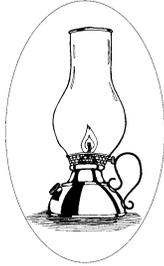


February 9, 2020

Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday



“You Are The Light of The World”

We expect to hear Jesus say of himself, “I am the light of the world,” as he does in the Gospel according to John (8:12). Jesus is the light and for several weeks we have heard scripture characterize Jesus in this way.

This Sunday, however, as we hear another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus charges his disciples to be salt and light of the world. That commitment to be salt and light translates into the activities described in today’s first reading. Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; remove from your midst false accusation and malicious speech and do not turn your back on your own.

Today’s Bulletin is printed in memory of Larry Seifert sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Larry Seifert by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Agnes Marko, Tillie & Joe Schoenfeld,
Spec. Int. - For The Sick

Saturday, February 15

6:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Fojtik Family

Sunday, February 16

6:30 a.m. Frances & Charlie Pilat

9:30 a.m. M/M Alfred I. Brandl

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: 119

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Larry Seifert.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner

February 23



Mark your calendar.
See insert for more information.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11

On February 11, the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated throughout the Church ... The theme of this year’s celebration is “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest,” (Matthew 11:28). Instituted by Saint John Paul II in 1992, this Day is an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers and volunteers, to give thanks for their God-given vocation of accompanying our infirm brothers and sisters. This celebration likewise gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized (cf. John Paul II, *Motu Proprio Dolentium Hominum*, 11 February 1985, 1).

Prayer for the Sick

Merciful Jesus, during Your life on earth You showed great concern for the sick and the infirm. Have compassion now on all those who are sick or in pain. Grant them a healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit. Comfort them with knowledge that we are praying for them and give them peace with a sense of your presence. May they know that in a special way they are united with You, their suffering Christ. May they contribute to the welfare of the whole People of God by associating themselves freely with your Passion and death for the salvation of the world. Bless, too, those who take care of the sick. In their own time of need, bestow on them a hundred-fold the blessings they have given to others. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room

– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY/ THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets

WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers

– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Susan Jasek.

REFLECTION

Salt And Light For Others

The instructions given to the disciples in last Sunday's gospel continue in today's. Jesus employs two metaphors to characterize the essence of discipleship: salt and light.

The importance of salt cannot be questioned by anyone. It is not only essential for life itself, it is also valuable for preserving, seasoning and purifying food and for fertilizing. In a sense, salt loses its separate identity when it salts something else. Its value resides in the way it acts on another substance. This is what Jesus is alluding to when he says that salt is worthless if it loses its taste. It can no longer act on anything. This is an important characteristic to remember when we apply this metaphor to the disciples. Their worth is gauged according to the influence they have on one another.

The second metaphor is light. The disciples are told that they are the light of the world. Two distinct images are used to exemplify the role played by light. These are a city on a mountain and a lamp on a stand in a house. The first calls to mind the countryside at night. There are no lights on the road to dissipate the darkness. Then on a hill in the distance one can see the lights of a city. The surrounding darkness only accentuates the light from the city, which serves as a beacon leading the traveler to a place of safety. The second image is a lamp intended to provide light in a house. The flame is uncovered and held high, so its rays light up the entire room.

True disciples are the light that shines in the darkness of ignorance of faithlessness. They enlighten others not by words but by their manner of living. It is this manner of living that declares to the world that the reign of God has indeed been established in their midst.

How are you salt and light for others?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 9 – Brittania Darilek, Phillip Geissen, Phil Hosemann, Michael Raab, Taylor Self

Feb. 10 – Patrick Cinadr, Georgia Holub, Kyle Koncaba Daniel Kresta

Feb. 12 – John Gomez, Heather Rebecsek

Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak

Feb. 14 – Agnes Jasek, Debbie Rother

Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 10 – LaSae & Eric Rother

Feb. 11 – Lillian & Pat Kubicek

Feb. 12 – Barbara & Allen Hermes

– Windi & Matt Michal

– Cleo & Leroy Nieto

Feb. 14 – Mava & Marcus Jalufka

LOOKING AHEAD ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT

Ash Wednesday is a couple of weeks away – February 26. It will be here before you know it. As we prepare for the upcoming season of Lent, when we turn our minds and hearts back to the God of mercy, we reflect on why we celebrate Lent.



Every year in the middle of a week in late winter we go to Church and have the ashes smudged upon our clean foreheads. Every year the churches are filled to overflowing with the regulars and the not-so-regulars. Why do we still undergo this ritual of ashes that is centuries old, as old as the prophets who pleaded with God's people to turn back from sin and toward God? We go because we need to go, because at least once a year we need to be reminded that our deepest hunger is the hunger for God.

Lent is a gift that the Church in her wisdom celebrates every year. It is a gift of time, a gift of contemplation, and a gift of quiet so that we may listen to the Word, who whispers to us to come back to the God who created us. It encourages us to turn away from the noise and over-indulged appetites so that we may understand the hunger that can be filled—with the grace of God—only by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.

– Cullen from Loyola Press: *Finding God in Ash Wednesday*

Lenten Bible Study: Parishioners are invited to join the Lenten Bible Study Group. Contact Sharon Etlinger (361-772-2618) or the Parish Office for more information/to ensure study materials for all participants.

Lenten Fish Fry: Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

__ Feb. 26 __ Feb. 28 __ Mar. 6 __ Mar. 13

__ Mar. 20 __ Mar. 27 __ Apr. 3

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15

The Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday after Mass. Round trip transportation to Cathedral Oaks is provided from Queen of Peace Church, Sweet Home. **All 2020 Retreatant fees have been paid in full by an anonymous donor.** For more information contact David Raab. Registration forms available at the main entrance to church.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Feb. 10 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

Feb. 12 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th CCD

Next Sunday – Youth Mass (3rd & 4th Grades); C.C.D.

– First Communion Parents Meeting