

January 29, 2017
Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday



“Blessed”

What blessing is there in being poor? In sorrowing? In hunger or in being thirsty? These burdens are usually avoided. Jesus however pronounces these very burdens “blessed.” Today, we come to grips with the struggle inherent in our calling as disciples. The Beatitudes are the great guide for Christian living.

Today’s Bulletin is printed in memory of the deceased of the Dierschke & Fojtik Families.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Martha Orsak by her family & friends.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 4
 6:30 p.m. Rudy Winkler
 Sunday, February 5
 6:30 a.m. Josephine & E.E. Darilek
 9:30 a.m. Special Intention – In Thanksgiving

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm: 112
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Michael Esparza and Robert Shockley.

The Christian Mothers will lead the Saturday evening rosary during the month of February.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.

**Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner
 February 26, 2017**

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.



Proceeds are used to purchase the hosts, altar wine, oil for the candles, altar linens, vestments, and other items needed for Liturgical celebration. The Altar Society also provides altar flowers when needed and monetary support for Church projects and programs.

ST. JOSEPH’S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Paul Leininger
 Mary Lou Dierschke*

*In Memory of Lee Schoenfeld
 Lucy Schoenfeld
 Marian & Ben Darilek
 Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck
 Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff*

ST. JOSEPH’S CEMETERY FUND

*In Memory of Lee Schoenfeld
 Gladys Seifert Patsy Zamykal
 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Tucker*

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
 February 2nd**

We recall and honor the bringing of the infant Christ to the temple by Mary and Joseph for the prescribed offering. According to Jewish law, this was to take place 40 days after the child’s birth. It is in the midst of this ritual action that two holy prophets, Anna and Simeon, beheld the Christ child and recognized him for who he was: the promised Messiah who would redeem and save all people.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Parishioners are invited to join the Lenten Bible Study Group organized by Anna Bartos. If interested or for more information contact Anna (596-4872) by February 19 to ensure study materials for all participants.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC
WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., YMC
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, former KC Hall
FRIDAY – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Family Room
 – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION



The Inescapable Way of the Beatitudes For The Disciple

The first word of each Beatitude may be confusing for those who do not understand. The people called “Blessed” are people in a painful situation. To accept and understand this paradox, we must first turn to Jesus, because to be a disciple means to learn from the Master, follow his manner of life and his way of thinking. The Beatitudes could best be appreciated as a self-portrait of Jesus as well as an invitation to be like him in every regard. *It is Jesus who is* the poor in spirit, the meek, the one who hungers and thirsts for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemaker, the persecuted – unto death. He is however exalted in glory and seated at the right hand of the Father, therefore – “Blessed.” Therefore, those who share what he has been, who are identified with him in their poverty already share in his glory and are “Blessed.” The reward is not delayed; it is already in this very identification. What remains to come is the manifestation of that bliss. Those described in the Beatitudes, already possess the earnest money and, in some way, the title to happiness.

By contemplating Christ, we can understand that we are “Blessed” and why.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 29 – Morgan Bohuslav
Jan. 30 – Michael Blaschke, Frank Svetlik
Jan. 31 – Bailey Petrek
Feb. 1 – Kelly Nieto
Feb. 2 – Mary Ann Henry
Feb. 3 – Carlos Portales
Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Wesley Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 31 – Gloria & David Reindl
Feb. 1 – Janet & William Darilek
– Marian & Ben Darilek

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Jan. 30 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 1 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Youth Ministry Fund
In Memory of Lee Schoenfeld
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For centuries the Catholic faithful have found ways to express their love for the living presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only in Mass, but in a rich variety of devotions. The reservation of the consecrated hosts in a tabernacle arose out of a practical need – so that Eucharist could be taken to the sick and homebound – but over time the reserved sacrament became an object of prayer in its own right. In the Middle Ages devotion to the Blessed Sacrament grew by leaps and bounds, in proportion as the faithful received Holy Communion less and less frequently. Practices such as adoration (simple prayer before the tabernacle), exposition (prayer before the consecrated host, exposed in the ciborium or in a monstrance), and benediction (the blessing of the people with the sacrament, exposed in a monstrance) allowed the faithful to come close to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



Mass is of course the most important way in which we adore and praise the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. But other rites can also help us to enter into the mystery of the Eucharist. Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in a monstrance is, above all, a prayer of love and thanksgiving.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Sharon Etlinger, *open*
9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck
11:00-12:00 p.m. – Barbara Hermes, *open*
12:00-1:00 p.m. – James Wenske, *open*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *open*
3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske
4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
4:30-5:00 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, Mike Janecek
5:00-5:30 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Angie Jalufka
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, *open*

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2, 2017

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. It is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.