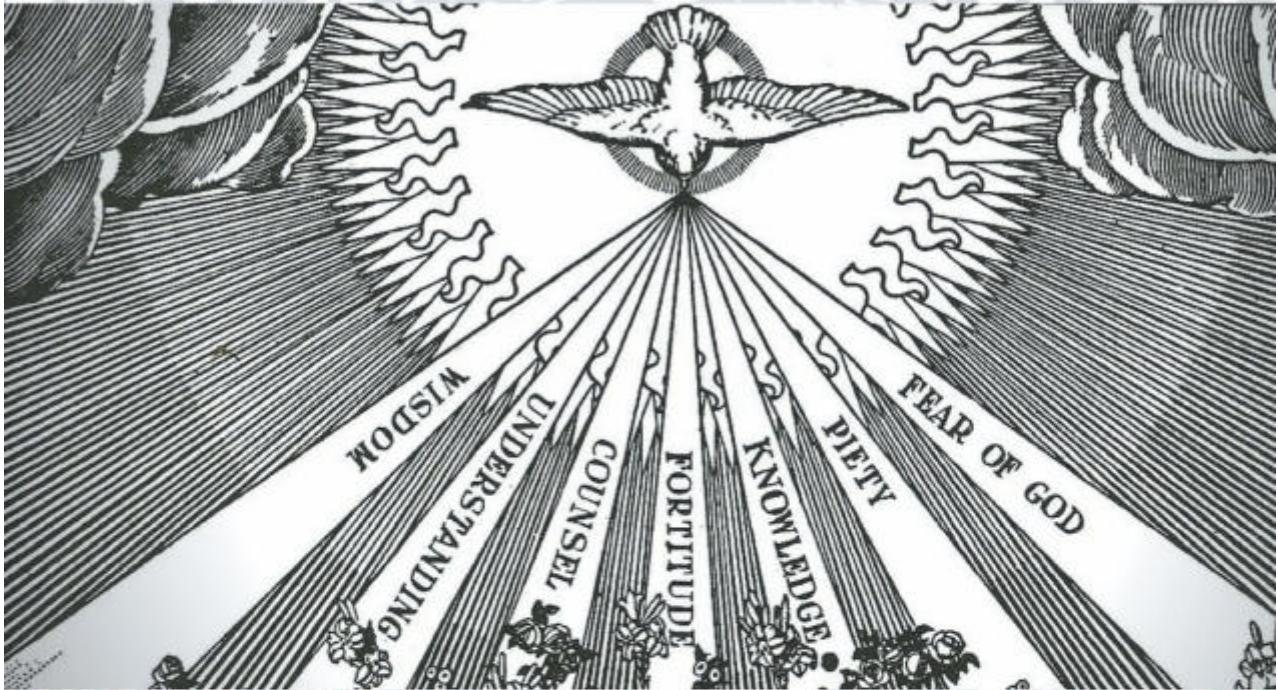


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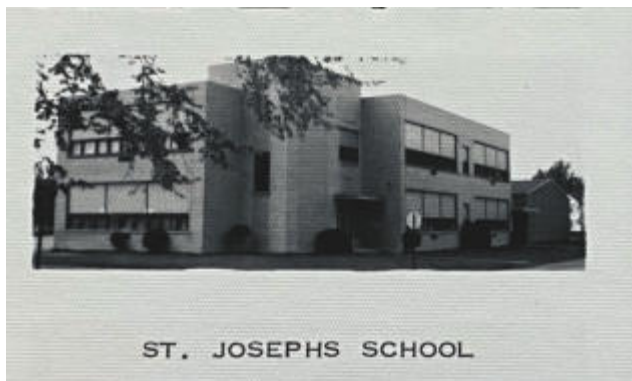
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## Reminder of the 50th Anniversary of the Closing of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

A mass intention to recognize the closing of the school will be held Sunday, June 6th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank you to the former teachers, students, and staff who sent pictures or shared their memories of growing up at St. Joseph's Elementary School!



## St. Mary's School Job Openings

St. Mary's School has two job postings for the upcoming school year, 2021/2022. The School will be hiring a Principal and a Teacher. If you are interested in learning more, or know someone who might be interested, please share. For more information go to: [www.stmarysup.org](http://www.stmarysup.org).

## First Communion Celebration



Madison Hendrick, Harper DeWildt, and Wyatt Pace celebrated their First Communion on May 16th.

Our St. Joseph's youth have been preparing to receive these holy sacraments over the past year. Students will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion during our regularly scheduled masses over the Summer months.

Please congratulate them for their hard work!

## Join us on Wed. June 2nd for The CHOSEN

We have heard rave reviews about this series from our parishioners as well as reviewed on our own!

The CHOSEN tells the story about the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. This series includes dialogue and scenes directly from Scripture, but it also adds scenes and dialogue not found in the Bible.

Join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's, at 8:00 p.m. beginning June 2nd thru July 21st as we watch this eight week series together!

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On this Pentecost Sunday, we hear in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles what took place on that first Pentecost following the Resurrection: "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 2:1-4).

