

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Free Up

“The priest absolves your sins,” the catechist tells her class of seven-year-olds. They accept it but, of course, don’t understand it. Maybe some of us older folks don’t quite get it either. The meaning behind this uncommon word is actually pretty simple. To absolve is to **free up**. We could use other words as well, such as to forgive, to unknot, to undo, or to release.

The great grace and result of the Sacrament of Penance is that sin no longer has a hold on us. What has trapped us and tied us up is dissipated. We find ourselves freed up. And the freedom we experience is genuine freedom, not just the freedom to do whatever we want but the real freedom to be who we truly are—God’s beloved sons and daughters.

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The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2015



A Healing Touch

In the old times leprosy was believed to be highly contagious. For this reason lepers were separated and were forced to live outside the community. They were not supposed to be touched; they were known as the untouchables. They lived a lonely life, they were nobody. Their life was a living dead. People believed that lepers were cursed by God. The lepers were not only considered to be sick but also unclean. This was the kind of man who approached Jesus and begged him to be made clean. Jesus without fear touched him and healed him instantly.

Jesus did not fear to touch the leper as most of people did in that time. I think people were shocked to see Jesus touching the leper, because by doing so he was risking contracting the disease and making himself unclean as well.

Most of us are afraid of the sick and the very poor. We may give a few pennies to a beggar, but we make sure that there is no contact between us. Yet we love to be touched ourselves. We feel honored when someone important shakes hands with us or gives us a pat on the back. Physical contact is precisely what gives people, especially sick and wounded people, a sense of warmth and joy. By the very act of touching another person we accept that person exactly as he or she is. Jesus touched lepers, sinners, sick people, and the dead.

Imagine how good the leper felt when Jesus touched him. He felt he was a human being after all. His body was horribly wounded by leprosy. But his spirit was even more deeply wounded – by the sense of being rejected and abandoned by everyone, including God. By touching him Jesus healed his wounded spirit.

In our families and in our community we may have people who are rejected like the lepers, they are abandoned, live lonely and a miserable life; there are nobody. These people need a healing touch. When they approach us they need to be touched by our love and our compassion

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Lector's Schedule

Feb 14 @ 4:00 pm – M. Talaski

Feb 15 @ 8:30 pm – Lavioris Howard/ J. Maslanka/ J. Jamison

Feb 15 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 21 @ 4:00 pm – R. Sikora

Feb 22 @ 8:30 am - B. Randall/ N. Bell

Feb 22 @ 5: 00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 28 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage



Welcome to everyone who worships with us, whether visitor, long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church. Include your name address and phone number.

Parish Leadership Day (PLD) will be at Marist High School on Saturday February 21st, 2015. PLD is for every ministry leader, parish pastoral council member and other parishioners considering a more active role in the life of the parish. The program is designed to provide you and the parish with knowledge and opportunities to bring faith and spirituality to our parish. The parish of SS Peter and Paul has ten spots available for interested parishioners. Please contact the rectory.

Youth Minister. Interested in working with the future of the parish? To enrich and grow our youth ministry, SS Peter and Paul is searching for leaders to help direct our youth program. The youth ministers will have the support of both the liturgical committee and the parish pastoral Council. Interested candidates should contact the rectory at 773-785-1200 or Sandra Spaulding at 773-896-6888. SS Peter and Paul is currently hosting training for Vicariate VI parishes getting started in Youth Ministry. These sessions will be every other Tuesday starting February 24 at the social hall between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

Thank You: Please accept our most sincere thanks for sharing your beautiful Mass with us and the support of our luncheon last Sunday.

Knights of Peter Claver The Fourth Degree Ladies of Grace.

PARISH NEWS

Update for To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign

To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is under way. This campaign aims to help parishes with integral needs, as well as provide a strong foundation for Catholic education and faith formation across the Archdiocese. It is exciting to know that 60% of all funds raised will stay right here at Saints Peter and Paul. We will use this portion to make necessary repairs and improvements at the parish, including renovating the bathrooms to make them handicap-accessible, replacing the gutters, and painting the interior and exterior of the church. In the coming weeks, the following members of the Campaign Executive Committee who are volunteers from the parish, Larry Campbell (Chairperson), Eva Sturgies, Betty Taylor, Dr. Donald A. Pettis, Beulah Reed, Saundra E.S. Spaulding, Barnetta Pointer and Karl Goss will speak to you on my behalf about the campaign needs and ask for your support. In case you have not received a letter from Fr. Honoratus which requests you to support this campaign please call the rectory. The good news is that we have already received **67%** pledges of our goal. Thanks to all who have made commitment to this Campaign.

