upper Room 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, suddenly from heaven there was the sound like the rush of a driving wind that filled the entire upper room. Tongues of fire came down and rested upon each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, the difference before and after Pentecost. They received the Holy Spirit's help boldly to proclaim Jesus. The Holy Spirit came down upon them as tongues of fire – tongues because they were to speak; fire because they were to speak with the passion of burning love. And they responded. Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit he would send would teach them all things, lead them to all truth, remind them of everything He had taught them, and prove the world wrong about sin, holiness and judgment. Then, moved by the Holy Spirit, they began to fulfill this mission. The Acts of the Apostles had begun. St. Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that the different gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for a purpose – a service to be offered for the good of all. They are not ends in themselves. Christians are called to establish a unity that brings together in Jesus Christ all peoples, religions and states of life. He reminds all that this knowledge of God is a grace of enlightenment. The Psalmist (Psalm 104) reminds us that this Holy Spirit, this breath of God that we as Christians have received, is the same Spirit that sustains the constant renewal of all created things. Folks, the gift of the Holy Spirit should move and inspire each of us to want to see deeper into the reality of other people's lives, to go beyond superficial daily contact to our neighbor's real needs, and to show them the way to Christ as their truth and their life. We are enlightened by the truth, wisdom, teachings and love of Christ. Armed with divine truth, wisdom, knowledge and love, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the capacity to be heralds of the Gospel – to be "doers of the word and not hearers only." (James 1:22) To help each of us in this regard, I encourage you to pray Saint Augustine's *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*:

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, *that my thoughts may all be Holy.*
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, *that my work, too, may be Holy.*
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, *that I love but what is Holy.*
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, *to defend all that is Holy.*
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, *that I always may be Holy.*

LEAKY ROOFS? Unfortunately, yes! We had to initiate roof repairs on Marian Hall and on the Convent this past week in order to stay on top of parish maintenance issues. Cost for this roofing project: \$9,000.00; this was an unbudgeted expense, but a necessary expenditure as any homeowner can attest.

APPEAL UPDATE: A major **THANK YOU** to everyone who has pledged monies thus far to this year's Appeal (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or "B-A-A"). **We have reached our Diocesan goal of \$148,861.00**, which means that from this point forward, every penny given toward our enhanced parish goal of \$500,000.00 will be returned to our parish in the form of rebates (the enhanced parish goal monies are earmarked to pay down our parish debts.) **As of this writing, we have donations totaling \$175,620.33! Working together, we're making progress!** I have received a few questions/concerns from parishioners about how our parish amassed such a debt that we now need to pay down. Two things: (1) an unrealistic budget forecast, and (2) lack of budget/spending controls. Working with Kris Jesse, Sister Mary Regina, and our Finance Council, these issues have been addressed, with a lower and, thus, more realistic forecast of Sunday Offertory (based on an average of the past five years, and school income) with corresponding adjustments to our parish and parish school budgets. Proper forecasting, budgeting and cost-controls help ensure that we live within our means now and in the future. In the meantime, let's continue to address this real need, together as a parish family, to pay down our parish debts through the enhanced Appeal goal, and continue to plan for the future. FYI, I am working with your incoming pastor, Fr. Stash Dailey, to keep him fully apprised as to what we are doing and why with regard to our financial picture. Fr. Stash is a prudent pastor, and also ascribes to the philosophy of living within one's means.

– Fr. Mike

AROUND THE PARISH

As of May 16th, we have raised 35% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider how you are called to help this year. You can donate online using the QR code or by using the envelopes which are available in Marian Hall.



**MAKE YOUR
GIFT NOW!**



The Appeal

Supporting Catholic Ministries

2024

GOAL: \$500,000

As of May 16th we have raised a total of \$175,620.33 from 107 donors!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society
asks you to
FILL THE FOOD PANTRY!



Bags will be distributed after all
Masses on June 8 & 9
with collection after all Masses on
June 15 & 16

Bags will come with a list of the items needed to keep our pantry full and ready to assist those who experience food insecurity.
Thank you for your generosity!


