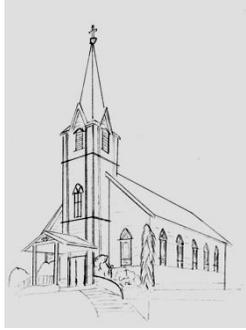


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. **Office is closed on Fridays.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 am; Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

March 8th, 2020

Padre's Portion.... January and February are always tougher months for many of us. The days are dreary and seem to be longer. How many times did I hear, "Is January ever going to end." Now it's March and a little bit of sunshine has brightened our faces. But a few times in the last weeks, someone would come to meet with me and tell me, "I don't feel very blessed." Then they would give the reason: some health problem, something wrong within the family, work related, an accident etc. Or God seems to be pouring things a little heavy on me. I would ask the person to look at the big picture. Now what has gone wrong, but what is going right. This always brought the person around to realizing that blessings do exist (and often sustain us) even amidst struggles. Also being part of our Community always is such a healthy reminder of our blessings. We gain strength and support from each other. We do that very well. I keep reminding us when we gather that Lent is a community journey for us. We're in it together. Whew!

The next 3 Sundays we hear Jesus breaking the Jewish law; pushing the boundaries. I so enjoy proclaiming these Gospels. Jesus reminds us in these three Gospels that no matter how closely you follow the 10 Commandments scrupulously (and the Jewish nation has 613 laws to try to follow in order to be saved.), we are not saved by the law. We are saved by Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. I believe, and I know you do too, that Jesus is the one who saves us, or we get off the bus. This truth sets us apart. We are saved by Jesus Christ, the God/man. And every time we come together as a community we strengthen each other in our belief in Jesus Christ. We cannot earn salvation; we cannot gain it by building up all the merit badges; we gain it by accepting Jesus Christ as the fundamental choice of our lives. Our first choice must always be Jesus Christ.

Here's some ideas I came across in an article on unique ways to fast and give alms: things like take a cold shower, eat for one day food that doesn't have to be cooked, turn the thermostat down 5 degrees in your home for a day, sleep on the floor with just a blanket and pillow and turn off all electronic devices for one day (Could you go without your cell phone for a day?). Activities such as this remind us of how blessed we are here in the United States.

God Bless.

P.S. I will be having heart surgery on April 20th at St. Vincent's. All will be well; great Catholic doctor. Recovery is 6 weeks and will be difficult I'm told. Just keep on praying.

Mass Intentions for Mar 7th – March 15th

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| Sat, Mar 7 th | 4:30 pm | +Gisella Wood – Adler/Romano Family |
| Sun, Mar 8 th | 10:00 am | Parishioners |
| Wed, Mar 11 th | 11:00 am | Father Bob |
| Thurs, Mar 12 th | 11:00 am | +Sue Werbowski |
| Fri, Mar 13 th | 11:00 am | Alexandra Podeschi – Special Intention |
| Sat, Mar 14 th | 4:30 pm | Parishioners |
| Sun, Mar 15 th | 10:00 am | Larry & Sylvia Kelner – Prayer Pal |

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

This week at Sacred Heart

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| Wednesday | Mass at 11:00 am, Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am |
| Thursday | Mass at 11:00 am, Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am |
| Friday | Mass at 11:00 am, Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm, followed by soup supper in the hall, Hosted by Pastoral Council. |
| Saturday | Mass at 4:30 pm. |
| Sunday | Mass at 10:00 am. |

The Archdiocese has requested we set some boundaries in our Mass in light of the coronavirus. So we will continue what we shared last weekend: **Our Father** (If you don't want to hold hands, just politely tell your neighbor, or if you want to connect, lock arms); **On the Sign of Peace** a simple nod or a fist bump, elbow bump; and we will offer the Cup of Blood and allow you to receive if you want.



Edna Groce's funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 2:00pm, reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please join Edna's family in the celebration of Edna's life.



Please mark your calendars for our annual Friday night Stations of the Cross and soup suppers. We still have 4 more Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30pm in the church and it is followed by soup supper in our fellowship hall, hosted by a different group from our parish each Friday. Please join us during this Lenten season. **March 13**, hosted by: Pastoral Council, **March 20**, hosted by the Choir, **March 27th**, hosted by: Community Outreach and **April 3rd**, hosted by the Knitting Group.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us

Camp Howard is now hiring summer staff. Mentor youth, get outdoors, have a blast, make lifelong friends and build your resume. If interested go to www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs to sign up.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Ashley Aderonmu, Melissa Anderson, Marylu Arrigotti, Raemarie Arrigotti, Isabelle Belusa (Bill & Alice Rose's granddaughter), Kurt Bliese, Bill Bode, Christine Buckson (Larry & Diane Megert's daughter), Joyce Carruthers, Larry Doyle, Ron Etzel (Bev Parscale's brother), Luke and Nancy Fiorante, Andrea Fullwood (friend of Linda Romano & Tony Adler), Gary Hayman (Joyce Carruther's son), Sue Unfred Hays (Helen Unfred's daughter), William Hill, Herb, Joe and Jake Hoffart, Helen Joireman, Ginny Kerr (Pam Kerr's mother), Dick Martin, Curt McLaughlin, Priscilla Manning, Harper Moffenbeier, Laura Mullen (Curt & Barbara McLaughlin's daughter), Susan Neidenbach, Stephen O'Neal (son-in-law of RuthAnn Kessler), Angela Olson, Pam (friend of Lisa Hodge), Steve Parscale, Daryl Phillippi, Ernie Platt, Gisella Romano (Linda Romano's mom), Alice Rose, Diana Shibley, Cliff Silbernagel & Todd Small (Bev Parscale's cousin), Tommi & Steather Smith (Judy Causo's sister and brother-in-law) Dave Standley (Shalee Stacey's Father), Verne Weber, Jean Wierzbinski (Beth St. Armand's mother), Claire Zaraza, Kory Zimmerman

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of March 14th & March 15th

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| Greeters | Florence Dezeix & Madonna Graff | Shelley Campbell & Bryan Schmunk |
| Lectors | Carol Pomante | David Ewing |
| Altar Server | Abby Provost | Mikayla Maris |
| Host Minister | Sue Rivelli | Carol Middendorff |
| Cup Ministers | Jan Moffenbeier & Nancy Peters | Shelley Henkle & Susan Kreidel |
| Ushers | Hyginus Igwe & Michael Rivelli | Larry Kelner & Eric Wieland |
| Children's Liturgy | | |
| Coffee & Donuts | | Shalee Stacey |
| Sacristan | Florence Dexeix | Margaret Barilko |

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Mar 1st \$7,835

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