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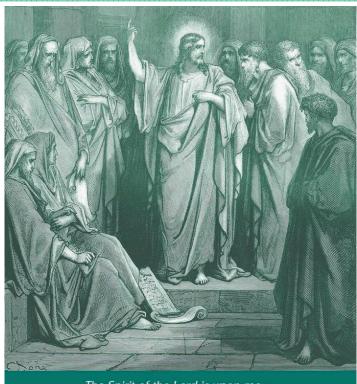


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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 24, 2016



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

January 23 through January 31

Sat., Jan. 23	4:00p	SM	† Lowell Gaulrapp
	6:00p	SR	† Hank Webster
Sun., Jan. 24	8:30a	SR	† Rick Bohl
	11:00a	SM	† Gene Helfter
	1:00p	SM	Spanish: SM & SR Parishioners
Mon., Jan. 25		No Mass	
Tue., Jan. 26	8:00a	SR	† Marvin Roberts
Wed., Jan. 27	8:00a	SM	† Kristen Soley
Thu., Jan. 28	8:00a	SR	† Ed, Helen & John Halama
Fri., Jan. 29	9:00a	SM	† John Marcon
Sat., Jan. 30	4:00p	SM	† Marvin Schneider
	6:00p	SR	† Jackie Pettis
Sun., Jan. 31	8:30a	SR	† Mike & Gladys Kostka
	11:00a	SM	Rick & Kathleen Wanke family
	1:00p	SM	Spanish: SM & SR Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 7:00–9:00p SR Saturday 10:00a–12:00p SM

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

SR: 5:00–10:00p Thursdays

SM: 8:30a-8:30p 2nd Wednesday of the month

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please submit information for the bulletin to the parish office by Sunday and inserts by Wednesday. Thank you.

Reflections from Fr. Derek Sakowski



"I was hungry, and you gave me food."

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and especially as we prepare to begin another Lent, I'd like to take time to reflect more in depth upon the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to feed the hungry.

In Matthew 25, Jesus describes the day when he will come in glory with all his angels, and will assemble all the nations to be judged. Each of us will be judged based on our relationship with Jesus Christ. However, far from that relationship being a merely private and personal matter, it is quite public and quite social. For the entire human race is called to be inserted into the flesh of Christ and become members of his Body, the Church. Therefore, any work of mercy done on behalf of a person in need is actually done for Christ. And any failure to love the person in front of us is a failure to love Christ.

During my doctoral studies in Rome, I read, reflected, and wrote at length about the Church as "the whole Christ," head and members. It was a great privilege, and continues to feed my spiritual life. Through baptism, by faith, we all now share a new existence in Christ. To be a Christian is to exist as a living member of his Body. We are interconnected in him. Every good work that we do is really Christ at work in us, for we now truly exist in him.

This unity is renewed each and every time we celebrate and receive the Eucharist. We become again and again what we one day will be, when all things will be perfected as one in Christ. We receive the Body of Christ, and in so doing, are renewed and strengthened as his one Body.

This shared communion in Christ especially compels us to love the poor. As the Catechism teaches us, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (CCC n. 1397). And the Catechism proceeds to quote Saint John Chrysostom, who has scathing words for those who receive Jesus in Holy Communion but then fail to love the poor: "You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother ... You dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal. . . . God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful."

It is such a tragedy that our world has so much food, yet still so many people have little or nothing to eat. Each of us here in the United States needs to engage in an ongoing examination of conscience over the lifestyle we choose to live, and over what we are doing to help the poor in our midst and throughout the world.

Right here in the Chippewa Valley, there are groups like Community Table or Feed My People that each of us can easily get involved in. I encourage you to give it a try! Please keep your eyes on the bulletin for a featured story soon on the great work that some of our parishioners are already doing.

There are even simpler ways to help. During this Lent, or on Fridays throughout the year, we can choose to sacrifice some of the food and drink we like to indulge in, giving that money instead to those who work to feed the poor.

We must also keep in mind that there are many kinds of hunger. There are people all around us who feel alone and unloved. They hunger for human kindness and compassion. Poverty comes in all shapes and sizes. No one of us can make poverty go away, but each of us is given opportunities to love the person in front of us and alleviate his or her suffering. That is what mercy does — it feels compassion on the suffering of the person in front of us and seeks to ease it

Even though some of us have no shortage of trials and sorrows in life, still, when compared with the 7 billion people in the world, our lives are incredibly comfortable and easy, and our bellies are normally full. It's so easy to forgot how blessed we are and to be forgetful of the poor. We have to remember that, according to Jesus himself, we will be judged publicly for the choices we have made (or failed to make) to love Jesus in the poorest of our brothers and sisters. By his mercy at work in and through each of us, may we be numbered among the sheep on the Day of Judgment!