Tax Records for the year 2014 are available at the back of the Church after every Mass. In case you don't find yours please call the rectory.

The Ash Wednesday Schedule will be as follows: 8:00 am Mass and distribution of Ashes, 6:00 pm Distribution of Ashes. Abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59; only one full meal is permitted.

Funeral Mass for Paul Goss Jr. will be Wednesday February 18 at 11:00 am at SS Peter and Paul. It will be preceded by the pre-past in the parish social center at 9:00 am, and the wake at 10:00am in the Church. Internment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W Hoff Rd, Elwood, IL 60421.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to "do everything for the glory of God." In today's scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit "the many," as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us "with the joy of salvation."



HAPPY BIRTHDA

February 2
Chrystyna Peter Chambers
February 4
Goldie Glass

The Catholic Community of SS. Peter and Paul Church is dedicated to nurturing Christ's love among God's people. Our Mission is the mission of Jesus Christ as stewards of God's Gifts, we strive to fulfill His plan by exercising our rights and responsibilities.



We are committed to:

Living God's Word in our lives, providing for education in faith to our members, sharing our faith with others, and serving our sisters and brothers. Through our participation in prayer, the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we express our unity in Christ.



Patricia Baylock, Jean Bosak, Thomas Burkhart, Gayle Campbell, Larry Campbell, June Carlson, Jim Carter, Debra Coursey, Arlene Cuprisin, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Kathe Dulinskas, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Margaret Hillyard, Jozefa, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Edmund Mitchell, Opis Murray, Chuck Napoli, Jim Paul, Tanis Pedretti, Jeanne Peredna, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard, Rick Riley, Susan Vicario.

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List. Remember to pray for the deceased.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am-Dan Vicario, intentions – The Krosno Family

5:00 pm – Deceased Members of SS Peter and Paul– People of the Parish

Monday, February 16, 2015

6:45am –Religious Men and Women – People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

6:45 am- Special intention – People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – Ash Wednesday

8:00 am – For the Homebound – People of the Parish

11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Paul Goss Jr. – The Goss Family

6:00 pm – Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, February 19, 2015

6:45 am – For the Terminally ill – People of the Parish

Friday, February 20, 2015

6:45 am +Elaine Delfavero– Ed +Irma Jeremka

Saturday, Vigil, February 21, 2015

4:00 pm – Tom Quinn, intentions – Dave Carlson

Sunday, February 22, 2015 – First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am- Jasper &Florence Garritano, intentions, 74th Anniverasy – Linda

5:00 pm – Deceased Members of SS Peter and Paul– People of the Parish

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Living and Deceased Members of SSPP

There are still many available dates for Mass intentions in 2015. Please call the rectory if you need.

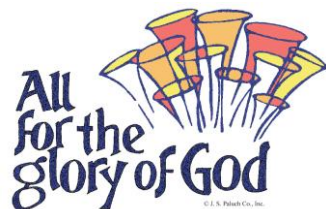
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Whether you eat or drink,

or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31



- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** 30 minutes before every weekend Mass and other times by appointment
- **MARRIAGES:** **MUST** contact the Parish at least four months in advance and **MUST** participate in the (Pre-Cana)
- **BAPTISMS:** Arranged in advance. Please contact the Parish for additional information
- **SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Contact the Parish immediately **773-785-1200**
- **FUNERALS:** Please contact the Rectory prior to making any arrangements
- **MOVING:** Please notify the Rectory as soon as possible so Parish records can be updated

Weekly Collections

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We are always grateful to the trust given through the weekly offerings may God continue to bless us with prosperity.

Offerings \$4,282.00

Weekly Budget - \$2,771.78

If you are unable to attend Mass, we remind you to either mail in your offering or drop your envelope in the basket next time you are present at Mass. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND OFFERINGS

Feb 15 – Loan Reduction

March 1- Monthly Sacrifice

Thank you for your many gifts. "The gifts build the church and the builder provides the gifts." (Eph 4:7) It is never too early to plan for the future. Please remember Sts. Peter and Paul Church in your will.