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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sunday

7:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church,
Mildred

9:30 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

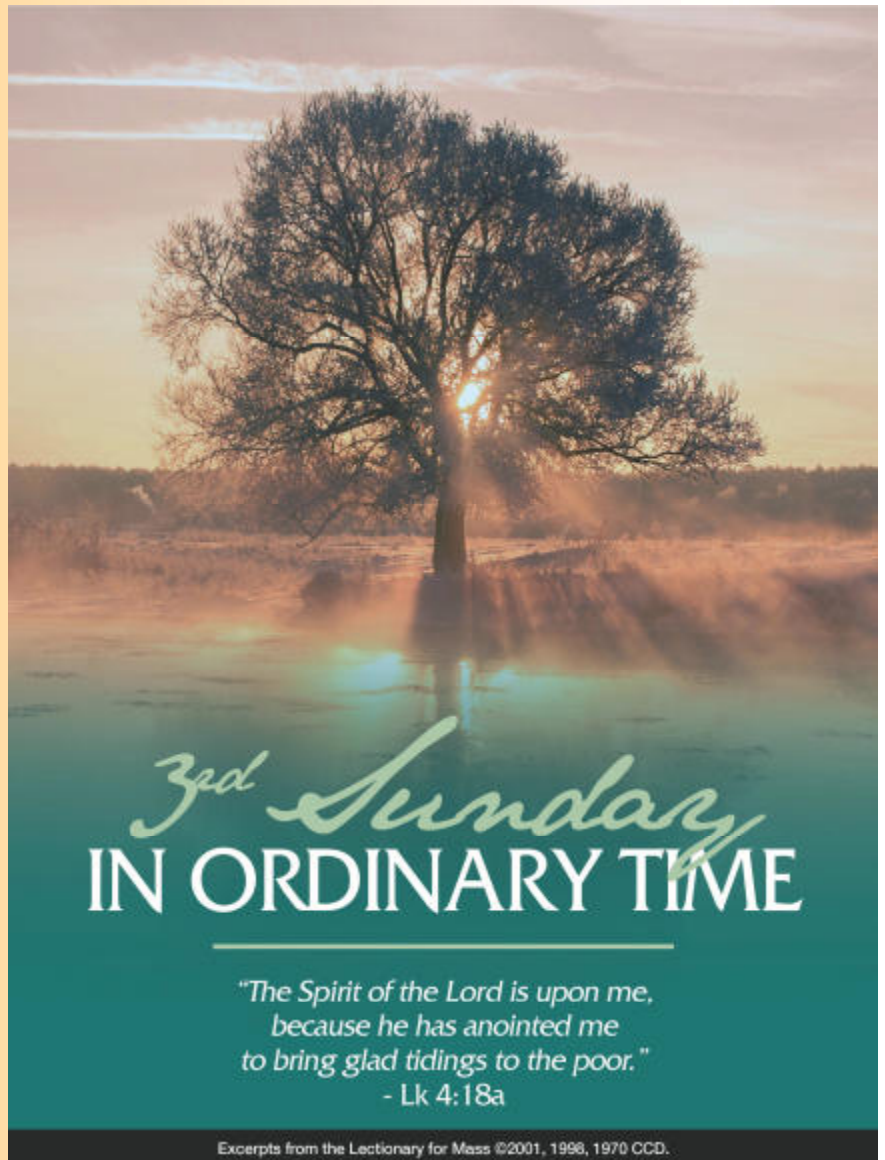
Saturdays - 3:15 - 3:45 PM

St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sundays - 7:00 - 7:15 AM

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred

Or by appointment



January 27, 2019

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

Parish Registration:

You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

New Members: Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are relocating to a new parish, please notify the office before you move.) Thank you.

