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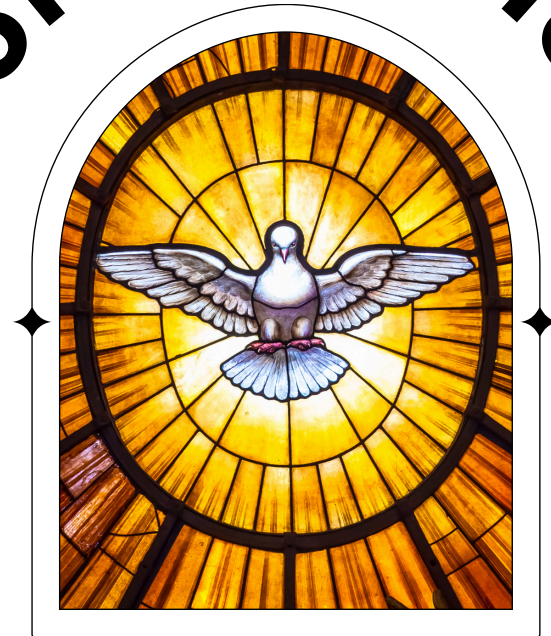
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CELEBRATION

GATHERING HYMN
COME, HOLY GHOST (457)

PSALM 104
LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT
AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN
HOLY SPIRIT (192)

COMMUNION HYMN
HERE I AM, LORD (389)

RECESSIONAL HYMN
GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES (190)

READINGS

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit. You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD, ministers of our God you shall be called. I will give them their recompense faithfully, a lasting covenant I will make with them. Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the LORD has blessed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 61:1-3abcd, 6ab, 8c-9

ELEANOR MARIE SURALTA

Eleanor picked Mother Teresa because "I am really interested in her works and I want to help the poor like she did." Eleanor, Graciela, and Wisdom organized the Giving Tree. "We chose this project to help the people who don't have much." She chose her Faith Formation Director, Jerica Manaois, as her sponsor: "I really look up to her, she is very nice, and makes learning about God fun!"

BRAYDEN ULEP

Brayden chose Saint Michael because "I like how he fought in wars defending the weak." Brayden and Julius held the Smile City drive. "We picked this project because a smile can say a thousand words. Some people can be nervous and/or timid because of their smile. It can prevent them from meeting new people. Prevent them from trying new things. All because of their dental health. For our project we're aiming to help and eliminate the discrimination of the people in need having poor dental health. We want to help give people the confidence to put themselves out there and not let their not so perfect smile stop them. Because a smile is the easiest gift a person can give you." He chose his cousin, Liam Alfaro, as his sponsor: "He is a great role model and I have looked up to him ever since I was young."

SOPHIA GUTIERREZ VALENCIA

"I picked Saint Laura of Cordoba because she is from my country and we have similar thoughts on situations. She has a need to help those who need it, which is something I admire." Sophia held Bundles of Blessings drive. "It is an important issue that goes on every day that should be brought awareness." She chose her cousin, Karen Valencia, as her sponsor: "She's always been there for me and she's known me since I was a baby."

JULIUS VILLAFLORES

"I picked Saint Padre Pio for he is the patron of saint of healing." Julius and Brayden held the Smile City drive. "We chose this project because we wanted to help the community even for a small things." He chose his family friend, Honey Pugay, as his sponsor: "I know that she will encourage and guide me."

WISDOM OZLYN MARQUEZ

"I picked Saint Michael because I want to continue my faith and help give justice to people and help them. The main career I want to be is forensic science or in the first responders field, and I believe that this saint will be able to guide me." Wisdom, Eleanor, and Graciela organized the Giving Tree during the Christmas season. "We want to help the women and children who are going through difficulties in life." She chose her family friend and Choir Director, Sheila Soukup, as her sponsor: "She can help me continue my faith and love for music."

GRACIELA MARIA AND JACOB NUNES

Graciela picked Saint Joan of Arc because "she's very courageous and inspirational." Graciela, Wisdom, and Eleanor organized the Giving Tree. "We picked this project because we want to help all the women and children in need." She chose her brother, Daniel Nunes, as her sponsor: "He is my oldest brother and has always been a great role model and inspiration for me. He is an amazing example of a great person that I hope to be like one day." **Jacob** picked Saint Michael because "I've always liked this saint since I was a kid." Jacob and Mikel held the Animal Shelter drive. "We picked this project because I wanted to help the community in some way, and I decided I wanted to help donate to animals at the shelter." He chose his sister, Sarah Nunes, as his sponsor: "She has always helped me with everything including my walk with faith and pushing me to go to church."

