



Holy Cross Connections

Pentecost =

50 (7 x 7 + 1) = the fullness of time

By Fr. Jerry Stluka

The Holy Spirit is manifest and experienced as the power of wind, fire and freedom from the barriers of fear and misunderstanding. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are given to us in Baptism, are enlivened for ministry and mission in Confirmation. What are these gifts and how do they bear fruit in our lives? What sins inhibit and stifle their fruitfulness? (cf. Isaiah 11:1-3
1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Let us pray: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed us from sin and gave us new life. Send you Holy Spirit upon us to be our Helper and Guide. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21

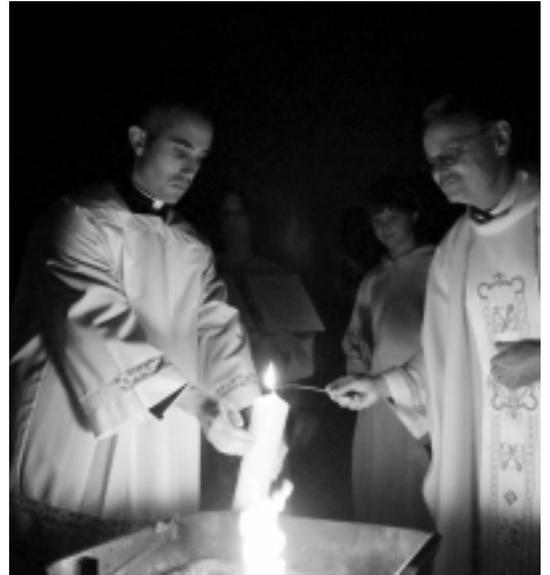
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As the Father Has Sent Me...

By Daniel Dury

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam! The Greater Glory of God! Hello to my fellow Holy Cross parishioners. First and foremost I would like to thank you all very much for your support. Your kind words and hospitality have been very helpful in my discernment process. I wish to keep you all updated on my progress and what I will be doing for the summer. I have completed my first year of theological studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It was a wonderful and very spiritual year for me, one for which I thank God.

But formation for the sacred priesthood never stops. That being said, I will be at St. Joan of Arc parish in Powell for the summer. I am very much looking forward to helping out there and growing both spiritually and humanly. I am not entirely certain as to what the assignment will require of me, but I am hoping to help out in certain ways. I will be participating in Vacation Bible School, which is aimed at the youth of the parish, and perhaps Adult Education Classes. I will be serving at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and, seeing as how I was recently instituted a lector of the Church, I am sure they will have me read the word of God as well. Like Fr. Stluka has done for so many years with faithful service, I will also make visits to those at the hospital. All these things are to help me along in my priestly



Dan Dury and Fr. Jerry light the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil.

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HELLO, Bonjour, Buenos Dias, Bom Dia *By Sister Pat Pieper*

This summer will be a Pentecost event for me as I experience within my own congregation our unity in the Spirit and mission of Jesus and our Notre Dame life, complimented by the diversity of our places of origin, our cultures and our languages.

From June to mid-August, I will be at our Motherhouse in Namur, Belgium with the awesome privilege and responsibility of being part of a 5 member SND team directing a program for 20 of our younger members from around the congregation who are preparing to make their perpetual vows as Sisters of Notre Dame.

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The Easter season culminates in the feast of Pentecost, sometimes called the Birthday of the Church, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowering us to continue the mission and ministry of Christ.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah: 11:1-3 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

WISDOM: Of one mind and heart with God. We see ourselves, each other and all creation as God sees us.

Fruit: Charity/love. Freedom to reach out and serve. **Sin:** Pride

UNDERSTANDING: Ability to penetrate beyond appearances to the very essence of truth. **Fruit:** Joy – confidence and optimism even in difficulty. **Sin:** Covetousness

RIGHT JUDGEMENT: Prudence to make correct decisions, choices. **Fruit:** goodness, kindness, compassion.

Sin: Anger

COURAGE: Strength to withstand difficulties. **Fruit:** Long suffering, patience, endurance. **Sin:** Sloth

KNOWLEDGE: Ability to see all creatures in their right relationship with God. **Fruit:** Peace, calm and inner guidance.