Change of Address: Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

Inactive Catholics: As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

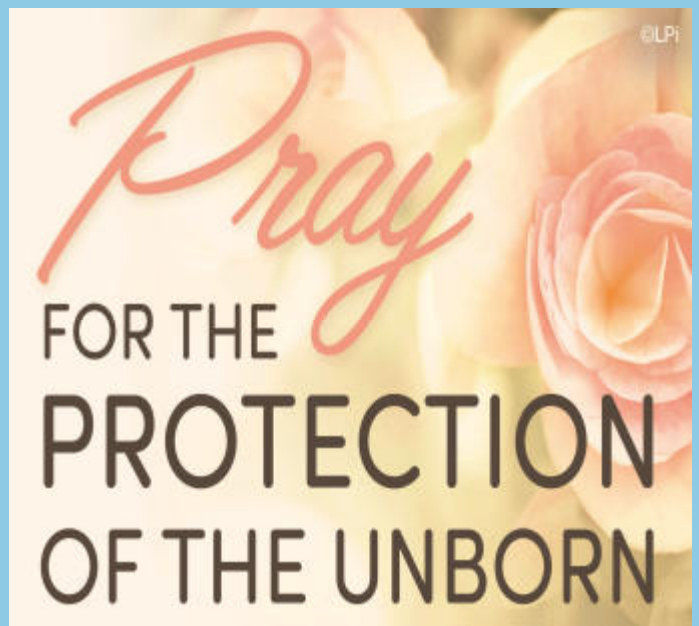
Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.
(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Nehemiah (8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10). When the Israelites return from exile, not only have the cities to be rebuilt and the land restored, but the people have to be rededicated to God and his Word. Ezra, the priest/scribe, is entrusted with the spiritual renewal and rededication of his people. In today's reading, Ezra is leading the people in a "covenant renewal" ceremony, at the center of which is a long proclamation of God's Word (from sunrise to midday). The people are very moved as they listen to God's Word. Everyone is weeping. They realize how they have been unfaithful to God and how much they have missed hearing his Word. The rededication ceremony concludes with a feast.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (19:8-10, 15) The psalm celebrates the goodness and beauty of God's law, which to the Israelites is the same as God's Word.

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-30). The Corinthian community is plagued by factions of varying kinds. In today's reading, Paul is preaching unity without diminishing the value of diversity. Just as each of our physical body parts must work together to ensure the proper functioning of our whole body, so must all the members of the Church – the Body of Christ – work together. Mutual respect, cooperation and support should characterize the interaction among the members of the community. *Each* gift is valuable and should be used to build up the community.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Luke (1:1-4; 4:14-21). "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred

Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

Readings

Monday ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30 see
522: Wis 7:7-10, 15-16; Mt 23:8-12

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25 see
523: Phil 4:4-9; Mt 18:1-5

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26
-34

Saturday ~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor
12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, January 26

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Dushore** Darleen Stoddard by the family

Sunday, January 27

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM **Mildred** John & Regina Guglielmi by Bob & Mary Guglielmi

9:30 AM **Dushore** Mass for the People

Monday, January 28

9:00 AM **Mildred** Theresa M. Walsh by Mary Jane Trasco & Shirley Litzelman

Tuesday, January 29

9:00 AM **Dushore** Beatrice Lang by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage

Wednesday, January 30

9:00 AM **Dushore** John J. Murray by Mark, Karen, & Alison Evangelisti

Thursday, January 31

9:00 AM **Dushore** Stefana Shoemaker by The Bob & Mary Getz Family

Friday, February 1

9:00 AM **Dushore** Anna McDonald by the McDonald Family

11:45 AM **Dushore** Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00 PM **Dushore** Benediction

Saturday, February 2

3:15 - 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM **Dushore** Lahman Stoddard by the family

Sunday, February 3

7:00 - 7:15 AM **Mildred** Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:30 AM **Mildred** Mass for the People

9:30 AM **Dushore** Wayne & Tommy Sick & parents by Abe & Bettyann Goodyear

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The bulletin was sent in before the collection was counted. Last weekend's collection will be included in next week's bulletin.

