

Grade 8 - Lesson 18

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to recognize and respond to God's will.



Catechetical Points

- The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to live as Christians and to mature in our faith, so that we can be temples of God and bear fruit.
- The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Materials

- Gifts of the Holy Spirit Matching
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - Fruits of the Holy Spirit by The Wild Goose
 - <https://formed.org/study/58264810047b47d40a5e5d2a/lesson/58264635047b47d40a5e5d24>
 - Note: To access formed.org, use parish code VCWD8R to make a free account.

Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer. Or wait until the end of class if that works better for your group.

[15 min] **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- See the notes on pages 338-339 in the teacher's manual to help with the discussion on the Holy Spirit.
- We first receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism, and this indwelling of God is strengthened at Confirmation. This makes our bodies temples of the Holy Spirit.
- **What does it mean to be a temple of God?**
- The Blessed Trinity is a communion of Persons who represent total self-giving love. **How can we love in the same way that God loves?**
- Use the notes on pages 340-341 in the teacher's manual to explain the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:**
 - **Wisdom:** To see things as God sees them.
 - **Understanding:** Insight into the mysteries of faith.
 - **Knowledge:** To see everything in relation to God and eternity.
 - **Counsel:** To make correct decisions about God's will for our lives.
 - **Fortitude:** The strength to be faithful to Christ when it is difficult.
 - **Piety:** To worship God and love him as our Father.
 - **Fear of the Lord:** To see the evil of sin and the goodness of God.
- Use the table on page 341 in the teacher's manual to give an example of each of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- **Can you think of someone who shows some of these gifts in their life?**
- **How would your life be better with these gifts?**

[20 min] **Gifts of the Holy Spirit Matching**

- Divide the class into groups and hand out a set of Gifts of the Holy Spirit cards to each group.
- Each student should take a turn to flip 2 cards to try to find a matching pair. One card gives the name of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and the other card in the pair gives the definition. They will know if the answer is correct if the 2 symbols on the cards match.

[10 min] **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

- When we grow in prayer and in use of the **Gifts** of the Holy Spirit, we will start to see the **Fruits** of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.
- The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are:
 - **Charity**: Love for God and for others.
 - **Joy**: Happiness in living the Christian Life.
 - **Peace**: Inner calmness, even in difficulties.
 - **Patience**: Bearing the difficulties of life with resignation to God's will.
 - **Kindness**: Sympathy and concern for the needs of others that moves us to help them.
 - **Goodness**: Giving good example in all that we do.
 - **Generosity**: Willingness to share our time and possessions with those in need.
 - **Gentleness**: Being gentle in our words and deeds with others.
 - **Faithfulness**: Loyalty to God and the people we are committed to, such as one's parents, spouse, and friends.
 - **Modesty**: Respecting ourselves and others in conversations, dress, actions, etc.
 - **Self-Control**: Proper balance in our desire for pleasure and comfort.
 - **Chastity**: Proper attitude toward others and control over our sexual desires.

- Use the table on page 344 in the teacher’s manual to give an example of each of these fruits.
- **Which of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit do you see in your life?**
- **Which Fruits do you need to work on?**

[15 min] **Fruits of the Holy Spirit Video**

- Watch **Fruits of the Holy Spirit** by The Wild Goose
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 - Watch the first 10 minutes or so.
- **Why do you think the priest didn’t get upset when his plane had to make 2 unexpected stops?**
- **Why did Sr. Maris Stella say entering into silence is so important?**
- **Once you are Confirmed, what do you need to do to see the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in your life?**

[5 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.