

Immaculate Heart of Mary **Catholic Church**

February 7, 2021

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5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - THE ONLY HOPE

"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again." —Job 7:6-7

Job was both very rich and very secure in that he had diversified investments. However, in three unrelated catastrophes, Job's financial empire crashed in one day (Jb 1:14ff). Yet, Job's bankruptcy was not the worst thing that happened to him that day. In another unrelated incident, Job's ten children were killed when the house in which they were gathered collapsed (Jb 1:2, 18-19). Later, Job contracted an extremely painful illness "with severe boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head" (Jb 2:7). Job had reason to say: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" (Jb 7:1) He considered life to be restless, hopeless, joyless "months of misery" (Jb 7:3ff).

Job's life was not that exceptional. Although few people have had so much hit them so fast, multiple tragedies are the rule of life and not the exception. Look at the billions of sick, dying, aborted, persecuted, oppressed, divorced, bereaved, exiled, starving, lonely, and rejected people.

Job's assessment of life is true, but it is not the whole truth. In Jesus, and only in Jesus, there is hope. Jesus loves us infinitely, forgives us our sins, saves us, heals the sick, frees us from demons, raises the dead, works together everything for the good (Rm 8:28), and takes us to be with Him forever in heaven. Jesus is our only Hope, and the only Hope we need. Whether or not people know Jesus, "everybody is looking" for Him (Mk 1:37) because everyone has to have hope and Jesus is our only Hope. Therefore, "should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply" (1 Pt 3:15).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 064:30pm Joe Homer by Mike & Marla Britten
Sunday, Feb 078:30am Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten
Tuesday, Feb 096:00pm Joe Homer by Mike & Marla Britten
Wednesday, Feb 106:00pm Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten
Thursday, Feb 117:30am Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 06, 2021 at 4:30pm

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown Rosary: Vero & Ethan Weinheimer

Sunday, Feb 07, 2021 at 8:30am

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

Rosary:

Saturday, Feb 13, 2021 at 4:30pm

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Rosary: Kacie & Phineas Eugea

Sunday, Feb 14, 2021 at 8:30am

Lector: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling

Rosary:

Mass Schedule

Confession:

Saturday......3:30-4:15pm Sunday.....7:55-8:15am or by appointment

1st Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament......7:00pm-10:00pm

Information

Marriage Preparation: Contact Father Raj at

least six months in advance.

Baptism: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Communion: Anyone unable to come

forward for communion, let Father Raj know before Mass. Those ill or homebound, please contact Father Raj to arrange for communion to be brought to your home.

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Sunday, Feb 07.....8:30am

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Tuesday, Feb 09......6:00pm Joe Homer by Mike & Marla Britten

Wednesday, Feb 10.....6:00pm Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten

Thursday, Feb 11......7:30am

Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten Friday, Feb 12......7:30am

Art & JoAnn Britten by Mike & Marla Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Bill Becker, Leonard Husemann, Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Matthew Gary Britten, Doris Britten, Phillip Ollinger, Dee Martinez, Shane King, Ann McNabb, George "Jiggs" Britten, Cobb Britten, Sister Louise, Schellon Major, Dianne Ollinger, Tony Moranic, Joe Winner, Ron Connelly, Ashli and Braelyn Evans, Jim Becker, Tony Treadwell, Arvella James, Laurel Ayers, John and Allison Bohr, Paul Bubliss, James "Smiley" and Erma Lee Kuehler.

Family Chalice Program

February 7...... Corkey, Sandie, & Hope
Hickey
February 14.......Mike & Marla Britten
February 28.....Jason & Vanessa Eugea
March 7......Rita Lister

Stewardship Reports

 01/31/21 Stewardship Report

 Individual
 \$ 1,880.00

 Loose
 \$ 416.00

 TOTAL
 \$ 2,296.00

01/31/21 The Church in Latin America Individual & TOTAL \$ 20.00

01/31/21 Building Fund Individual & TOTAL

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Rosary: Kacie & Phineas Eugea

Sunday, Feb 14, 2021 at 8:30am

Lector: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling

Rosary:

Saturday, Feb 20, 2021 at 4:30pm Lector: Kay Britten

Lector. Ray Dritter

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Rosary:

Sunday, Feb 21, 2021 at 8:30am

Lector: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Rosary: Nick Kuehler

Church Cleaning for February

Debbie Ollinger, Cara & Pam Ashford, Loretta Britten, Marla Britten, Sandra Britten, Sharon & Shelley Britten, Wamyth Britten, Lorri Connelly, Savannah & Tabitha Eggemeyer, K'Leigh & Tami Keesee, Nicole Kuehler, Mary Treadwell, and Sherri Wieberg

Announcements

Special Collection February 7th for Campus Ministries and the Building Fund.

St. Mary's of Clarendon is hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, February 12th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Meals are \$12, take out only. Proceeds benefit the church building fund.

The TYM will have a drive-thru breakfast on Sunday, Feb 14th. Please come through the circle drive at the parish hall to pick up your to-go order and make a donation to support our youth group.

Sunday, Feb 14th. Any TYM member that would like to attend must have a permission slip filled out by a parent.

Ash Wednesday Mass on Feb 17th at

The TYM is planning a bowling party on

7:30am and 7:00pm.

Stations of the Cross will be Wednesdays and Fridays at 6pm during lent.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 13......A: Mike & Stephanie Friemel

I would like to update the birthdays and anniversaries for the church bulletin. A list of names and dates can be dropped off in the collection basket. Thank you!

Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise will be on Feb 6 &7th.

The Book of Blessings contains the following provision for this rite: 1628. If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described in no. 1627, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blaise occurs on a Sunday, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing. A lay minister says the prayer proper to lay ministers without making the sign of the cross. The current circumstances would certainly be considered a sufficient pastoral reason to avoid administration of the blessing to individuals in the usual manner, should there be any concern of danger due to the ongoing pandemic. Therefore the Blessing of Throats should be celebrated in the following manner

A Priest or Deacon should give the blessing. No crossed candles are used. The presider should extend his hands over the congregation, say the prayer and make the Sign of the Cross over the Congregation. In order to avoid human contact during this pandemic: No individual blessings are to be given!

Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday, Feb 17 - 7:30am and 7:00pm.

Distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Stations of the Cross: For CCD children on Wednesdays at 6pm and for Parish Fridays 6pm