



Go and do likewise... Luke 10:37

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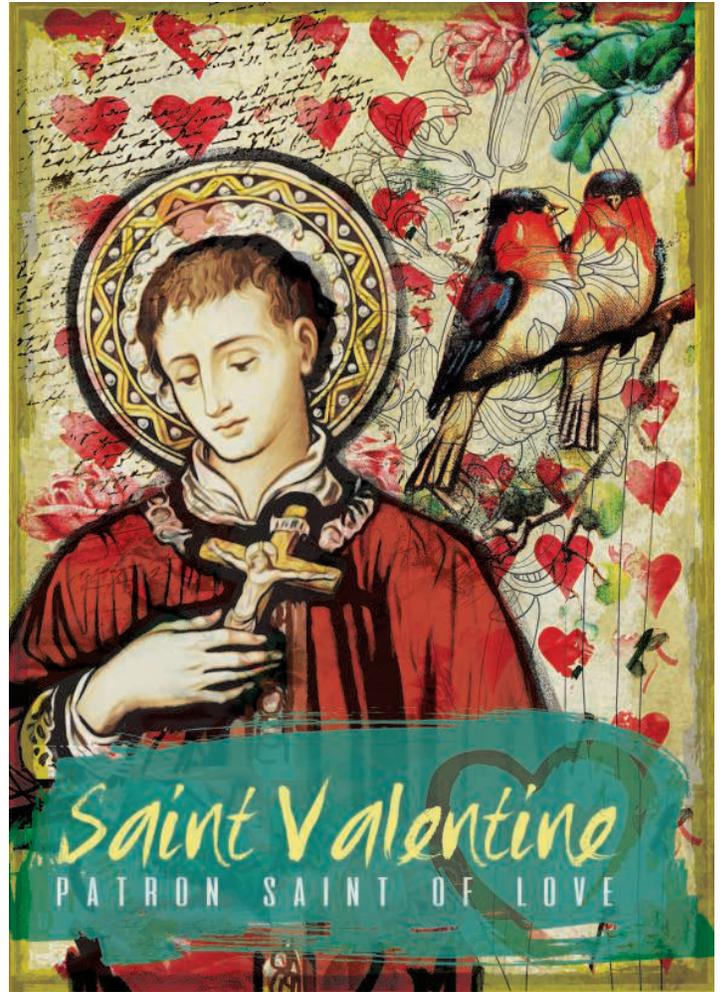
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Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1

Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Father's Corner

"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9).

It was George Carlin, I think, who once said, "When I was born, I was so stunned that I couldn't speak for two years!" There's a story about a young mother who described her delight in watching her new baby awake to more awareness. "She's beautiful. She's starting to vocalize a bit and smiles a lot when we talk to her. This morning, while her six year-old sister and I were having breakfast, I looked into the baby's eyes and said, 'Are you talking to me?' She replied with something that sounded like 'yeah!' Her sister was so excited - 'Mommy, she talked!' I didn't have the heart to tell her that it was just a random utterance." This is a wonderful image, I believe, to describe what it will be like for each of us when we are born again into heaven. The maternal side of God will be looking us in the eyes, smiling, and trying to coax a smile and some words out of us, but we will be a bit too overwhelmed and underdeveloped to speak. The saints will be following our progress with joy, delighting in each of our little breakthroughs, as we awaken and struggle to learn the language of heaven.

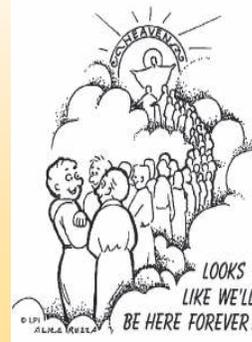
A generation ago, C.S. Lewis wrote a brilliant little book on heaven, hell, and purgatory, entitled, *The Great Divorce*. In that book, he stresses the moral continuity between this world and the next. However, because Lewis wanted so much to emphasize the way we shape our hearts in this world will determine how we respond to love in the next, the reader can easily get the impression that heaven is a lot like here only nicer, that heaven will simply be our present life beautified. No doubt this is true, but our faith cautions us to not think of this too literally - Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor is the human person even capable of imagining what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Heaven is going to be wonderful, no doubt. However, it isn't going to be a simple extension of this life. Rebirth will be as much of a stretch for us as was first birth. We will, after a period of purification, wake up in heaven like an infant again, too overwhelmed to speak, needing to be coaxed into a new language and a new consciousness by God's smile and the delight of the saints. Some of learning this new language and consciousness is already possible for us here. We will have to try to learn the language of God's stillness and divine quiet, in our own way. Perhaps it might be through our intimate relationships within marriage and family, where words at a point become superfluous; or perhaps it will be in our loneliness and solitude, where silence breaks through both so painfully and peacefully; or maybe it will be through the very tediousness of our daily tasks, where burdens often reduce us to silence; or perhaps it might be through teaching our own baby how to speak.

