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The True Meaning of Abundance

By Father Patrick Kennedy

My friends,

Learning to share was a big deal when I was growing up. In a big family, it was one of the first lessons learned and the one that needed a constant reminder from my elders. If you didn't learn the lesson quickly, there was a price to pay. Sharing isn't easy. Many people think they won't have enough if they share what they have with others. The mentality is, "This is mine. You get your own." Another thing people say is, "If I give you this, what are you going to give me in return?" This is common talk for kids. Truthfully, adults do the same thing.

The Christian person learns sharing is a matter of the heart. Sharing what we have only makes sense when it comes from within. No strings attached. No expectation something will be given in return. No guilt is induced by the giver to the one in need. Sharing is unadulterated generosity borne from the fact that I have something, and someone else doesn't. Sharing is tied up in thoughtfulness. People share because they see a need and want to meet it.

People who know how to share and give to others don't worry about meeting everybody's needs. These givers come to each encounter and know how blessed they have been by God. They have an understanding of the true meaning of abundance. They may not be the richest people on earth. They may not be the most talented. They may be just as busy as everybody else seems to be. But they are able to see in front of them the need that others have, and they simply choose to share a portion of what they have.

Normally, people who share in this way never speak about it. They never let on how they give. They live by the dictum, "Don't let the left hand know what the right hand is doing." Or, "When you give, do it in secret. Your Heavenly Father sees in secret, and you will be blessed." If you can get people to talk about sharing and dedicating a portion of what they have, you won't believe what you hear. Learning to share gracefully, to give a portion of their time, their talent, and their material resources has changed their lives.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. It is the time when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and the gifts he infused in each one of those people. As we remember, filled with these gifts, the disciples were sent forth to share what they had received. They did it unconditionally. There was no hesitation as they went forth. The fear shackling their understanding and movement was gone. The Advocate had finally come. They could no longer contain themselves and hold on to what they had been given. They learned what every generation has learned since. The gifts given to us by God are meant to be shared. In our sharing, we strive to make sure people have enough so they too can be freed up and do the same for others.

On this Feast, the Church began in earnest to do the work of Jesus. Our forebears in faith reordered their priorities, so that they could be about the business of using what they had been given for God. May we who live in this age learn to be grateful for all we have. And in this spirit, share with each other, thus serving the Lord and one another.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Additional info at: SaintOlaf.org/events

Twins Tickets – Last Week to Sign-up

Join parishioners for ST. OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS, Wednesday, June 20, at 7:10 p.m. vs the Boston Red Sox. Tickets \$25, includes a hot dog and a pop. Reserve tickets using form in the pamphlet racks. Deadline is May 25.

Memorial Day: On Monday, May 28, we'll have a special Mass at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Mass at 7:00 a.m. or 12 noon and no confessions. The parish office will be closed.

The Book Club next meets Sunday, June 3, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. "*The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*" by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda explores the story of Father Stanley Rother who is recognized as the first U.S.-born martyr.

Father's Day: Remember fathers, living or deceased, with a gift toward church flowers and environment. Suggested offering is \$5.00 or more per remembrance. Names of honorees and donors will be posted. Forms are in the pamphlet racks. Make checks payable to St. Olaf Church and write "Father's Day Flowers" on the memo line. Place form and donation in the collection or bring to the parish reception desk by June 4.

Emmet Cahill Concert: Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Emmet Cahill, internationally acclaimed Irish tenor and lead singer with Celtic Thunder, will give a concert at St. Olaf with the participation of the choir communities here. A portion of the proceeds will support St. Olaf ministries. You may purchase tickets at the door or online at www.emmetcahill.com. The St. Olaf concert is listed under "Tour Dates" at June 12, Minneapolis, MN.

Downtown Tribute: I've been working with Brendan for over two years, placing ads for St. Olaf in *The Journal*, which covers Downtown and Northeast Minneapolis and the *Southwest Journal*, covering 24 neighborhoods in SW Minneapolis and Edina. Throughout that time, he has been everything and more one could hope for in a relationship that is dependent on clear communication about representing St. Olaf. Brendan is on leave because he is ill. The publisher called last week to let me know, to tell me he will be my contact going forward and that the special pricing negotiated will continue. That speaks to the company that is Minnesota Premier Publications and its owners/publishers, Terry Gahan and Jill Hall. They have created a business in Downtown Minneapolis that values the communities they serve, and they care for and love the community they are. Fran Rusciano Murnane, Director of External Relations.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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Saturday, May 19

9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
12:00 p.m.	Mass/Confessions
2:00 p.m.	African Choir Rehearsal
2:30 p.m.	Venite Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Mass

Pentecost, May 20

6:00 a.m.	Mass
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass with African Choir
4:00 p.m.	Mass
5:30 p.m.	Dinner for Exodus Residents

Monday, May 21

7:00 a.m.	Mass/Confessions
7:30 a.m.	Samaritan Ministry Hospitality
12:00 p.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	AA

Tuesday, May 22

7:00 a.m.	Mass/Confessions
12:00 p.m.	Mass/Confessions

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 a.m.	Mass/Confessions
7:00 a.m.	AA
12:00 p.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	AA
6:30 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Alanon

Thursday, May 24

7:00 a.m.	Mass/Confessions
12:00 p.m.	Mass/Confessions

Friday, May 25

7:00 a.m.	Mass/Confessions
12:00 p.m.	Mass
12:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 26

9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
12:00 p.m.	Mass/Confessions
4:00 p.m.	Mass