

Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2009

- A. Easter Promise: I will send you the Holy Spirit**
Gospel: promised fulfilled – “Breathed on them – received the Holy Spirit”
- B. Is this promise pragmatic ... we Americans are action oriented ... look for results ... well, I think I have seen a few.**
- C. Last Sunday: ten o'clock Mass ... certificates for eight people who gathered for thirty Sundays ... to read, reflect, prayer, and do works of justice**
- **entitled JustFaith ... the bringing together of justice and faith**
 - **read about people who made a difference ... lived the principles of Catholic Social Teaching: dignity, solidarity, care for creation, option for the poor**
 - **Spirit of Pentecost ... different languages / same Spirit ... different books and cultures, the same goal: peace and justice**
 - **The Spirit is a moving ... small groups of people coming together**
 - **EXPAND / DEEPEN ... NEW HORIZONS (not contracting – not shallow)**
- D. Tuesday Evening: down at Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha ... retreat center for youth ... elementary, middle, high school students ... 3000 made a retreat ... to encounter Jesus**
- **Tuesday night ... a new initiation ... a Pentecost event if you will**
 - **“Spiritus” ... 8 college graduates ... volunteer a year of their life to work with your people ... who will deepen their own formation ... experience community**
 - **travel throughout the State ... evangelization ... sharing the message of Jesus and the Gospel**
 - **no locked doors here ... Jesus ... breathed on him ... receive the Holy Spirit.**
 - **FIRE ... REAL PASSION TO HELP OTHERS**
- E. This week ... from Tuesday to Friday ... 20 young people ... under the leadership of Fr. Joel Sember ... ordained but two years ... walked on pilgrimage from Oshkosh down to Holy Hill**
- **pilgrimage of prayer ... of witness ... of taking time to intensify their life in God**
 - **powerful witness of the Holy Spirit ... open our horizons ... inflame our hearts**
 - **a new experience of community ... DIFFERENT USE OF TIME**
- F. Easter Promise: I will be with you always ... receive the Spirit.**
Ezekiel: promise of a new heart and a new spirit.