

Catholic Community of St. Pius X

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



-Psalm 147:4

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

The Scriptures at a Glance:

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me.

Psalm: Psalm 147

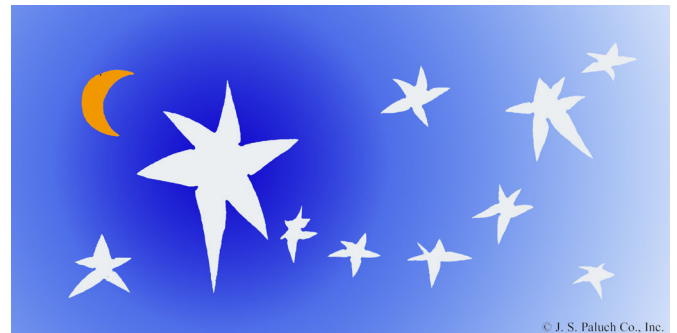
[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.



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Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. The Gospel has one curious sentence about those demons: Jesus did not let them speak “because they knew who he was” (Mark 1:34). Apparently the demons would have identified him as the Son of God. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and would try to proclaim him their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

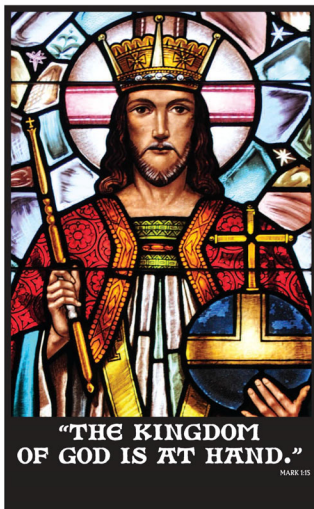
Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ’s resurrection (and ours), he needs no other recompense (1 Corinthians 9:18). All he wants is to share eternal life. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he believes he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for? What is your goal in life? Do you feel secure only when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people—or at least a few hundred Facebook friends—to make you happy? Or are you like Job in the first reading, with no hope of escaping a life of drudgery? He eventually found that only by trusting God can anyone be happy, even when things go wrong.

We can follow Paul’s example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul’s love was not intended to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the Good News to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. He knew the gospel requires a change of heart, so his love for others helped them to be more open to change. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with God’s love so that we can help each other to hear the Good News.

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DIocese OF JOLIET 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL “THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND” (MARK 1:15)

Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible.

Your gift to the Appeal not only funds the operations of the Diocese of Joliet, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “The Kingdom of God is at Hand.” God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

Please answer the bishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

MARCH FOR LIFE — JANUARY 20-24, 2012

We certainly weren't going to let a little bit of snow accumulation stop us!! We began our adventure on Saturday, the 21st with four busloads from the Diocese of Joliet to Washington, DC. Our trip with a few of the teens from Youth Ministry to participate in the annual March for Life was amazing to say the least!! Take a look:



Opening Mass for Life with Bishop Conlon at St. Raymond's Cathedral Sunday, January 15, 2012

What did we see in Washington DC?



Teens outside Lincoln Memorial

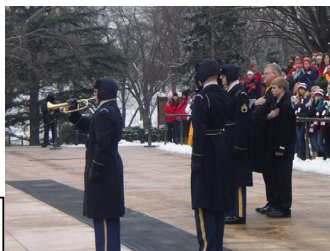


Korean Memorial



Joliet Diocese wreath at Arlington Cemetery

Bishop Siegel & two Diocesan teens during playing of Taps



"It was unbelievable being at Arlington National Cemetery. To see all the gravestones & all who gave totally of themselves for our country."

-teen from St. Pius X

Visit & Mass at Basilica of Immaculate Mary



Chapel of Pope Pius X at Basilica



Crowds of thousands wait for Mass



Lukas, Tom, Paul, Dan, and Josh

"I couldn't believe the size of the Basilica, much less the beauty of it. It was so amazing to be there."
-teen from St. Pius X

March for Life Rally at Armory and March for Life



Lukas, Gina, Dan, & Josh before Rally



Tens of thousands of teens at Youth Pep Rally

"This was really unbelievable. I am so glad I came to this. I want to do this again next year."
-teen from St. Pius X



Bishop Conlon ready to march



We reach the Supreme Court

Back home from the March! Bishop Conlon celebrated a Mass after we unloaded. We gave thanks & praise for our pilgrimage to Washington DC, showing our voice strongly as Pro-Life!