Sin: Envy

REVERENCE: (PIETY): Gift enabling us to live as children of God – worshipping God as source of all life.

Fruit: Fidelity and dependability. **Sin:** Gluttony

WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE: God is awesome – number one. Since God is first in our lives we avoid evil and do good. **Fruit:** Chastity, modesty, moderation. **Sin:** Lust

Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21

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We will welcome sisters from Brazil, Congo, Kenya, Massachusetts, Nigeria, Ohio, Peru and Zimbabwe, who speak English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. It is indeed an experience of awareness of the Spirit's action as we look back on our common treasured Notre Dame history, become acquainted with more of our "foremothers" in the congregation and literally follow in the footsteps of our foundresses.

Besides conferences, discussion and retreat, we will go on pilgrimage to the places in France where Sr. Julie Billiard and Françoise Blin de Boudon grew up and began our congregation. We will also visit foundations in Belgium including the port at Antwerp from

which our sisters left for America in 1840 and Africa in 1894, and Bastogne, where a few of our treasured elders still remember vividly the Battle of the Bulge and welcoming the wounded American soldiers into our convent and school there.

We will be calling on the Spirit's gifts in helping us to understand and cherish the richness and unique gifts of our sisters of today even as we look to the future of our lives together wherever we are called by Good God.

We will miss all of you at Holy Cross and in assuring you of my prayers, I ask a special remembrance in yours.

I am most grateful to Fr. Jerry for allowing me the extended time to honor this

congregational request and I thank those of you who will pick up additional pieces of my ministry during this time.

May the Holy Spirit grant you the special gifts you most need and desire.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Sister Pat, S.N.D.

Two Major Events

Parish Potluck -
Friday, June 15, 2007

Parish Feast Day -
Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007

Connection Reflections

By Patty Stover and Patty Jones

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue of *Connections* we'll be asking long-time parishioners to share some of their Holy Cross memories. Thanks to Patty Jones and Patty Stover for a look at a couple of eighth grade girls.

Did anyone ever notice that the statue of St. Joseph - on his altar - isn't holding a staff? Well we know why!

It all started during our eighth grade year at Holy Cross School.

During the month of May we decided to say prayers to the Blessed Virgin - at her altar - during lunch recess. We would go to her statue and kneel while praying. One day we were looking at the statue and we saw her eyes open and close! We were so excited that we rushed over to Fr. Dury and told him what had happened. He explained that sometimes a statue would appear to move if you stared at it for awhile. Well maybe that's true but we knew that Mary's eyes had moved so we decided to move over to St. Joseph's altar.

Well, lo and behold while we were praying the staff that St. Joseph was holding fell out of his hand and broke on the floor. To this very day that staff has not been replaced. After all these years - fifty seven to be exact - we still remember this.

Then there was the time that we were able to go up behind the stained glass image of the Father and Spirit which is above the Cross on the main altar - well the glass had a tiny hole that we would peek through and we were able to watch people. Well when Father found out about that one, we got a good lecture because people could hear us talking.

We have a lot of good and fond memories of Holy Cross - from cheerleading, to marching out of school to the music of John Philip Sousa - eating hazelnuts that were stored in the school basement and ringing bells at noon, at funerals and Sunday Mass.

We giggled while remembering those times and we could tell you more of these stories, but it would take up all the room in this paper.



Patty Stover and Patty Jones



Celebrating Milestone Wedding Anniversaries for 2007:

Brian & Loretta Hunt
Married 3/20/82 = 25 years

James (Jerry) & Margaret Boyd
Married 5/15/82 = 25 years

Dr. Michael & Georgeanne Reuter
Married 3/18/72 = 35 years.

Fred & Diane Crano
Married 7/28/72 = 35 years

Donald & Carol Dray
Married 8/12/67 = 40 years

J. Richard & Shirley Lumpe
Married 10/5/57 = 50 years!

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formation. As a priest I will be obliged and expected to spread the word of God and serve others faithfully. This wonderful opportunity to learn from experienced and faithful priests of the diocese is a blessing from God. Please continue to pray for me as I will do for you. May God bless you.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Daily: 11:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday

Confessions

Every Friday: 11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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