NO WEDNESDAY MASS AND HOLY HOUR ON MAY 29

St. Michael will not have our usual 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday, May 29th, as we celebrate our graduating 8th Grade students at St. Michael School that evening. Please join us in praying for them as they complete their time at St. Michael School and head to high school!



EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...

Join us for *Pietra*: an exercise class that strengthens body, mind, and spirit! Upcoming classes include our regular *Women's Saturday Morning* classes. Information and signup can be found via the QR code or by visiting www.viribuswellness.com/pietra.



ST. MICHAEL
ELEVARI
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY

6-8 PM | FREE FOOD | GAMES

UPPER MEETING ROOM
*BRING A FRIEND



St. Michael
Middle School Youth
Ministry
(6th-8th grade)

**The
Adventurers**

Food Games Food

Sunday May 19
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Gym



MEMORIAL DAY

Join us in praying for our fallen heroes

MONDAY, 27 MAY 2024
DAILY MASSES AT 6:30AM & 8:15AM
WORTHINGTON MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE BEGINS AT 10AM

JOIN US FOR THE PARADE AND ENJOY
COMPLIMENTARY LEMONADE AND
HOT DOGS SPONSORED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Mary, who was empty of all egotism, free from all sin, was as pure as the glass of a very clean window that has no other function than to admit the light of the sun. If we rejoice in that light, we implicitly praise the cleanness of the window. And of course it might be argued that in such case we might well forget the window altogether. This is true. And yet the Son of God, in emptying Himself of His majestic power, having become a child, abandoning Himself in complete dependence to the loving care of a human Mother, in a certain sense draws our attention once again to her." ~FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

**Monday, May 20 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-34 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately Blood and water flowed out. (From the Decree on the Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.)

Meditation: The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross. Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.

Prayer: O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Have you ever contemplated the role of Mary in God's plan for our salvation? In Mary is perfectly realized God's whole creative and redemptive plan. That is why she is said to be for us a light of truth and a pattern of life for the Church and her people. That is why her spiritual beauty includes in itself all the beauty which we see here and there, in partial and incomplete form in the universe. In her is all the beauty of the world, transfigured and elevated to a level beyond our comprehension. And yet since that perfection was reached by the fulfillment of her obedience to God and God's plan for our salvation – of which we, too, are called to adhere to – we cannot help but see that she is, like ourselves, a human creature whose littleness has been glorified in the light of Christ and who has been saved from the power of darkness and evil by the grace of the Cross of Christ.

Tuesday, May 21 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. For they had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Meditation: Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart – who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions: Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom, grant us, through their intercession, that, persevering in confession of the true faith, we may always hold fast to the commandments of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Have you ever given any thought as to whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give it our full allegiance and mold our lives according to it? Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it.

Wednesday, May 22 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-40 John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

P E N T E C O S T

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

By Fr. William Saunders

The revelation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is rooted in the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming Messiah: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord" (Is 11:1-3). While the prophecy of Isaiah pertains specifically to the Messiah, the Tradition of the Church is that these gifts are extended to all of the faithful through the sacraments of Baptism and especially Confirmation (*Catechism*, No. 1303).

Confirming this belief, St. Ambrose in *De mysteriis* taught, "Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with His sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed His pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts" (7, 42).

The faithful are reminded of the bestowal of these gifts in the liturgy. In the Mass of Pentecost, when the faithful remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the faithful pray the Sequence, saying, "On the faithful, who adore and confess you evermore in your sevenfold gift descend."

Traditionally the seven gifts are listed as fear of the Lord, piety, knowledge, understanding, counsel, wisdom and fortitude.

First, the term "gift" needs to be clarified. They are properly termed "gifts of the Holy Spirit" because the Holy Spirit bestows them. Therefore, they are supernatural gifts operating in a supernatural mode or manner. These are not gifts one simply invokes in times of emergency; rather, these gifts are present to the person as long as he or she remains in a state of sanctifying grace. As such, these gifts help a person attain sanctification and bring to perfection virtues, both the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) and the infused virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance). The idea here is that these gifts help a person to share in the very life and nature of God, now in this life and for eternal life. The *Catechism* underscores this point: "The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (No. 1830-31).

