



# ST. LOUIS THE KING PARISH THE HERALD

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Left to Right: Thomas Sheen, Nora Johnson, Wilhelmina Betz, Anna Gould, Natalie Verbrigghe, Boden Turner, Adalynn Bell, Cole Fortin, Emma Negrinelli, and Sophie Sander

First Communion Sunday is one of the highlights of my year as pastor. It is an incredible honor and a grace to be able to give this gift to our precious children. Do we realize the gift that we have? God is love, and love is the sharing of life. God chooses to share His life with us. Nowhere in this world is that gift more real and more tangible than in the gift of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. This gift being received so devoutly with the pure and innocent faith of our children is inspirational and uplifting.

For me, my First Communion 63 years ago, was the beginning of a personal friendship with Jesus that has endured the test of time. While I have not always been the most loyal of friends over the years Jesus has always been there for me. I pray that for each of our First Communion children this will be the beginning of a personal friendship that will guide them through this life and into eternity. Please join me in prayer for them and for their families.

In the months and years to come our focus as a Church Community is going to be directed to this gift of Divine Life that we call the Eucharist. This is God's gift of Himself to us. It is His gift and His plan for us, His Church. At the Last Supper Jesus Himself instituted this gift for all of eternity. Jesus prayed that night, "Father may they be One as You and I are One. As we come to the Altar we are being invited into a common union with God and with each other. That is why we call this Sacrament Communion. When we come together at the Altar, we are most one with God and most visible as the Body of Christ here on earth. And so, we are called to become what we receive, or to become what we enter into union with, the Mystical Body of Christ. And so, Christ is with us until the end of time.

# CONFIRMATION 2022



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## Emptying Ourselves to Fullness

By: Deacon Bill

Recently, Father Glenn spoke in a homily about the need to empty oneself. *"We are called to be spirit-filled people, but first we must empty ourselves of our egos, detach from the world a little bit, make room for God in our lives and then invite the holy spirit into our hearts. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of us, you're faithful."* With these words echoing in my ears, I have recently been reflecting on something that I hear over and over. The idea seems to be pervading the Church that many are leaving because they are "not being fed". With great sympathy for those unsatisfied, coupled with sadness over those that have walked away from their Catholic Faith, I bought this to prayer. I believe the Holy Spirit gifted me with a tremendous insight: Look to Mary.

Into each of us, God is eternally wanting to pour overflowing grace. Each of us are created to be a vessel, a conduit for His love and peace to wash over the world. In the process, we are called to be ever more docile to the Holy Spirit, so that grace may pass through us unhindered to all those in our lives. As we allow ourselves to be more open, our holiness grows, and more grace may flow through us to those that need it most. In order that we may be ever more open, we must ask God to sweep away any barrier to that free flow. Think of the hurt that you cannot let go, that extra bit of time that you covet just to yourself, the bit of pride in yourself that you feel for a job well done, the worry that you hold for a situation that you fear will not work for good, the view point that you are so convicted about that you would sacrifice relationships for it, the sin that you are

too embarrassed to ask forgiveness for, the ministry or volunteer opportunity that you want to say yes to but just cannot find the time, or the guilty little pleasure that you hold onto, saying "yes, I do deserve this, after all". These are spaces that we have kept for ourselves that prevent the Holy Spirit from moving through us as He desires. Yet we are not without hope. Mary can be our example.



Mary, filled with grace, just being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, immediately turns her attention and affection outward. With the newly conceived Jesus, just enkindled within her womb, she heads out on an arduous trip to be with her cousin. Mary's concern and energies are not spent on worrying about what was to come next for herself, they were spent traveling to, then caring for a family member in need. From her very entry into the Gospel account, Mary has already denied herself for God's glory ("Let it be done to me according to Your Word." Luke 1:37-38), and for family, as she travels to Judah. In turn, Elizabeth humbly states that she feels unworthy to have Mary tend to her needs "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43), reciprocating the pouring out of self.

Mary would repeatedly offer to empty herself; traveling without complaint with Joseph to Bethlehem pregnant as she was, submitting herself to ritual cleaning after childbirth, making offering for Jesus at the temple, petitioning for the guests at the wedding feast at Cana, and most importantly, standing at the foot of her Son's cross and being offered by Him to be the mother the entire world. None of these were for her Glory, but for God's and man's.

For us, in our daily lives, what does emulating Mary look like? For me, the struggle is keeping my emotions from driving the bus and trying to not be hurt or offended by other's actions. This act of submission to holiness (painstakingly, one instance at a time) are how God has asked me to grow. Each time I refuse to see someone for how they made me feel, forcing myself to allow the Holy Spirit to see them with love *in* me, I pour out my own darkness and am filled with the light of God. Little by little, He changes me to be like Him. This is my personal calling in holiness; what is yours? If being more involved in your faith and in ministry is your prompting, I can tell you that there are many ministries that go unfilled at St. Louis the King every day. By giving our time to ensure that the ministry of our parish thrives, we give ourselves away for the sake of all. Look for information in this newsletter to see all the places that God wants His people to give of themselves for His Glory. In pouring ourselves out, we are filled with the Spirit, and just like light through water, when the sacrifice of Jesus is seen through the love of the Holy Spirit that is in us, we are both filled and serve to magnify God to the world!

# Blessing of the Bikes

## Parish Ride & Ice Cream Social

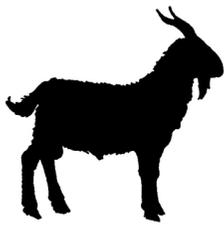
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

After 5:30pm Mass & Potluck

SLTK Church to South Beach or beyond



All types of bikes welcome | Invite Friends and Family | Ice Cream Treats



## The Flock

High School teens leading Middle School teens  
Through witnesses, talks, and skits

SUMMER 2022 | St. Louis the King Grounds



**Feast Day of St. Louis the King**  
**-Community Dinner-**  
**-School Supply Give-a-Way-**



August 25,  
2022

Everyone  
Eats at this  
Feast!

**ST. LOUIS THE KING**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Annual

## Parish Family Retreat

(Anyone from anywhere that wants to attend is welcome)

**You are invited**

September 2 - 4, 2022

**Camp Hiawatha**

Cabins or Campsites \* Meals Provided \* Campfire  
Spiritual Talks \* Mass \* Adoration \* Confession  
Games \* Canoeing \* Hiking \* Swimming  
Fishing \* Crafts \* Music

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