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Look at the birds. They don't plant
or harvest or store food in barns,
for your heavenly Father feeds them.
And aren't you far more
valuable to Him than they are?
Matthew 6:26



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 2, 2014

Quinquagesima Sunday

Niedziela Pięćdziesiąticy

March 2, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Ps 62:2-3,6-9

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Intention: For the growth of our parish and for vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion/Exposition & Benediction at 9:30am
- Raffle, SOCL Class, Breakfast and Annual Budget Meeting

1st Sunday of Lent

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March 9, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

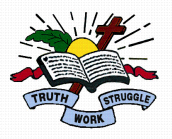
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

For the present therefore let us lay aside our excessive sumptuousness, and let us endure moderation, and learn to acquire by honest labor all that we are to have: since even the blessed John, when he was discoursing with those that were employed upon the tribute, and with the soldiery, enjoined them to be content with their wages. Anxious though he were to lead them on to another, and a higher self-command, yet since they were still unfit for this, he speaks of the lesser things. – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **March 2nd: Quinquagesima Sunday, Breakfast, Annual Budget Meeting**
- **March 4th: Commemoration – St. Casimir, King and Confessor**
- **March 5th: Ash Wednesday, Service, Blessing/Distribution of Ashes at 7:30pm**
- **March 7th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
- **March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent/Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC, Daylight Savings Time**
- **March 14th: Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.**
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- **March 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent**
- **March 19: Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.**

NOTE

COVO 2014 registration packets are now available!

Lord, can I trust in You, even if?

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

There are two key things to consider when we reflect on God's care for us. How far God's love surpasses any human love and how far our commitment must go in response to His love.

Even the worst of prisoners, people who have done horrible things, still get visits from their mothers even after long years in prison. When other friends and family have given up and dropped away mom is still there.

As a child and even a young man, when I heard "Can a mother forget her infant," I couldn't imagine a mother ever forgetting her child or acting without love toward him or her. I felt that even if I did the worst of things my mom would still be

there for me. She was, through many of my indiscretions. Looking back though I know I was immature, for look at the evils we have seen mothers commit. Most aren't new, some are. Yet we still stand aghast at the evils some mothers do.

This makes God's reassurance even more powerful. His love and care for us surpasses all human love, even the love of a mother for her child. Mom loved me and forgave me, yet even if she didn't, God does.

God's love is perfect and He wishes only to give that love to us, to care for us, to keep us in His care not just today – but forever. That is our true hope – an eternity of perfect, all encompassing, love in God's presence.

The past three Sundays we have heard readings from Matthew 5, now we are in chapter 6; still part of the Sermon on the Mount and still addressing the life style of a disciple who, belonging to Christ, must live in the present while

anticipating the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Over these weeks we learned about relying on Jesus as well as our family in faith. We learned to live maturely in the mystery of love. We learned that our every action, thought, and response, must be one with God's way - making God's perfection apparent in every part of our lives. Now we focus on how a disciple is to trust in the Lord. We learn to look forward with trust, beyond the needs of today, with full faith and trust in God.

This is a time of high worry about jobs, financial security, and how we might fulfill our ordinary needs. We still must work to provide for what is needed for our families and ourselves. This is normal. But Jesus is warning about a preoccupying or consuming worry that makes us less concerned about our eternal salvation and the promise of unending life just so we can have a better today. Our total commitment must be for Him and His perfect love. He is our rock.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Joshua 1:9

MONDAY: Psalm 9:10

TUESDAY: Psalm 56:3

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 28:26

THURSDAY: Daniel 6:23

FRIDAY: Romans 15:13

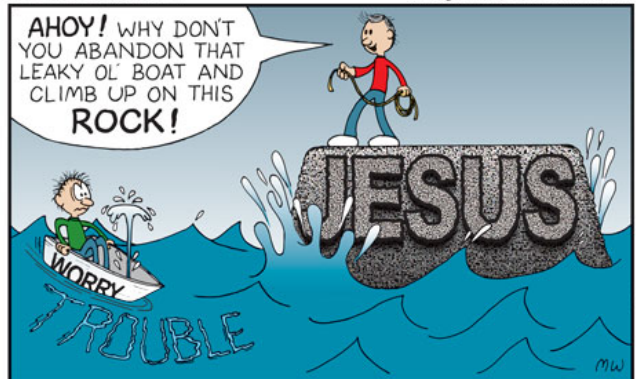
SATURDAY: Revelation 21:5

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me trust. Give me the grace to do all things in total reliance on You.

PEACE ROCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. - JOHN 16:33 NIV

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Devotions

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We will gather in prayer at 7:30pm along with the blessing and imposition of ashes. Please be sure to spread the word and invite all you know to join us that evening.

This one Wednesday, and the reception of ashes, is just a beginning. If we are using this pre-Lenten season to advantage we having been preparing for a necessary life-affirming journey this Lent. By deeper prayer, charity, penance, and sacrifice we affirm the life we should be living in Christ. Then, when we finally arrive at our celebration of the gift of eternal life in Christ at Easter, we are better prepared to live as His brothers and sisters. We are really ready to live as Christians.

How to prepare – **church every Sunday, Stations of the Cross every Friday, fast, sacrifice through directed giving, make a conscious effort to live in Jesus' way every day.**

Friend Sunday

Friend Sunday is March 30th. It is an annual day when churches join together and encourage their members to reach out and invite friends and family to a special service where friendship is honored and encouraged. The Friend Sunday movement hopes to reach every home in America with an invitation to church and ultimately into a relationship with Jesus. Our members are the most effective means of outreach. Why not honor a special friend to church on March 30th and let them know that we are praying for them and for you, that your friendship be blessed in a very special way.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, March 16th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Francis Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepakowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Jane Kopec, Pastor Tom Kendall.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cedar Lake, IN and its congregation and pastor, Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.