ST. PIUS X PRAYER CHAPEL



The Prayer Chapel is open Sunday through Friday evenings, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please come and adore Him. Use Door #8 on east side of church building. Would you like to sign up for an hour per week in the Prayer Chapel? Please contact our leaders to pledge your hour.

Sunday	Estelle Soger	630-627-8310
Monday	Cathy Monckton	708-646-8067
Tuesday	Michelle LoCoco	630-620-6283
Wednesday	Linda Chan	630-941-8918
Thursday	Ceil D'Acquisto	630-627-9472
Friday	Carol Gawenda	630-833-3211

DEACON SPEAKIN'



I remember being a young boy in a Catholic school during the 50's and hearing the nuns tell the stories of the apostles and martyrs who died for their faith in Jesus Christ. St. Peter was crucified on an upside down cross, St. Paul was beheaded, and St. Thomas,

the apostle, was shot to death with arrows in India, just to name a few. I remember being impressed by a faith that would give them the strength to die rather than deny their faith in Jesus. I wondered if I were presented with the forced-choice of denying my faith in Jesus, or being put to death, which would I choose? As I thought about it, I remember experiencing a very eerie feeling in the pit of my stomach, that maybe, just maybe, I would not have the courage to live out my faith and stand up for Jesus with my life. It is very easy to be a faith-filled believer when things are going well, and your perceived losses, sufferings and confusions are trivial, and there are no threats against you or your loved ones. But, where is that faith when your life becomes like Job's in the first reading? Where is that faith when you are being called to stand up for the faith, for Jesus?

I would comfort myself with the thought that these martyrs were killed for their faith hundreds or thousands of years ago. Things like this would not happen in the modern world, not in a free country, not in the United States. As long as I was not living in a Communist country, I could practice my religion free from government interference. That may not be the case anymore. Over the last few years, Christianity has become the object of some subtle and some not so subtle persecution. We are not being asked directly to deny our faith, at least not yet. But we may be prevented by law from practicing it. A little today, a little tomorrow and then its totally outlawed. The current action by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is another step in the direction of persecution. It is very important that we read the letter from Bishop Conlon and respond as he suggests.

Pray for our country and ask God to bless the United States.

Deacon Tom

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday February 6-St. Paul Miki and Companions
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
8:30 am †Carmella Palandri by D'Acquisto Family

Tuesday February 7
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
8:30 am †Al Hynes by Dick Galvin

Wednesday February 8
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
8:30 am †Joe Palermo by Peter & Mary Jane Mastro

Thursday February 9
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
8:30 am †Tom Pflum by family

Friday February 10-Saint Scholastica
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
8:30 am †Dolores Williams by Therese Brossard
St. Pius X School Children participating

Saturday February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
4:00-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm All Scouts and their families
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday February 12
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
8:00 am †Norma Stierheim by Diener Family
9:30 am †Carmella Palandri by Barb Keane
11:00 am †Joseph Jablonsky by Joanne Brickley
Our Parents
(Anointing offered during 11 am Mass)
12:30 pm Baptism Ceremony


Pray for the following parishioners and friends who are ill:

*Timothy Field
Fr. Herb Essig
Dolores Stroh
Joyce Watts*

*George McAloon
Kevin Blaney
John Ley*

... YOU CAN'T BE BOTH

Legal abortion was supposed to end "back-alley abortions," both their dangers and their entanglements with shady characters. But the practice and the mores of the back alley are with us still, tolerated by people for whom the ready provision of abortion trumps all else.

Rich Lowry

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SIMPLE SUPPERS



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be commemorated each Friday at 6:30 PM followed by a Simple Supper of soup, bread and water. Free will donations will be collected for the meal to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We are in need of individuals, families or parish ministry groups to provide three (3) large pots of meatless soup and bread/rolls to serve between 25-30 people for each of the following Fridays in Lent: February 24, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23 and March 30. This may serve as a service project for our local high schools or for our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation candidates.

Set up for the meal typically begins around 5:30 PM. Dinner follows Stations at approximately 7:00 PM. Clean-up is usually completed before 8:30 pm. If you are interested in providing any part of the meal and/or assisting with serving, please contact Leanne Newman at 630-627-8509 or newman.leanne@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to specify the date you would like to participate and what you would like to provide.

Thank you for considering this service to our parish community!



ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM



Week of February 5
Session 5: *The Church Acts with Boldness*



Readings: Acts 4:1-31; Matthew 26:59, 27:41-43 and 28:11-14; Luke 12:11-12, 20:9-19, 21:12-15; Isaiah 28:14-16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-9; Psalm 2; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Acts 4 reaches a climax in a confrontation between the religious leaders of Israel and the apostles. Are the chief priests, elders and scribes or the apostles the legitimate authorities in Israel? Brought before the Sanhedrin, Peter and John boldly proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, narrowly escaping imprisonment or death. They refuse to follow the dictate of the Sanhedrin to stop teaching in Jesus' name and call on God for strength to continue His work. Jesus' disciples are not only bold in their preaching, but also in the way they pray. This boldness is the fruit of their encounter with the living Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions about the study, call Kelly Reznicek at 630-629-5954 or email KellyRez@comcast.net.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22

Lent, already?? Yes, in just a couple of short weeks Lent will be upon us. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

What really is Lent, and why should I “get ready” for it? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 540, “By the solemn forty days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.”

So in other words, Lent is a time for reflection and conversion of heart. We “go away” for a while, with Jesus, to grow deeper in our relationship with Him and to change our hearts. Lent allows us time to go “into the wilderness” to confront our weaknesses and to learn to trust in God as our Father. So preparing for this season is worth our time and effort. No one would embark on a camping trip, without making sure that you have the proper provisions to complete the journey – like food, shelter and water.

The Church recommends **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** during Lent.

- **Prayer** allows us to be who we really are with God. We open our hearts to Him and he changes us. This is conversion of our hearts to His Sacred Heart.
- **Fasting**, or denying ourselves of something, positions our hearts to an openness of God's desire for us. For in the “giving up,” we realize our dependence on God and not on things of this world.
- **Almsgiving** gives us an opportunity to give rather than to receive, which changes our hearts from selfish wanting to selfless giving.

So what am I getting ready for?

Easter – the most joyous celebration and greatest feast of the liturgical year. We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin and death and rise with Him to new life. We are reborn and come out of “the desert” of Lent, changed and glorified.

To help you prepare during this season of Lent, the Worship Commission, Adult Faith Formation, Service Commission, and Adoration Committee, invite you to pray, fast, give alms and listen to some talks that will allow us to reflect, grow closer to God and open our hearts to the gift of Christ in our lives.

We will be offering 3 sessions of Fr. Robert Baron's series, “Catholicism.” These are free and will include a discussion time following the DVD. More details will follow in the bulletin.

Adoration is in the chapel Sunday thru Friday evenings from 7:00 — 11:00 pm. Come spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Stations of the Cross will start on Friday, February 24, through Friday, March 30, beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by a Simple Supper of soup, bread and water. Donations will be accepted for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

On Sunday, March 11, and Monday, March 12, we will be having our Parish Mission. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, a renowned speaker from EWTN and Relevant Radio. He is the director of the CrossroadsInitiative.com, a Catholic apostolate of evangelization and renewal. More details will follow in the bulletin.

Scouts' Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 12

Please Support Our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts!
The St. Pius X Pack/Troop 140 Annual Pancake Breakfast is on **Sunday February 12** in the **St. Pius X Social Center** from **7:30 am-1:00 pm**. You can purchase "all you can eat pancakes" tickets in advance from any scout or on Friendship Sunday, February 5, after each Mass for \$5. You can purchase tickets at the door for \$7. Children under 5 free. For more information call 630-295-9200.



Troop 140 wishes to thank all of our Company Sponsors including Mike's Meat Market of Villa Park and Graphics Plus Inc of Lisle.

For over a century, the Boy Scouts of America have been one of the nation's largest value-based youth development organizations. Currently, 115 Scouts participate in the Troop and Pack Programs. Since Scouting's inception at St Pius, 50+ young men have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Wine and Unwind



Are you a fan of Top Chef? Even if you're not, you will enjoy an evening in the College of DuPage Culinary Arts dining room. A gourmet meal with choices, wine, and a guest speaker. It's time for the CCW Wine and Unwind dinner. An evening with friends to relax and enjoy. Please save the date of February 16. Car pooling from St. Pius X will be available. Reservations will be taken after Masses. The price will remain the same

as last year—\$35.00. Hope you can join us. If you have any questions call Cheryl Sutton at 630-740-5838 after 6:30 PM.

JDCCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

The Joliet Diocesan CCW is again accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. The scholarship is open to any student attending a Diocesan High School for 2012-2013. If you are in 8th grade and have been accepted to a Diocesan High School or are already attending a Diocesan High School, you may apply. Applications are available in the School Office, the Faith Formation Office, or the Parish Office. There can only be one candidate from each parish, submitting only one application. Your applications must be received by the St. Pius X CCW scholarship committee by March 1, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship, please contact Cheryl Sutton 630-740-5838 or Linnea Warda 630-629-0154 in the evening.

ST. PIUS X CLOTHING & TOY RESALE

Our Spring Children's Clothing and Toy Resale Registration for sellers is February 9th from 7-8 pm and February 15th from 7-8 pm in the school library.

Current seller numbers held for first registration date only. Clothing and Toy Resale is on March 9 from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm and March 10 from 9 am-12 pm. We are in need of parents who would be interested in joining our committee or volunteering for the school year. This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Pius parents while helping St. Pius School.

For more information on being a member of the clothing & toy resale committee please contact:

Lori Franz 630-279-5247 Loriafranz@hotmail.com or
Laura Fontana 630-926-2605 LFonilaf2@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your support & may God bless you and your family.

V.I.P. SENIORS

February — Happy Valentine's Day!



Love is the word of the season; our color this month is **RED**. Lent is near, so please bring a non-perishable item for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Bring a few pennies for the LRC game after our lunch prepared by our favorite caterer, Jeanette.

February 14 at 11:30 am in the Wagner Room. Please RSVP to Sr. Pauline (630-627-5810) by February 7. Thank you.

One of our St. Pius X parishioners is looking for help with light household chores and preparing lunch. Part-time work from 11 am to 2 pm three days per week. Please call the Parish Office if interested. (630-627-4526)

WE CARE—WE SHARE

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early, often before dawn, and go to a deserted place to pray. He then went out to preach and to heal.

With your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring help and healing to the poor, hungry and homeless.

Our pantry needs this month include:



- Caned meals
- Canned fruit
- Paper products

Thank you for all you do and may God bless you in your giving.



KNIGHTLIFE

what's happening at school . . .

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Flat Stanley Visits the White House!



St. Pius 2nd graders, along with their 6th grade helpers, have been quite busy at school with their exciting Flat Stanley projects. Students customized their own Flat Stanleys and sent them off with letters to places all over the country, some near, some far, and even a few locations outside of the U.S.

Second grader, Ruby D., and her 6th grade friend, Kate C., sent their Flat Stanley to Ruby's aunt in Washington, D.C. where he was given a new coat and a tour of our capital city. Flat Stanley returned to St. Pius with a book full of facts and photos for Ruby to share with her classmates.

Flat Stanley originated from the 1964 children's book written by Jeff Brown about Stanley Lambchop, who is flattened by a bulletin board and discovers he can easily visit friends by being mailed in an envelope. The Flat Stanley project was started in 1995 by 3rd grade teacher, Dale Hubert from Canada.

The project is giving the students a history lesson on the places visited by Stanley, places they may never get to visit.

So far they have also received responses back from St. Louis, Florida, California, and Wisconsin. A few of the other exciting destinations Stanley is visiting include Georgia, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, Colorado, Kansas, New York, Arizona, Japan and England. The projects are being posted outside the 2nd grade classrooms as Stanley returns from his travels.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

To all who generously gave to our U.S. sailors through the **Molly Adopt a Sailor** project. May God Bless you for remembering our true heroes.

Thank you to all who visited us last week during our Open House! If you were not able to visit, please give us a call to schedule your personal tour of our school.

**Open registration begins
this Tuesday, February 7th at 9:30 a.m.**

Come see how a Catholic education at St. Pius X Parish School can enrich your child. Give us a call for more information at 630-627-2353.



Wats
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ST. PIUS X
PARISH SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL AUCTION

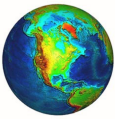
St. Pius X Parish will host their annual Live and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Montini High School in Lombard. All are invited to enjoy an evening of dining, entertainment and live and silent bidding on amazing prizes and deluxe gift baskets.

We are so excited to honor Sister Pauline Schutz for her dedication to our parish and school community.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased during school hours in the school office, or after Masses each weekend. (\$54 Reserved; \$44 General; \$34 Seniors - General Seating)

Proceeds from St. Pius's H.A.T.S. auction will directly support our school. Contact Laura Guerrero, Auction Chair at auction@stpiuslombard.org.