January Second Collections

January 27 ~ Fuel Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

Total Offertory

\$141,116.63

Total Expenses

\$253,504.70

Arrears

\$130,944.00



Liturgical Ministers for February 2-3

Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore R. Finan
7:30 AM Mildred J. Doyle
9:30 AM Dushore D. Fite

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore A. Hudzinski, K. Homer
7:30 AM Mildred R. Gumble, S. Moyer
9:30 AM Dushore J. Lambert, S. Wilcox

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore
7:30 AM Mildred H. Clark
9:30 AM Dushore C. Werner, C. Minier

A Prayer for our Military

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family. Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this, our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for:

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Question & Answer

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

The four servant songs, Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13--53:12, are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their Temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, and exiled them from their land, transporting them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

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An open letter to Catholic School Students:

Do you know why you are going to a Catholic school? Permit me to give you a little bit of background.

Your parents and grandparents are the ones who built the Catholic school educational system in your city, state, and nation. Your parents and grandparents saw the importance of a great education and saw the connection between their faith in God and his Church and education to assist the greater community in becoming more than just an average citizen of society and believer in Christ.

A Catholic school education is now more expensive than it used to be. In previous decades, religious sisters and brothers who worked for next to nothing staffed our Catholic schools. They spent long hours to make sure the teachings of the Church and the education of the next generation was excellent. Now our teachers are mostly laywomen and men. And they deserve a living wage and to provide for their own families.

As Catholic Schools Week 2019 approaches, let us remember where our Catholic schools were, and where they are going.

Let us pray...

God of knowledge and faith,
thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school.

When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important.

Thank you for my parents and grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years.

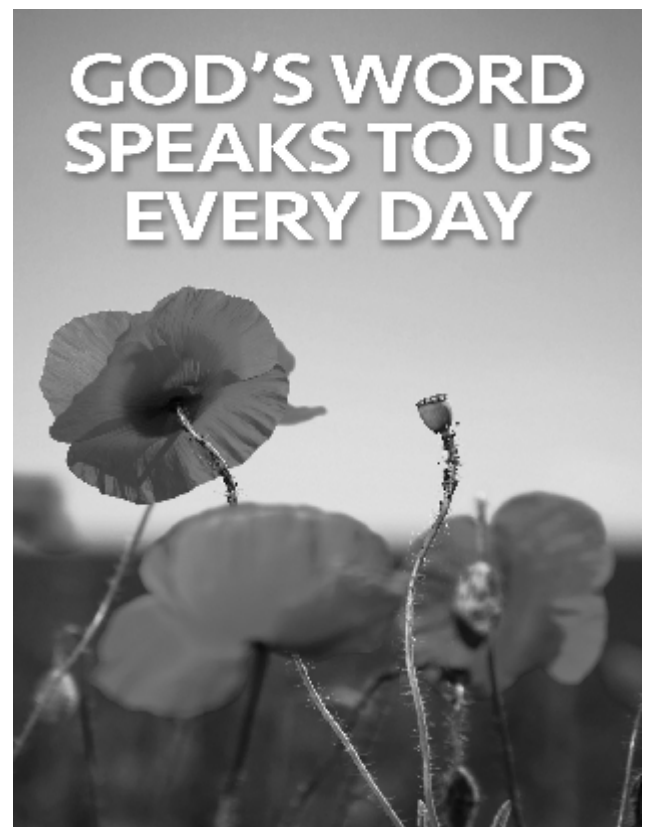
Help me to be a good student
and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country.

Please bless all those men and women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools.

Please bless my friends and teachers I learn with every day.

I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus.

Amen.



February 10: Knights of Columbus Breakfast ~ 8:00–11:30 AM

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Attention, Parishioners!

Due to the outbreak of influenza in the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the Diocese of Scranton has encouraged each parish to temporarily incorporate the following:

- Parishioners are urged to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass may be suspended. Church teaching states that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under one form of Holy Communion.

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Jeremiah 1:5



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