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Many people knew Bob McCormack through his regular presence at the Cathedral, but also through his work with Cursillo. Bob was one of those parishioners who introduced himself to me right away. He was present almost daily for Mass and was always ready to jump into action if there was need for a lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Bob was a man of deep faith and ready action. We will miss him after his untimely death.

Saint James knew the same connection as Bob. *If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day,* <sup>16</sup>*and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?* <sup>17</sup>*So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (2:15-17)*

Our belief in Christ as Savior of the World requires a certain type of action, a genuine and generous response. If we truly love Jesus, then don't we strive to become like Him? And in so many moments, He was asked to intervene in situations that He might have said had nothing to do with Him. But He did what He was able to do. He did something.

Soon the Cathedral parish will be launching an effort to replace the antiquated part-time heating and cooling systems in the church. Some have asked how we will do that. I believe people in the Church – not just at the Cathedral – do what they're able to do when they're invested in the mission of the Church: to make disciples of Jesus and proclaim the Good News. This is but one example of works paired with faith. There are countless others. May we be people of active faith, living what we believe for the good of the world, responding to Jesus' generosity as His faithful disciples. God bless you all!



We invite you to watch this special interview with Bishop Godfrey Mullen, O.S.B., as he reflects on his appointment by Pope Leo XIV as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville. In this conversation with Jonah McKeown of the National Catholic Register, Bishop Godfrey shares how his Benedictine spirituality, monastic life, and years of faithful service have prepared him for this new chapter of episcopal leadership. Please continue to keep Bishop Godfrey and the Diocese of Belleville in your prayers as we journey forward together in faith.

Also, catch up on the article published by National Catholic

Register: <https://www.ncregister.com/.../belleville-s-benedictine...>



Most Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB, has announced new clergy appointments across the Diocese. Please join us in praying for these priests and seminarians as they begin their new assignments in service to Christ and His Church.

Full list available here: <https://www.diobelle.org/main-rotator/2665>



As we prepare for Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, may we open our hearts to the grace of the Holy Spirit and be renewed in faith, courage, and truth.

**Veni Sancte Spiritus - Come, Holy Spirit!**



***Pentecost: The Church's Birthday a Lesson in Stewardship and Discipleship***

Celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost holds immense significance in the Catholic Church. It marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Mary, empowering them to spread the Gospel. This event is not only a cornerstone of the Church's liturgical calendar but also a powerful lesson in stewardship and discipleship.

Pentecost, often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," underscores the central role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Catholic. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God, just as all our talents, time, and resources are. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Mary reminds Catholics that their own lives should be characterized by the openness to receive and share the gifts God has bestowed upon them.

#### **Sharing the Good News**

One of the primary messages of Pentecost is the universal mission of the Church to proclaim the

Gospel to all nations. The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke in languages they did not know, allowing them to communicate with people from various backgrounds. This moment teaches Catholics that the call to discipleship and stewardship is not exclusive but extends to all people. Catholics are called to be good stewards of the Good News, sharing it generously and inclusively with others, just as the apostles did.

### **Being Empowered for Service**

Pentecost is a reminder that the Holy Spirit empowers individuals for service. The apostles, who were once fearful and uncertain, were transformed into bold witnesses of Christ's teachings. This transformation illustrates the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and how it equips Catholics for service to the Church and the world. Stewardship, in this context, entails using one's talents, time, and treasure to serve others and advance the mission of the Church.

### **Unity in Diversity**

The diverse crowd present at the first Pentecost, representing various nations and languages, highlights the theme of unity in diversity. Catholics are called to embrace and celebrate the diversity of God's creation while recognizing the common bond of faith. This is a vital aspect of stewardship — respecting the unique talents and backgrounds of each individual within the faith community and utilizing these differences to build a stronger, more vibrant Church.

### **Being Responsive to God's Call**

Pentecost serves as a reminder of the apostles' responsiveness to God's call. They were willing to leave behind their old lives, filled with uncertainty and fear, and accept the mission to spread the Gospel. This act of responding to God's call is fundamental to discipleship, which encompasses a willingness to be generous with one's time, talents, and treasure in service to God and others.

In conclusion, Pentecost is a pivotal moment in the Catholic Church's history, and its significance extends beyond the historical event. It is a lesson in stewardship and discipleship, emphasizing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the call to share the Good News, the empowerment for service, unity in diversity, and the responsive nature of discipleship. Catholics are reminded that, like the apostles, they are called to be good stewards of the gifts and blessings they have received, using them to serve and enrich the Church and the broader community. Pentecost serves as an annual reminder that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and empower Catholics on their journey of faith and stewardship.



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Coordinator: Kendra Clark [kendra@stmarymtvernon.org](mailto:kendra@stmarymtvernon.org).

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Registration: [forms.gle/HLDKou4uhLjs](https://forms.gle/HLDKou4uhLjs)

Coordinator: Sr. Tess Markus [tmarkus@ssndcp.org](mailto:tmarkus@ssndcp.org)

Week 3: 6/21 – 6/26 – St. Clare of Assisi (O'Fallon)

Registration: [stclarechurch.org/totu](http://stclarechurch.org/totu)

Coordinator: Jane Dotson [janedotson@stclarechur.org](mailto:janedotson@stclarechur.org)

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Week 4: 7/5 – 7/10 - Ss. Peter and Paul (Waterloo)

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Week 5: 7/12 – 7/17 – St. Stephen/Holy Rosary (Caseyville)

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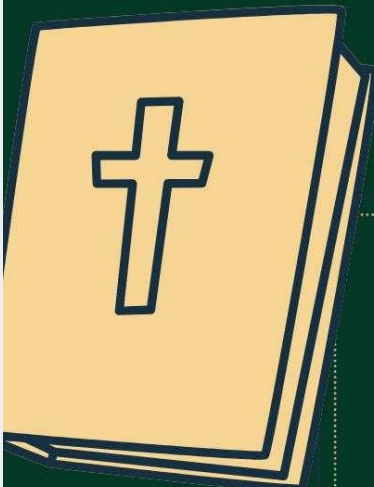


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