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE



Put Your Home to the Test – Doing a home improvement project this winter? [ENERGY STAR has online tools](#) to evaluate your home's energy performance and offer solutions to increase comfort and energy efficiency. Have your utility bills handy

for savings calculations.

1. **Consult a Professional** – Find an experienced, licensed contractor before embarking on any heating and cooling overhaul. Your contractor should properly size your equipment, test airflow, and perform a quality installation.

2. **Cash in on Special Offers** – Concerned about the cost of new heating equipment? Check with your local utility or visit the Energy Star rebate finder to see if there are any special deals on high efficiency heating equipment. Ask for ENERGY STAR qualified equipment – it might cost more up front, but will offer you greater savings and comfort for years to come.

3. **Shop Smart** – If your heating equipment has been poorly maintained and is 15 years or older, it's probably time for a more efficient replacement. Ask for an ENERGY STAR when buying the following equipment:

- **Furnaces** – One in four furnaces in U.S. homes is more than 20 years old. Old furnaces cost more to operate per year than new, ENERGY STAR qualified models that are 15 percent more efficient than standard models.

- **Heat Pumps** – Today's electric and geothermal heat pumps are much more efficient than those installed just 10 years ago. When installed in a home with a well-sealed home envelope, heat pumps will provide great value and comfort for your energy dollar. An ENERGY STAR qualified geothermal heat pump is 30 percent more efficient than comparable new equipment and can save you as much as \$200 annually. A qualified electric heat pump is 20 percent more efficient and can save you about \$130 annually.

- **Boilers** – An ENERGY STAR qualified boiler uses features like electric ignition and new combustion technologies that extract more heat from the same amount of fuel, to be 7 percent more energy-efficient.

- **Programmable Thermostats** – Regulate your home's temperature with programmable thermostat(s).

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

On Tuesday, January 24, and Wednesday, January 25, one of our Faith Formation 8th Grade classes led by Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Biddle, held a bake sale to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society. This was their class project as part of their Confirmation discipleship requirements. The students created flyers and promoted it to all the Faith Formation classes. The student's efforts resulted in a \$200 donation given to St. Vincent DePaul to help families in need. Well done!



S.P.R.E.D.

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program in which persons who are developmentally challenged come together with a spiritual friend/catechist to share a one-on-one relationship and form with others a small faith community. SPRED fosters and nourishes spiritual and personal growth by helping those with challenges to discover God's action and presence in their lives. SPRED gives challenged individual parishioners an opportunity for celebration and worship and also prepares them for the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and for those who have not been Baptized. SPRED serves age groups from children to adults (6-10 years old, 11-16 years old, 17-21 years and 22 years and older).

Visitation Parish in Elmhurst has room for 2 individuals in the 11-16 age group. If any parishioner is interested please contact Jackie @ 630-495-4610 or jackiestawiarski@msn.com for more information.

SPRED "Fat Tuesday" Bake sale & Candy Sale is coming! The sale will be February 18th & February 19th after all Masses. Get your goodies before Lent starts! Bakers are needed. You can make your favorite dessert! Contact Jackie @ 630-495-4610 or jackiestawiarski@msn.com.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK — ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes along with the World Day of Sick. On this occasion, the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 12, and we will pray for our sick brothers and sisters.

If you know of anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament and needs transportation, perhaps you can arrange a ride to church.

Message of the Holy Father on the occasion of the 20th World Day of the Sick (11 FEBRUARY 2012)

“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you” (Lk 17:19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, which we will celebrate on 11 February 2012, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, I wish to renew my spiritual closeness to all sick people who are in places of care or are looked after in their families,

expressing to each one of them the solicitude and the affection of the whole Church. In the generous and loving welcoming of every human life, above all of weak and sick life, a Christian expresses an important aspect of his or her Gospel witness, following the example of Christ, who bent down before the material and spiritual sufferings of man in order to heal them.

