

Waiting is a part of our daily lives.

We wait for a train at the railroad crossing.

We wait at the bridge for a boat to pass.

We wait for results following medical tests

We wait for school to end. We wait for a cast to be removed. We wait for pain to diminish.

We wait to turn 16 so we can drive. We wait for acceptance into college or to be hired for a job.

We all know from experience that the list is endless.

In our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Luke relates that “the Risen Lord told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father”.....that is, the Holy Spirit. What did they do while they were waiting? They were preparing themselves inwardly for the Holy Spirit.

What do we do when we wait?

There are all kinds of possibilities open to us....all prompted by the Holy Spirit:

To wait can be an opportunity to see beauty around us, to smile, to take a deep breath and experience peace.

To wait can be a chance to open our self to see or hear or feel something new; to engage another in conversation; or to simply pause.

To wait can be an invitation to connect with the Holy Spirit within; to be aware of God with us and with others; to whisper a prayer.

This week we will have many times in which we will wait. Notice these moments as special....as opportunities, as invitations. We are like the Apostles. We will wait, not in Jerusalem, but in Bay City, for the promise of the Father.

My sisters and brothers: we wait in readiness for the coming of the Spirit.