

Stewardship Thoughts for Pentecost:

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Scripture readings reveal the powerful works of the Holy Spirit in the early Christian community. On this occasion of Pentecost, the Church “is made manifest to the world” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1076). In other words, it is at Pentecost that the Catholic Church is born. In the Acts of the Apostles, we observe the power and authority that the Holy Spirit bestows upon the disciples through the symbols of wind and tongues of fire. In St. John’s Gospel, Jesus gives His followers the gifts of the Spirit: peace and the power to forgive sins. In his First Letter to the faith community at Corinth, St. Paul persuades them to strive for unity and to acknowledge one another’s gifts, service, and works given by the Most Holy Trinity as one Body in Christ. As faith-filled stewards, what God-given gifts and services do we offer weekly at the altar of the Lord to uplift our parish communion? In a spirit of evangelization, are we building up the Body of Christ by inviting our brothers and sisters to a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior? To build a relationship with the Holy Spirit, please visit the Franciscan website, The Wild Goose, at thewildgooseisloose.com.