This year, which involves the immediate preparations for the Solemn World Day of the Sick that will be celebrated in Germany on 11 February 2013 and will focus on the emblematic Gospel figure of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:29-37), I would like to place emphasis upon the “sacraments of healing”, that is to say upon the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and that of the Anointing of the Sick, which have their natural completion in Eucharistic Communion. _____ Read entire message at

<http://www.kandle.ie/2012/02/01/world-day-sick-2012-popes-message/>

ALTAR SERVER DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday 2/6 8:30 J. Braddock, C. Chiamonti, T. Georgitsis	Wednesday 2/8 8:30 I. Ledonne, I. Walsh, P. Crossland Thursday 2/9 J. Pantano, S. Poirier, A. Wolf
Tuesday 2/7 E. Crotty, I. D'Alessandro, J. Schneider	Friday 2/10 School Assignments

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday-February 6

Den 3	6:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Baptismal Preparation Class	7:00 p.m.	Church

Tuesday-February 7

Men's Cursillo	6:00 a.m.	O'Neill Room
Eagle Patrol	3:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Liturgy Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Parish Office
St. Joseph Table Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.	Social Center

Wednesday-February 8

Bear Scouts	6:30 p.m.	Wagner Room
Rosary/Prayer/Benediction	8:00 p.m.	Prayer Chapel

Thursday-February 9

Clothing Sale Registration 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. School Library

Friday-February 10

All School Mass	8:30 a.m.	Church
Girl Scouts 3002	3:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Hispanic Ministry	7:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Blue & Gold Dinner	6:30 p.m.	Social Center

Saturday-February 11

Seventh Grade Retreat—9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Social Center

Sunday-February 12

Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available at 11:00 a.m. Mass
Scout Pancake Breakfast in Social Center 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 11/12

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: Scout Schedule Lectors: Scout Schedule A/S: Scout Schedule G: Sr. Pauline Schutz Cantors: D. Sulla, A. Wallace, M. Wiedman
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: M. Gamboa, M. Mora, C. Ruiz Ministros: R. & L. Serna, A. & H. Chuy, F. Diaz Hospitalidad: F. Garcia, G. Ruiz, M. Lagunas, R. Segura Lectores: Y. & D. Morales
Sunday 8:00 am	E/M: M. Burns, C. Gawenda, J. Gosmire, L. Newman, B. Sutton, L. Thurman Lectors: J. Molenda, S. Rakowski A/S: J. Matasek, A. Treado, L. & R. Wiedman G: C. Acosta, Z. Andree Cantor: R. Rump
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: B. & D. Conlin, B. & H. Grant, M. Reznicek, A. Stoltman Lectors: C. Weiland, D. Fowler A/S: S. Frank, G. Guthrie, I. D'Alessandro K. Reznicek G: B. & T. Casey, W. & C. Stuercke Music: Adult Choir
Sunday 11:00 am	E/M: F. & J. Enda, B. Kramer, S. Lechtenberg, N. Rigor, C. Sutton Lectors: J. Dowling, B. Whalen A/S: D. & M. Trimarco, I. Walsh G: J. & M. Gerlesits Music: Praise Choir

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“para ganarlos a todos” (9:22).

Esta buena noticia era que el misterio de la vida, muerte y Resurrección de Jesucristo, que levantó a la suegra de Simón Pedro de su lecho de enferma con un simple toque de su mano. “Todo el pueblo se apiñó junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios” (Marcos 1:33-34). Nuestros males y demonios son tan reales como los de Job, y Jesús es nuestro salvador.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo -- Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio -- Después de sanar a muchos enfermos y de expulsar a los demonios, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:29-39).

LAS BUENAS NOTICIAS

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con unos versos del libro de Job. En primer lugar, Job se queja de que sus noches se alargan indefinidamente. Y luego, aún peor, “Mis días corren más aprisa que una lanzadera y se consumen sin esperanza” (Job 7:6). No son precisamente alentadoras estas lamentaciones, no cuando se examinan por separado.

La mayoría de nosotros ha estado allí, sin embargo, y el antídoto es la “buena noticia” que Pablo encontró tan convincente que sentía que predicarla “era su obligación. ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio!” (1 Corintios 9:16). Pablo se sentía impulsado a anunciar el Evangelio a tantos como fuera posible,

Jesús sanó a los enfermos



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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: 1 Re 10:1-10; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves: 1 Re 11:4-13; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes: 1 Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado: 1 Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31);
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mc 1:40-45

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Mass interpreted in sign language: 5 PM Saturday
Holy Days: see previous Sunday Bulletin
Weekdays: 8:30 AM Monday through Friday
Saturday: 8:30 AM First Saturday of each month

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Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 PM (check bulletin) or by appointment.

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The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the second and third Sundays at 12:30 PM or at a Mass by request from the family. No Baptisms are celebrated during Lent. Parent preparation is required. The parent meeting for Baptism is generally on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information (630-627-4526).

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