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Confirmed in the Spirit

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were first defined in the Old Testament in the Book of Isaiah. We believe the seven gifts are infused into us at Baptism and strengthened through Confirmation and Eucharist. Wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe are the gifts we receive when the Holy Spirit comes upon us.

ACTIVITY

Spirit Cross Place two paint stirrers or ice cream sticks in the form of a cross. Decorate the cross and on one side, write the Gifts of the Spirit. On the other side, write the names of the members of your family. Each day, pray the prayer for the week together, using this Spirit cross.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Choose one of the Gifts of the Spirit to reflect on during Mass. How can this gift help you this week?

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Saint of The Week



Saint Paul
(first century)

At one time in his life, Saint Paul did not like Christians and he arrested them whenever he could. But after he converted to Christianity, he spent his life teaching others about Jesus. Some of his writings are in the Bible.

Patron Saint of: reporters, lay people

Feast Day: January 25



We thank you, Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Let us learn from the life of Saint Paul. Help us to share your good news with everyone. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Early Church

Paul Once a persecutor of Christians, Paul later converted and spent over ten years spreading the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire. He is often pictured as an elderly man with a pointed beard, holding a sword and a book. The sword is a reminder of Paul's death in Rome where he was beheaded. The book signifies Paul's years of missionary work and the many churches he established.

Paul stayed in one Christian community for nearly two years, where he baptized many people. Read about his ministry in Ephesus in Acts 19:1–6.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Liturgy

The Ambry The ambry is the cupboard or chest that contains the oils used for the sacraments. In the sixth century, the ambry held the Eucharist as well as the sacred oils and was located at the bottom of the altar. Between the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries, only the Eucharist was kept in the ambry, which was then called a tabernacle. The oils were kept in the sacristy in a niche in the wall. This became known as an ambry. Today ambries can be found in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font. Their prominent place reminds us of the special use of sacred oils for initiating, healing, and consecrating.