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents should request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. A class for parents is required. See your parish website for more information, to download forms, and to see upcoming baptismal class dates.

Marriage: Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call one of the parish offices to make arrangements.

Saint Mary's Parish

Parish News

The Bible Timeline Study

The Bible Timeline Study group will meet on January 26th at 9a. All women are invited to participate.

Young Adult Meeting

There will be a young adult meeting on Tuesday, January 26th from 7:30–8:30p. All young adults are welcome.

Understanding the Scriptures

This Bible Study will meet on Thursday, January 28th from 6:30–8:00p in the parish Library.

Exposition and Adoration

There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, February 10th from 10–6p. Please sign up for a time. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex of the church.

Mission Ladies

The Mission Ladies will have a potluck luncheon on February 11th from 10a–12 noon. All women are invited. This event has been changed to the second Thursday of the month.

Magnificat

If you are interested in receiving the *Magnificat*, a monthly subscription of the daily readings, meditations, saints, and more, please signup in the narthex with your address and submit \$30 to the parish office for each order by Jan. 25. The order will be sent in Jan. 29.

Parish Council Nominations

St. Mary's Parish Council election will be held Jan. 30/31. Please review the bulletin insert this week to learn about those who were nominated and would like to serve on St. Mary's Parish Council.

Valentine's Dinner for Married Couples

Join us for our 5th annual Valentine's Dinner for Married Couples on Sat., Feb. 13, 5:00—9:30p in the Center. This year's theme is Champaign Elegance with social hour, dinner for two, life music

and dancing. Reserve your table by Feb. 8. Space is limited to the first 50 couples. Free childcare is offered. To register, email kathleenweishaar@aol.com or call Kathleen at 715-271-1824.

St. Mary's Stewardship: Last Week

Adults	\$5,486.00
Endowment Fund	\$0.00
Teens	\$3.00
Children	\$9.01
Offertory (Plate)	\$1,456.86
Total Envelope &	Plate \$6,954.87
Capital Campaign	\$5,091.50

Scrip Volunteers For Next Weekend:

4:00p – M. Kneer and volunteer 11:00a – L. Sumner and volunteer

Last Week's Scrip Information

Number of Orders	25
Amount Sold	\$4,835.00
Profit (approximately)	\$241.75
Monthly Profit	\$462.75

Thank you!

Area Events

Rally for Life, Sunday, Jan. 31, 2:00p at Peace Church of Eau Claire, 501 E. Fillmore Ave. (Use west entrance.) Featured speaker is Mary Ann Kuharski, President of PROLIFE Across AMERICA.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Day (First of three) on Sat., Feb. 13, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, begins with Mass at 8:30a. More details in the bulletin board.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes, Jan. 27, grades 1–8 meet from 6–7pm and grades 9–10 meet from 6–7:30pm.

Bingo at St. Mary's

Every Tuesday evening begin selling at 6:00p. Early bird bingo starts at 7:00p. Regular bingo starts at approximately 7:30p. Bring the family and enjoy a fun evening together! Thank you to all our bingo volunteers!

Knights of Columbus

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 1 in the Knights Room. The officers will meet at 6:00p followed by the regular business meeting at 7:00p.



Elizabeth Ministry



To add a name, due date/birth date, request a meal, or to volunteer, please call Emily Thurner at 715-864-3048. Please pray for those who are expecting.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30, 4:00p

Lector D Stearns **E. Minister** J Bechly

Servers M Nuesse, H Johnson, B Lecher

A. Server J Bechly
Organist J Gallagher
Cantor S Stearns

Ushers R Verdegan, P Connell, M

Rohn, C Lynum

Sunday, January 31, 11:00a

Lector N Frank **E. Minister** L King

Servers T Doney, JP & G Wolterstorff

A. Server J Wolterstorff
Organist S Alexander
Cantor Youth Choir

Ushers D Hawker, D Kamrowski, T

Buck, G Wolterstorff

Counters J Thom, C Mastej, R Olson

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Parish News

Faith Formation & Confirmation Middle School and High School: Don't forget to get your permission slips for Action City in to Marianne by Wednesday, January 27th. The rally is on January 29th.

Confirmation: we have a large group meeting on Wednesday, January 27th and parents' night on Wednesday, February 3rd. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend a presentation given by Father Derek during class time.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30p. Immediately following Mass, our Forty Hours Devotion will begin and go until Friday, February 12 at 4:00p.

Parish Movie Night

Everyone is invited to our next Parish Movie Night will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 7:00p in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served.

