St. Joseph's Church
Naming our Gifts
Pentecost 2009
May 30-31

Silent Reflection

Gifts from God are evident in the areas of our life where we recognize our own strengths; where others recognize our talents; and in the things that energize and stimulate us to venture outside our comfort zone. Gifts from God are meant to be shared in the service of God and one another.

What are some of the strengths that you recognize as God-given gifts?

1. *See back for ideas*
2. *Make notes here for yourself—keep this sheet*
3. *Complete the tear off form and return it in today's second collection*

God, I give thanks for the gifts You have so freely given me.
You call each of us to recognize, develop and offer our gifts
in the service of Your beloved sons and daughters.
Help me to use this Pentecost celebration
as a time to understand my talents and strengths;
Help me help others
to understand their talents and strengths;
Help me in understanding
the needs of our faith community and the community around us;
Help me to see
how you are calling me to service.

Amen.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Gratitude, Discipleship, Hospitality

SOME GIFTS …

- ☼ Exuding hospitality, welcoming
- ☼ Organizing and planning
- ☼ Challenging, outspoken
- ☼ Creative communicating with technology
- ☼ Calling forth the best in others
- ☼ Skilled at building physical things
- ☼ Motivate and inspire others to get things done
- ☼ Walking with others in times of distress
- ☼ Comforting, nurturing, consoling
- ☼ Recognizing the spiritual dimensions of life
- ☼ Leading, visioning, motivating
- ☼ Zeal for liturgy as the source and summit of Christian life
- ☼ Building relationships, connecting others, collaborative
- ☼ Comfortable with sharing faith, breaking open Scripture
- ☼ Mentoring youth, reaching out to young adults
- ☼ Working well with families
- ☼ Passion for social outreach and social justice ministry
- ☼ Positive thinking, willingness to call on the power of God in the face of adversity
- ☼ Teaching, sharing knowledge
- ☼ Possess a great appreciation for the things of nature, God's creation
- ☼ Proclaiming God's Word
- ☼ Gentleness, sensitivity to others, able to be fully present
- ☼ Celebrating liturgy as the work of God's people
- ☼ Sharing the Good News in song, music, and creative art forms
- ☼ Forgiving, compassionate, peacemaking
- ☼ Willingness to do whatever's needed
- ☼ *What are your unique gifts?*

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
And there are varieties of services,
But the same Lord;
And there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestations of the Spirit
for the common good…
All these are activated by one and the same Spirit
who allots to each one individually, just as the Spirit chooses."
1 Corinthians 12:4-11