I have always found the image of the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles like tongues of fire to be beautiful and empowering. Fire is a powerful thing that transforms what it touches permanently. Think about how wood that has been burned can't be altered back to its original state. The same goes for us – when we are touched and transformed by the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, it leaves what is called an indelible mark that cannot be erased from us no matter what we do. Just like the Apostles, we are changed when we receive the Holy Spirit and are touched by God in that way.

Think of how the Apostles were changed after receiving the Holy Spirit. They went from being locked in a room, afraid of the world and what fate they might meet – to going out and preaching around the world the good news of Jesus and the Gospel. They were filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and were given all they needed to live out the faith in the world.

The final Gift of the Holy Spirit that we have not yet discussed, is the gift of counsel. Counsel is what gives us the ability to teach, guide, recommend and encourage others. It helps us to share and receive advice from others, and guides us to have hearts that are willing to share and advise from a perspective rooted in the faith.

If you are a confirmed Catholic, part of your call is to live out the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to go out into the world to evangelize others while defending the Catholic faith. It is for that reason that I think in a special way we are called to live out the gift of Counsel.

How does the gift of counsel help us to evangelize

the world? While the gifts of Knowledge and Wisdom help us to learn about God and how to see the world through His eyes, the gifts of Fortitude and Counsel help us to go out and share that with others. Last week we talked about Fortitude giving us the courage to live out the faith – to not be afraid and to boldly acknowledge God. Counsel is the partner to that gift of courage that helps us to not only acknowledge God, but to be able to share and teach others about who God is and the beauty of the faith that we profess.

Sometimes it can be overwhelming to think that we might be asked to teach others about the faith, especially when we might not know very much ourselves. I remember feeling completely lost when others started to ask me about different teachings of the Church, or for advice on how to start praying. At first, I didn't know how to respond or what to say, and that is ok. In those moments, we can pray that God fills us with the gift of Counsel and helps to guide our words to speak the truth He wants communicated in that moment. These times can also help us to find where we need to learn more about our faith so we can know better the next time that someone asks.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are a blessing from God as we walk this life on earth. They dwell with us and we are able to call upon them to help us in times of need. Just like the Apostles, we are called to go out and share with the world the good news of Christ. But God doesn't send us empty handed, the Holy Spirit is with us as we go and will be our Advocate especially when we call upon him.

Prayer for an increase in Counsel: O Lord Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, dare to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the spirit of Counsel, that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven. Amen.

Hello, my name is Bailey Yazel. I used to be an LSSU student, but now live in the Sault with my husband, Ian, and work for the County Prosecutor. Know of my prayers for you this Easter Season.



## Gifts of the Holy Spirit Homily Series Finale

### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

April 11: Fear of the Lord (Divine Mercy  
Sunday)

April 18: Understanding

April 25: Wisdom

May 2: Knowledge

High School Confirmation at 1:30

May 9: Piety

May 16: Fortitude

**May 23: Counsel (Pentecost)**

## The Second Gift of the Holy Spirit, Understanding: The Sower

During this series Father Romeo read to the congregation; "My Understanding of The Sower" by Rich Brown. This is a story about the lives of four men. Each with their own "story" and what begins to happen to each of them. They know something is wrong but don't know what it is. They tried doing good things to improve themselves, but deep down each of them knew they were getting worse.

One day, they read an article that said there was a doctor who discovered a heart disease that other doctors were not yet aware of—Black Heart Disease. These men found out it is brought on by sin and results in a separation from God. The Cure—JESUS. God set in order the cure for Black Heart Disease. The Holy Spirit is available to each of us—if we ask and if we want to truly be "cleaned up."

Father Romeo worked with Rich to get copies of this story. If you would like a copy of the story they will be located at each of the entrances of the Church. Please pick one up and read what happened to each of these men with the decision they made.

New Summer Mass: 1:00 p.m.  
Begins Sunday 5/23  
Don't forget your Mask!

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, May 21, 5:15 p.m.**

+For Debbie Verrett by Josie & Richard Benoit

**Saturday, May 22, 5:00 p.m.**

+For Mellolee Doyle by Vallee Bergeron & Family

**Sunday, May 23:**

8:00 a.m.: For the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish

10:00 a.m.: +For Bud & Mary Mansfield by the Mansfield Family

1:00 p.m.: First Summer Mass: Please wear a mask

**Monday, May 24:** No Mass

**Tuesday, May 25:** No Mass

**Wednesday, May 26: 4:00 p.m.**

+For Debbie Verrett by Ken & Nora Izzard

**Thursday, May 27: 12:10 p.m.**

+For Otto & Mary McNaughton by the Family

**Friday, May 28: 5:15 p.m.**

+For Betty Mornson by Kim Mornson

**Saturday, May 29: 5:00 p.m.**

For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

**Sunday, May 30:**

8:00 a.m.: +For Debbie Verrett by Linda Williams

10:00 a.m.: +For Wayne Mansfield by Don Mansfield

1:00 p.m.: Masks required for this Mass

Friday's at 5:15 p.m. and Monday's at 1:00 p.m. Masses are for those most vulnerable to COVID-19. All who attend MUST wear a mask. Thank you for your consideration.

## Remembrance Candles



**May, 2021**

**Table of the Lord:**

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