

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiąticy

February 23, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Psalm: Ps 112:4-9

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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, Raffle

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

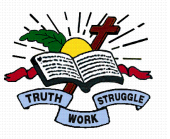
Lector: Larry Panfil

- 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

This then let us pursue, in such wise as Himself commanded, and making no account of the things of men, but showing forth perfect self restraint in all things, let us so direct our own lives. For so even now, from this very time, we shall enjoy the good things of the heavens, and of the crowns that are there, walking as angels among men, going about in the earth like the angelic powers, and abiding apart from all lust, from all turmoil. And together with all these things we shall receive also the unutterable blessings: unto which may we all attain, by the grace and love towards man of our Lord Jesus Christ – 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...

- February 23rd: Sexagesima Sunday
- February 24th: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle
- 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.
- 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!

How can I even consider these things?

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Prime Bishop Anthony, writing in God's Field, discusses the Pre-Lenten season. He says:

"If we examine the Gospel of these three Pre-Lenten Sundays we will see that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is asking us to search beyond the normal rules of right and wrong. He asks us to go beyond even our actions to examine our motivations."

He goes on to say:

"During the Pre-Lenten season the Church calls us to consider these words of our Lord and

through them to examine our lives and our motivation. And especially we are called to take a deeper and deeper look into all things that we do as Christians and as members of Christ's Church. We must measure ourselves, not only by a few commandments, but on the whole Gospel of love, which has been given to us by Jesus Christ."

Over these Sunday's we are asked the impossible. We are challenged at the deepest possible level. Why do we do what we do?

Often times we live off instinct. It could be as simple as driving to work, to the store, or to church. We go on autopilot. The lights, the traffic, the streets, even the potholes are known to us. Sometimes we arrive and we don't even remember how we got there.

This can happen in other areas of our life, even in prayer and charity. In prayer we recite the words. In charity we put the same amount in the envelope. Jesus is calling us to do something far

more serious – to live beyond rote and instinct.

Author Jodi Picoult in her book *Mercy* says: "If God wanted us to act on instinct, we wouldn't have the power of reason."

This Pre-Lent we are called to live consciously. It is not just consideration of the words we pray or how often we pray – but asking ourselves – Why do I pray? It is not just thoughts of how often or how much I give – But why do I give at all? Jesus is giving us a deep and serious challenge. Are we "perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect?"

Every moment of our lives is to be carried out with consideration. If instinct tells us to do the usual and respond to evils in the usual way, stop and do the unusual: consider whether our reaction, our habits, reflect life in Christ. Every action, thought, and response, every routine, must be one with God's way. We must consider, think and act to make God's perfection apparent in every part of our lives.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 37:5

MONDAY: Proverbs 14:23

TUESDAY: Galatians 6:9

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:33

THURSDAY: James 1:12

FRIDAY: 2 Peter 1:10

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 29:11

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me introspection. Help me to examine my instincts and motivations. Give me the grace to do all things as You command.

THE GUARDRAIL



A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die. – PROVERBS 19:16 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 Haberlan, 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, Frances 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. Mary's Parish in South Bend, IN and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Charles Zawistowski.

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.