Parish Social

Our next Parish Social will be held the weekend of February 6 & 7 after each Mass.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30, 6:00p

Lector A Christ

E. Ministers B Goss, K King, J Wolcott

Servers E Flaskrud

Ushers A Christ, C King, M Rockow,

J Sauter

Greeters M & A Flaskrud

Sunday, January 31, 8:30a

Lector T Falbo

E. Ministers N Falbo, T Fischer, C Rollins

Servers D Falbo, K Burmesch,

D Messerschmidt

Ushers P & S Barth, J Rollins,

J Worzella

Greeters C & D Fiser

Counters S & P Barth, M Burmesch



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Knights of Columbus



Dates for our upcoming Friday Lenten Fish Fry Suppers: February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11 and 18. Invite vour neighbors,

family and friends to stop down!

The Knights of Columbus are offering to sponsor CPR training sessions at St. Raymond's again this year. The KC's will pay half of the fees for any parishioner wanting to attend. That will result in a cost of just \$20 for each person. The date is open and TBA. Class size can range from 10 to 20 participants. Once we get a full class we will schedule the date. Please contact Jake Geisert if you are interested in participating; 715-829-6085 or knights@straymond.us.

The Youth of the Parish and the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 14 at 9:30-11:30a.

Homebound Visits

If you know of someone that is homebound and would like Holy Communion brought to them, please contact Carla Kostka at 715-



597-3690 or by cell at 715-225-7419.

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PCCW News



We are asking that all ladies of the parish provide two dozen cookies to be packaged and mailed to our Seminari-Please have the cookies to the church by 9:30a on Sunday, Janu-

ary 31 at which time the PCCW will hold a brief meeting and then package up the cookies. All ladies are invited to attend the meeting and to help out! If you cannot help or donate, we are asking for your prayers for all of the Seminarians.

There will be a Bake Walk during each of the Fish Fry Suppers (February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11 and 18. Please sign up to bring some baked items and/or to work. The sign up sheets will be in the gathering

The Eau Claire Deanery of Catholic Women will be holding a Catholic Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 27 at St. Mary's Community Center in Altoona. For more information, contact: Candy Bogstad at 715-456-8309. Registration forms at www.ldccw.org. Check in will begin at 8:00a. Spiritual Motivator and Inspirational Speaker is Judy Hehr.



Prayer Chain



If you have any prayer requests, please send to Elaine Welin ewelin327@gmail.com email prayer group) or call

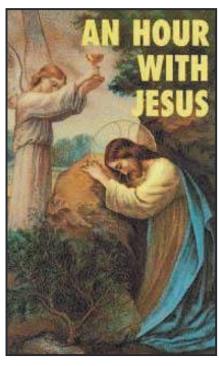
Diane Walker at 715-286-5171 for the Call Chain. Please let us know your special prayer requests.

St. Raymond's Stewardship:	Last Week
Adults	\$3,076.00
Holy Day Envelopes	\$20.00
First Offering Envelopes	\$35.00
Fuel Envelopes	\$106.00
Youth Envelopes	\$1.00
Plate	\$172.00
Total Envelope and Plate	\$3,410.00
Newspapers	\$22.50

Building Fund Envelopes\$175.00

Candles\$33.39

Forty Hours Devotion at St. Raymond's



The Importance of Eucharistic Devotions

Although the Mass is central to Catholic life, devotions to the Eucharist are also important. Through them we can adore Jesus, pray in his presence, express our sorrow for sin, and experience a oneness with him that leads us to participate in the Mass.

Our Forty Hours Devotion will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10. This is an opportunity for people to gather as a community before the Blessed Sacrament

and to pray to Our Lord in solemn adoration.

Forty Hours Devotion gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

Forty is a significant number. Noah was on the ark for forty days. The Israelites spent forty years in the desert. Jesus fasted for forty days, and it could be said that Jesus lay in the tomb for approximately forty hours from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. In Rome, this period of forty hours of Solemn Exposition of the Eucharist was scheduled so that the forty hours devotion in each church formed a continuous time of adoration from church to church.

Schedule:

Ash Wednesday, February 10

6:30p-Mass

7:30p—Forty Hours Devotion begin

Thursday, February 11

12:00a—8:00a Forty Hours continue

8:00a—Mass

8:30a—Forty Hours continue

7:00p—Moira Kneer—Presentation on "Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy" will be held in the parish hall

7:00-9:00p—Confessions

(Forty Hours continue through the evening & night)

Friday, February 12

12:00a—4:00p Forty Hours Continue 3:50p—4:00p Forty Hours conclude with Benediction

If you wish to sign up for an hour, please contact Nan Falbo at 715-878-4767 email her at: tnfalbo@charter.net

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world.

Let your adoration never cease."

(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

At St. Mary's: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday, February 10—10:00a-6:00p. The sign up sheet is in the narthex of the church.





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