LANDON SABINO

"I picked Saint Nicholas because he is generous, kind, and gift-giving just like me, and I love Christmas." Landon, Daniel, and Tristan held the Manna Bags drive. "We picked this project because I would love to share the gift of giving to the less fortunate." He chose his close family, MaRiju Salao, as his sponsor: "She is one of my best friend's mom and we go to the same church."

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you both see and hear."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CONFIRMANDI

DYLAN BELL

"I picked Saint Luigi Scrosoppi because I have been playing soccer my whole life and soccer is a big part of my life. Once I saw that he was the patron saint of soccer, I chose it." Dylan held a food drive for the F.I.S.H. food pantry. "I chose this project because my dad has been doing this food pantry for a couple of years and I help him from time to time." He chose his brother, Jacob Bell, as his sponsor: "I have been with him my whole life, he is a big part of me growing up and I look up to him as my older brother."

OWEN CLARK

"I picked Saint Nino because she was born on the same day as me and I think it is cool to share a birthday day with a saint. It is awesome that she could cure diseases." Owen organized the Child In Transition Holiday Gift Card Drive because "I want to help kids who do not have anything have a good Christmas." He chose his aunt, Kristin Rehmann, as his sponsor: "She is my Aunt. She goes to church all the time. She is a good person."

ACELA DAVID

"I chose the Blessed Virgin Mary because she shares the same name as my eldest sister who passed away at birth. To me, Mary is a symbol of faith and it is a beautiful reminder for me to continue modeling the faith like Mary did to those in my family." She picked her cousin, Liza David, as her sponsor: "I admire the way she carries out the faith and Word of Jesus really well. I know she will be a wonderful role model who will help me grow my faith."

MATTHEW DUANE AND MIKEL DIMATULAC

Matthew chose Saint Matthew the Apostle because "I was name after him." He picked his uncle, Alvin Dimatulac, as his sponsor: "I know he carries out the faith and word of Jesus really well, and he'll be very good spiritual guide for me." **Mikel** picked Saint Michael because "due to my name being in the Bible because of Saint Michael." Mikel and Jacob held an Animal Shelter Drive. "We chose this project to help the lives of animals." He chose his aunt, Irene Wilkinson, as his sponsor: "She is a faithful person towards the church."

BRIAN AND LUKE FUNDEEN

Brian chose his uncle, Bill Fundeen, as his sponsor: "He has taught me that I can accomplish the impossible. He survived a plane crash and beat the odds. He has told me many times that it was all the prayers he said and still does everyday. He has been someone I have been able to confide in and trust. He's really a nice person and am lucky to have him as my sponsor and uncle." **Luke** chose his great uncle, Bill Fundeen, as his sponsor as well: "He has been there for me and my family for as long as I can remember. He is a kind, caring, and selfless person. He's my role model when it comes to whatever God throws at me, and shows that God never gives you anything you can't handle." They picked Blessed Father Solanus Casey as their Confirmation name. "He was our great grandmothers' uncle, our great 3 uncle. He came from a large family, he was the 6th of 15 kids. Fr. Solanus was a simple man who helped a lot of people who needed miracles. People would line up outside the church, lines so long they'd wrap around the building. He would tell people that there was power in prayer and to pray daily. He'd tell them to thank God ahead of time, because good works has the power to change a life, and even the world. He put that much trust and faith in God. Father Solanus knew that God was all good. Fr. Solanus' faith and trust in God was so simple, he thanked God ahead of time because he believed in the miracle of God's will."

PENNY HIGGINS

"I picked Saint Lawrence because I heard his story when I was younger and I was very inspired by it." Penny organized the Soup Supper during Lent. "I chose this project because it was a good volunteering opportunity and it was a great way to become closer with the church community, and the church itself." She chose her Theology teacher, Megan Spillers, as her sponsor: "I picked Mrs. Spillers because she leads a very faith filled life, and I hope to be like her after I am confirmed. She is a great example for anyone and everyone to follow!"

CASEN KALLMAN

Casen chose Saint John the Baptist because "he's the first person that came to my mind." He held the Warmth for the Poor drive. "I picked this project because no one else had done it yet." Casen picked his brother, Tom Hiratsuka, as his sponsor: "He is a cool dude."