Jesus told us that each of us needs to be born again, once from below and once from above. We need also to be taught twice how to speak. Our mothers once

gave us birth from below, and they also coaxed and lured us into speech. Our second birth, our birth from above, will be somewhat similar. There will be time of having to leave the womb, the familiar, this life, and then a lonely journey down an unwanted birth canal into the greatest of all unknowns. Light, love, and community will greet us

upon arrival. However, it will be somewhat overwhelming, beyond language and imagination. We will be too stunned to speak, but God's smile and the delight of the Saints will soon awaken within us a smile and evoke from us something that sounds like a "yeah!"



God's Blessings,

Father James Trempe

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Cathy Noth 2/12
Shelly Patoka 2/12
Cade Worzalla 2/12
Rose Warzynski 2/13
Marlene Helbach 2/13
Steven Colombe 2/13
Jeremy Firkus 2/13

Randy Yeska 2/16
Ryan Butzin 2/16
Travis Firkus 2/17
Nathaniel Yeska 2/17
Edwin Bunk 2/18
Graham Barden 2/18

Anniversaries

Zach & Amy Mykisen 2/13
Scott & Cheri Wiczek 2/13
Duane & Judy Clark 2/14
Zach & Lindsay Harvey 2/14
Maurice & Barbara Volk 2/16
Joseph & Christa Kedrowicz 2/18

Please remember these parishioners in your daily prayers

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who already made their pledge. For those who have never pledged before, there has never been a better time. I am really encouraging new/ first time givers. We need everyone's help. If you can only afford \$20, that is great. The key is to have everyone pledge. When we reach our goal, 100% of the money will then come back to the parish. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or if you would like to make an initial or additional pledge. Pledge cards are available in the parish office.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Thank You



Thanks to all who attended last week's PCCW sponsored meeting with Portage County Sheriff Mike Lukas. Please see the bulletin insert for details on some of the personal and internet safety items he discussed.

Know Someone Celebrating 50 years of Marriage?

The Diocese is sponsoring a celebration for these couples. Submit their names, addresses, and phone numbers to the parish office by March 15, 2017. Bishop Calahan will send a special invitation to attend in their honor. The dates and locations are:
 July 23-St. Mary Altoona
 August 6-St. Bronislava Plover
 August 13-St. Christ the King La Crosse



St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner
Sunday, March 19th
Serving 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00
 Children Ages 6-13:\$4.00 5 & Under: Free
Menu: ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, baked beans, corn, coleslaw, pickles, rolls, cake/pie, milk/coffee.
Each family is asked to donate the following:
 2 large pies: apple, lemon, pecan, or any berry
We are known for our homemade pies!
Also, families with the last names:
A - I: 1/2 gallon of milk (not skim)
J - R: 1 quart of pickles
S - Z: One 15 oz. can of whole kernel corn (no creamed or frozen corn)
 Sign up sheet and posters are in the gathering space.
 Questions? Contact Pat Heidger at 715.459.4931 or Mary 715.340.7217.

Basket Raffle

Year after year at our annual Ham Dinner, people enjoy these baskets and we are amazed at the love and time put into each one. Please consider putting your time and talent together to design a basket of your favorite theme: *Easter, Spring, gardening girls/guys, kids, pets, candy/chocolate, chores, fishing, hobbies, books, crafts, and lotions... the ideas are endless.*
If you would rather donate items for a basket, bring your items to church and place them in the coat rack area no later than Wednesday, March 15th.
 Baskets will be displayed in the gathering space.
 Questions? Call Bernie 920.765.3592.

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

Marriage Arrangements

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Fr. Jim at 824-3380.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office or call 715.824.3380.

