



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 11, 2008

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our collection for this past weekend was \$6,563.10.
(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of the Ed & Harriet Courville
By: Joyce Brasseaux & Family

Altar Flowers
May 17-18 Gene & Mary Ann Matte
In Memory of Elvin & Gertie Thibodeaux

Happy Mother's Day!

During the month of *May*, the **St. Charles Church Altar Society** invites all to come to the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Thursdays. After each Mass, Altar Society Members will proceed to the Grotto to pray the Rosary. If you cannot stand while at the Grotto, please bring a lawn chair.

Altar Server Training

Parents, If you would like your son or daughter to served at the altar, there will be training offered on Saturday, May 17th, at 9:00 AM and also on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7:00 PM. We ask that both a parent and the son/daughter attend EITHER ONE of these classes.

The requirement is that the altar server must have made First Communion. There is no upper age-limit on altar servers, and we welcome men and women of all ages to participate in this ministry. Older candidates can attend the class without their parent.

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2008. An **Ecumenical Prayer Service** is scheduled at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

A **Baccalaureate Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 18th** at the **10:30 a.m.** Liturgy. All graduating Seniors of 2008 are invited and encouraged to participate. Please wear your cap & gown and arrive promptly. The front pews will be designated for graduates.

Our Lady of the Oaks is offering a live in retreat for adults 55 years and over. Arrival time is at 5 PM on Monday, May 19 and departure after the noon meal on Wednesday, May 21. A donation of at least \$25 must be brought to Thensted Center no later than **May 16th**. Please make checks payable to Thensted Center. Attendance is limited so first come, first serve. For further information, call Thensted Center at 662-5838.

Pastoral Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM

Activities of the Week **May 12-May 18**

M	12	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	13	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
W	14	Pro-Life Rosary at 9:30 AM
TH	15	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	16	

Minister Schedule-May 17-18

Vigil -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Pat Sonnier,
Jo Burleigh, Ada Barry, Janice Fox
Altar Server Megan Miller

7:30-Lector Cierra & Joseph Ewell Meche
Communion Theresa Cormier, Barbara Meche
Amy Lowery, Joe Landry, Jackie Savoie
Alter Server Taneisha Cormier

10:30-Lector Mary Claire Trant & Cathy Taylor
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Margie McClendon
Tim Trant, Keith & Ginger Myers
Altar Server Armand Olivier, Hunter Myers,
Brenton Smith

Church Cleaners for May 17-18

Bernadelle Thibodeaux Betsy Douglas
Juanita Comeaux Leola Guilbeau
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

Prayer for First Communion

LORD JESUS, bless all those who are receiving you in Holy Communion for the first time. May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way. May all your people open their hearts to receive you that they might be transformed by your love.

What does the Church say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?

Conclusion:

In light of our Catholic faith we all need to emphasize our call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles.

The **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center** is now open on **Thursdays** from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are available to answer your questions regarding eligibility for free prescriptions and complete the application process if you are eligible. Please stop by or call the screening center on Thursday mornings at 662-5271. The volunteers are eager to assist you.

Please do not place **missalettes** in racks where songbooks are kept. Put missalettes at the end of the pew. *Thank You!*

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

If you or someone you know needs healthcare, but does not have insurance and can not afford to pay for private care, St. Bernadette Community Clinic at 409 St. John Street in the Bishop O'Donnell Center may be of assistance. The clinic provides non-emergency, medical care including breast and pelvic exams to the homeless and the poor at no charge. More information may be obtained by calling 267-1427.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

Mid-Week Retreats for Women

June 30-July 2, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

Weekend Retreats for Women

May 29-June 1, 2008 September 18-21, 2008

August 7-10, 2008 October 16-19, 2008

September 11-14, 2008 November 13-16, 1008

Married Couples Retreat

June 27-29, 2008

October 24-26, 2008

Personally-Directed Retreat

September 4-7, 2008

For information and to register, call 662-5410.

2008 Natural Family Planning Classes

for the Diocese of Lafayette: Training consists of a series of 4 classes given once a month for 4 months:

July 20th St. Leo the Great, Leonville, La.

Dwayne & Marie Zeringue 879-9397

July 7th Our Lady of Fatama, Lafayette, La

Randal & Stacey Caffery 886-2843

August 12th St. Peter's, Carencro, La.

Frank & Jennifer Connolly 896-8848