

## Getting Ready for Chapter 8

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## We Pray to the Holy Spirit

When Jesus Christ returned to his Father in heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with the community of believers—the Church. Since then, Christians have called upon the Holy Spirit for guidance in living out Gospel. We know that the Holy Spirit is a gift to each person of faith as well as to the entire Body of Christ.

### ACTIVITY

**Name the Spirit** Holy Ghost, Third Person of the Trinity, and Wisdom are some names for the Holy Spirit. Write names for the Holy Spirit on paper and attach them to straws connected by yarn to make a mobile. As the papers move, they remind us that the Holy Spirit comes among us like the wind.

### WEEKLY PLANNER

#### On Sunday

Browse through your church hymnal to find five songs that have “Holy Spirit” in the title or in the lyrics.

#### On the Web

[www.blestarewe.com](http://www.blestarewe.com)



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

#### Saint of the Week



**Saint Patrick (387–461)**

Patrick was born in Scotland, but grew up in England. He was captured and sent to Ireland as a slave. He escaped and became a monk. Then, he had a vision that called him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He preached and taught about Christianity.

**Feast Day:** March 17  
**Patron Saint of:** Ireland



**A Prayer for the Week**

Spirit of God, guide our hearts with your wisdom as you guided Saint Patrick. Embrace us with your grace. Help us to be like Saint Patrick—open to respecting different peoples and their cultures. Amen.

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### Scripture Background

#### In the Time of Jesus

**Guests** Since there were few inns in the Holy Land in the first century, a traveler usually stopped to rest at a private home. It was customary for the head of the household to welcome a stranger as his friend. He made his guest comfortable by washing his feet and offering him a meal. If the stranger was staying overnight, the host provided him with the best room in the house.

In Luke 11:5–13, read how Jesus uses this story to tell about the effectiveness of prayer.

## OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Papal Succession

**Electing A Pope** Since the eleventh century, a pope's election has occurred through a secret process known as the conclave. The cardinals of the Church gather in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel to elect a successor within 15 days of the death of a pope. Most important, however, the conclave collectively prays for guidance and believes that the Holy Spirit inspires their election of a new pope.

Surprising results, like the 1958 election of 76-year-old Pope John XXIII, have come about through the conclave process. In 1962, John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. Today, Vatican II's actions are said to have "opened the windows," allowing the Holy Spirit to enter and breathe new life into the Church.