The Gift of Fear: The Gift of Fear of the Lord enables the person "to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God." Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God who is the Supreme Being. Here, a person realizes his or her's "creatureliness" and dependency upon God, and never would want to be separated from our loving God. This gift of fear arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for the majesty of God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin. This gift is sometimes misunderstood because of the word "fear." The fear referred to here is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he fears punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of Hell. A genuine relationship with God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this "fear of the Lord" is a filial or reverential fear which moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love.

The Gift of Piety: With the Gift of Fear, the person rises to the Gift of Piety: "to give filial worship to God precisely as our Father and to relate with all people as children of the same Father." Here a person shows reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God precisely because that is what they are. As such, the Gift of Piety perfects the virtue of justice, enabling the individual to fulfill his obligations to God and neighbor; the person is not only motivated by the requirements of strict justice but also by the loving relationship he shares with his neighbor. For example, we fulfill the commandments not simply because they are commandments but because of our love for the Heavenly Father and for our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The Gift of Knowledge: Knowledge is the gift that enables a person "to judge rightly concerning the truths of faith in accordance with their proper causes and the principles of revealed truth." Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the human intellect makes correct judgments regarding earthly things and how they are related to eternal life and Christian perfection. As such, this gift is a special illumination,

Prayers for and Confirmation



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which enables the person to realize the emptiness of created things in themselves so that they do not become roadblocks to union with God. At the same time, it enables the person to see through created things to the God who created them. Therefore, instead of seeing created things as obstacles to union with God, the soul views them as instruments for union with God. As such, a person sees how to use created things rightly and even in a holy way. Moreover, the gift gives to the person a sense of faith, *sensus fidei*, meaning that the person has a divine instinct about whether or not something, like a devotion, is in accord with the faith even though one may never have had a formal theological education. This gift produces several effects which have great value for sanctification of the soul: introspection, enabling the person to see the state of one's soul; detachment from material things; and repentance for the misuse of material things or when they have been allowed to become obstacles to God. St. Thomas taught that the Gift of Knowledge brings to perfection the virtue of faith, but is linked also to the perfection of prudence, justice and temperance.

The Gift of Fortitude: With the Gift of Fortitude, a person is able "to overcome difficulties or to endure pain and suffering with the strength and power infused by God." As with the other gifts, fortitude operates under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, and gives strength to the person to resist evil and persevere to everlasting life. This gift brings the virtue of fortitude to perfection, charging it with energy, perseverance and promptness. Moreover, it brings a confidence of success to the virtue. For example, St. Maximilian Kolbe not only had great fortitude to offer promptly his life in exchange for another and to endure a horrible death, but also had the confidence of success that he would overcome the powers of evil and gain everlasting life. Lastly, the Gift of Fortitude enables the individual to live the other virtues heroically, to suffer with patience and joy, to overcome all lukewarmness in the service of God.

The Gift of Counsel: The Gift of Counsel is "to render the individual docile and receptive to the counsel of God regarding one's actions in view of sanctification and salvation." Primarily, this gift enables a person to judge individual acts as good and ought to be done, or as evil and ought to be avoided. The counsel is made in view of one's own personal sanctification and one's ultimate supernatural end. Therefore, this gift prompts the person to ask himself, "Will this act lead to holiness? Will this act lead to Heaven?" Clearly, this gift is linked with the virtue of prudence; however, while the virtue of prudence operates in accord with reason as enlightened by faith, the Gift of Counsel operates under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Gift of Understanding: Understanding is a gift "to give a deeper insight and penetration of divine truths held by faith, not as a transitory enlightenment but as a permanent intuition." Illuminating the mind to truth, the Holy Spirit aids a person to grasp truths of faith easily and intimately, and to penetrate the depths of those truths. This gift not only assists in penetrating revealed truths, but also natural truths in so far as they are related to the supernatural end. The essential quality of this gift is a "penetrating intuition" — in a sense, the moving beyond the surface. This gift, penetrating the truths of faith, operates in several ways: disclosing the hidden meaning of Sacred Scripture; revealing the significance of symbols and figures (like St. Paul seeing Christ as fulfillment of the rock of the Exodus account that poured forth water to quench the thirst of the Israelites (1 Cor 10:4); showing the hand of God at work in a person's life, even in the most mysterious or troublesome events (like suffering). This gift brings the virtue of faith to perfection. Accordingly, St. Thomas said, "In this very life, when the eye of the spirit is purified by the gift of understanding, one can in a certain way see God" (*Summa theologiae* II-II, q. 69, a. 2, ad. 3).