Office Hours

Tuesday 1:00pm-6:30pm Wednesday 8:30am-1:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm Thursday 8:30am-1:00pm

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, February 18

Servers: Laura K. & Caleb K.
 Reader: Sharon Kurzynski
 Usher Captain: Alan Bauer
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Sharon K., Diane Z., Pat H., Betty G.

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am

Servers: McKenna C., Austin Z., Matt S.
 Reader: Joan Baumann
 Usher Captain: George Caldwell
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Joan B., Helen b., Doreen K., Peggy R.

Sunday, February 19

10:00 am

Servers: Logan V., Jason M., Alex M.
 Reader: Marilyn Kreuser
 Usher Captain: Pat Peskie
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Deone P., Kathy G., Melanie D., Nila P.



Your Financial Support for 2/5/2017

Adult Envelopes:	2903.00
Offertory:	244.48
Children's:	0
Maintenance & Repairs:	13.00
Vigil Candles	56.00
Total:	3,216.48

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

Esto Vir Men's Conference

March 4th

The Esto Vir Men's Conference is coming up on March 4th in Green Bay, WI. This conference is open to all men ages 12 and up. The theme this year is "Making Sense of a Senseless World." Speakers include Green Bay Packers coach David Raih, Father Larry Richards, Matt Fradd, and Fr. Jewel Aytona. There is a group of men from St. Max's planning to attend this event. Contact Todd Hoerter at 715.340.6120 or call the parish office for more information.

Separated  Divorced  Support Group

Are you or someone you know divorced or separated? Are you looking for other Catholics for support? St. Max's is looking into a ministry for those who are separated or divorced. If you are interested, please contact Nancy at 715.366.2795 evenings or email her at nbozek@hotmail.com OR Chad at 715.340.0334 or email him at cascipior@yahoo.com for more information. You do not need to be a member of St. Max's to participate.

Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose with Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly, inspirational catholic speaker & author of the book "Resisting Happiness," will be in Green Bay, Wisconsin on May 7th from 2-6pm. To purchase tickets, go to **DynamicCatholic.com** and type in Matthew Kelly events. Select the event name listed above. The cost is \$39 per person. If the cost is a concern, contact Fr. Jim or Mary Shea. Bus transportation may be available if enough people are interested. Please contact Mary at 715.340.7217 by Feb 5th, so we will have an accurate count of those who are going and our transportation needs.

Don't Delay!! Tickets are going fast!

Sacred Heart Church Polonia Ponczka Bingo Party

Sunday, February 26th at 1pm

•Bake Sale •Cherry
Tree •Raffle •Food
Ponczas Plain \$7/dozen
Filled \$7.50/dozen
Peanut Squares \$4



St. Adalbert Catholic Parish Fish Fry February 24th to April 7th

Serving 4-7:30pm

Fish or Shrimp-\$9.50 Children \$5.50

Choice of potato, coleslaw, bread & dessert.

Coffee/milk Domestic/craft beers available

Take out orders 715.677.4518. Weekly Raffle

Parish Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, February 11

**Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick**

6:15 –6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Carol Trempe
By John & Mary Shea

Sunday, February 12 **World Marriage Day**

7:45-8:15 a.m. Confession
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Father Dan Farley
By Terry & Kevin Higgins
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of
St. Maximilian Kolbe
6:30 p.m. Adoration

Monday, February 13

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 14 **Sts. Cyril, Methodius**

5:00 p.m. Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 p.m. MASS: For the Mongan Children
By Mom & Dad

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Tony Churas
By Family & Friends
6:00 p.m. Religious Ed Classes

Thursday, February 16

8:00 a.m. MASS: +Tom Barden
By George & Germaine Socik

Friday, February 17 **Seven Holy Founders Of the Servite Order**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+David Hetzer
By Terry & Kevin Higgins

Saturday, February 18

6:15-6:45 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. MASS: For the Improved Health of Steven
Oswald By Chuck & Betty Oswald

Sunday, February 19 **7th Sunday Ordinary Time**

7:45-8:15 a.m. Confession
8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of
St. Maximilian Kolbe
10:00 a.m. MASS: +Susan L., Worzalla
By Sandy Hlntz
6:30 p.m. Adoration

Act today in such a way that
you need not blush tomorrow.

—St. John Bosco





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