

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—June 23, 2011

Vicar Notes:

In last Sunday's homily, Rolf talked about conversing with God and how we can do that every day. It was a wonderful sermon and he gave us a chance to practice—some time of silence for us to converse with God in the service. I thought more about this all week, and about how good kids are at this.

When Esme comes to visit and has a "Babka Day"—(I have no idea where she got her word for Grandma!)—she loves to play pretend games. Sometimes we have infestations of sharks...(this is Colvill); sometimes I'm a baby who cries until she comes to comfort me. Recently, though, she really likes to walk in the labyrinth, and go into the Meditation Chapel.

On Monday we went into the chapel. She pointed me to a front row seat while she stood on the kneeler, so she could "lead the service" from the lectern. She opened a book and then brought me one. When she had turned to a page she looked up and said, "God, you sent Jesus to us, Jesus taught the butterflies to talk." (I'm still pondering that....) A bit later she prayed, "God, we thank you that you care so much about dresses and clothes!" Clearly Esme feels pretty comfortable conversing with God.

Last Sunday when Bear Atkinson and Esme were snuffing candles and holding the cross, I felt very grateful that our church welcomes these little ones, like Jesus did. Even during the silence Rolf gave us to converse with God, the children were pretty quiet.

At Spirit we get the chance to learn from each other's insights. And we get to learn from the children.

Blessings, + Mary Ellen



Dragonboat— July 29-30

Are you signed up? Are you paid up?
Talk to Val for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- July 10 —Welcome Sunday at Spirit.
- July 17—Social at Holidays' at Greenwood Lake.
- Annual meeting will be held sometime in later August.

Please Pray:

- For Dorothy—healing and a swift recovery. For peace for Tom and the family.
- For Lorraine—for peace and freedom from pain.
- For Jerry—for recovery from his car accident.
- For our summer visitors that they might experience soul nurture while they are with us.