The Gift of Wisdom: The last of the seven gifts is that of Wisdom: "to judge and order all things in accordance with divine norms and with a connaturality that flows from loving union with God." The Holy Spirit aids the contemplation of divine things, enabling the person to grow in union with God. While this gift contemplates the divine, it is also a practical wisdom. It applies God's ideas to judge both created and divine matter. Consequently, it also directs human acts according to the divine. This gift has great effects, for with this gift a person will see and evaluate all things — both joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, success or failure — from God's point of view, and accept them with equanimity. With Wisdom, all things, even the worst, are seen as having a supernatural value. For example, the Gift of Wisdom gives value to martyrdom. Here a person arises above the wisdom of this world, and lives in the love of God. For this reason, the Gift of Wisdom brings to perfection charity.

In Conclusion: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are without question great gifts essential for our sanctification and salvation. Each baptized and confirmed Christian should implore the Holy Spirit to inflame in his soul these gifts. Pope Saint John Paul II once said, "With gifts and qualities such as these, we are equal to any task and capable of overcoming any difficulties."

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Meditation: Are we not like the disciples when we get upset and jealous because someone else has taken our place or taken the spotlight away from us? Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice – namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may be sad or feel discontent over one another's good fortune or excellence is the fear of losing our own value and excellence or being replaced by a rival. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbor's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it. How can we overcome envy and jealousy? With the love that God puts into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). This love seeks the highest good of our neighbor.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Rita of Cascia: Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the wisdom and strength of the Cross, with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita, so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ, we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you rejoice in the good that others do, especially when they seem to outshine you? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and intolerance towards others. Jesus had given his disciples power and authority to heal the sick and to cast out evil spirits from tormented individuals. But the disciples became upset when they met someone who was not associated with them doing a good deed and acting with Jesus' authority and power. The apostles even tried to prevent the man to stop speaking in the name of Jesus "because he does not follow us." Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." Whenever someone chooses to act for good in order to overcome evil that person brings glory to God.

Thursday, May 23 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:41-50 Jesus said to his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. "Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."

Meditation: Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The Greek word for temptation (*scandalon*) is exactly the same as the English word *scandal*. The original meaning of scandal is a trap or a stumbling block which causes one to trip and fall. The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. In this permissive, "politically correct" society in which we live, are you setting a good example – a Christ-like example – for others to follow, especially the young?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Gregory of Nyssa, a Father of the Church, once wrote: "God never asks his servants to do what is impossible. The love and goodness of his Godhead is revealed as richly available. It is poured out like water upon all. God furnished to each person according to his will the ability to do something good. None of those seeking to be saved will be lacking in this ability, given by the one who

said: 'whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.'" Ask the Holy Spirit to transform your heart by the fire of his love that you may wholly desire what is good for your neighbor.

Friday, May 24 ~ Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Optional Memorial: Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:1-12 Jesus came into the district of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds gathered around him and, as was his custom, he again taught them. The Pharisees approached him and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Meditation: Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a concession in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:11-12). Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Despite what we may think, our lives are not our own – they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

Prayer: O God, You chose the glorious Virgin Mary to be our mother and the help of all Christians; grant that through her prayers, strengthen your Church, so that she would accept all trials patiently, and overcome all obstacles through steadfast love, and in so doing, she would could manifest the truth of Jesus Christ to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians: Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

Contemplation: What is God's intention for your state in life, whether married or single? Are you open to God's plan being paramount in your life versus your own thoughts and desires for what you want in this earthly life? Put yourself in the back seat, and let God take you where he wants you to go. By letting God's plan for us be our course in life, our lives become less complex, more simple, and more joyous because God takes us where he wants us to go, instead of the other way around. Turn also in prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, and Help of Christians, asking her to help guide you in your earthly journey, for purpose and direction, and for help in time of need.

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CENTRAL OHIO PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Join the Central Ohio Purgatorial Society in praying a chaplet and lityan after the 6:30 a.m. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Michael Worthington, in the church. For more information, see <http://holysoulsolumbus.com/>.

SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL PRESCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael Preschool is hiring a Preschool Prekindergarten Assistant for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year and possibly the 2024-2025 school year to work with the Preschool Prekindergarten Lead Teacher for the following shift: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Preschool experience preferred. For more information please contact Laura Wells at lwells@stmichaelworthington.org.

BWHS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is open for Bishop Watterson's summer art, theatre and sports camps. Woodshop camp information is coming soon. Sports being offered are baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, girls soccer, softball, track & field, boys volleyball and girls volleyball. Go to bishopwatterson.com for dates, registration and other details.

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Registration is open for the summer camps offered at St. Francis De Sales High School during June and July. Families can choose from a broad menu of programs that include a variety of sports, academic enrichment, and faith-based activities, specifically for kids to explore their passions! Please visit www.sfdstallions.org/summercamps to sign up today!



MAY CROWNING



St. Michael School students recently celebrated our annual May Crowning, in which eighth graders, Joseph Bogue and Isabella Melfi, with the assistance of second grader, Amalia Garcia Rey, honored Our Lady on behalf of us all. Eighth grade students led the entire church in the rosary, and kindergarten students sang songs and brought flowers to Our Lady.

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SUPPORT LIFE:

Register today for An Evening with Steventhen Holland, an event to benefit Greater Columbus Right to Life. Steventhen's mother was brutally gang-raped while living in a group home for the mentally challenged. She was homeless after running away from her group home to avoid a forced abortion. She named her son Steventhen, and he was placed for adoption in a loving family that rejected the local opinion that a biracial child born to a homeless, developmentally delayed woman would never belong. Steventhen will share more of his story and music ministry at the banquet, held on Monday, June 10th at Villa Milano. Tickets are free, with a donation to follow. Learn more and register today at gctrl.org/banquet or by calling 614-445-8508.



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MONDAY JUNE 24

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Somerset
8:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Eucharistic Procession

TUESDAY JUNE 25

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
4:00 pm Eucharistic Procession Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark
5:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Francis de Sales, Newark
6:30 pm Picnic Dinner

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Seton Parish, Pickerington
9:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 27

Christ the King, Columbus
6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 28

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus
5:30 pm Arrival time
6:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
(Bilingual)

SATURDAY JUNE 29

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 am Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
11:00 am Eucharistic Procession
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Vocations Fair in the Klinger Center

SUNDAY JUNE 30

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
12:30 pm Mass (Bilingual)
with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
2:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
2:30 pm Picnic Dinner

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JOSEPHINUM PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SIENA

All Pontifical College Josephinum friends and alumni are invited to make a special faith-filled journey to the Eternal City and the birthplace of Saint Catherine! Join alumnus Father Jeffrey Rimelspach '79, Chaplain, for a Pilgrimage to Rome and Siena, October 9-17, 2024. Highlights include lodging near the Vatican; daily Mass and spiritual guidance; visits to many churches and basilicas; private tours of the Vatican's Necropolis, Vatican Museums, and Sistine Chapel; Sunday Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica; Angelus with Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square; a day trip to Siena; front-row seats for a papal audience; and free time to explore independently. Registration is open through July 1. Complete information and online registration at stcharlespilgrimages.com/pcj-rome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 – SPEAKER: PATRICK MADRID

Join us Friday, June 7 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Patrick Madrid entitled, "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point to the Existence of God." If you are interested in sponsoring this or another luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foley513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Madrid's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **There will be no luncheons in July and August as we take our traditional summer break. Plan to join us when we resume on Friday, September 6, 2024, for a talk by Don Schlegel, "The Catholic Record Society: 50 years of Keeping Diocese History."** Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss it!



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