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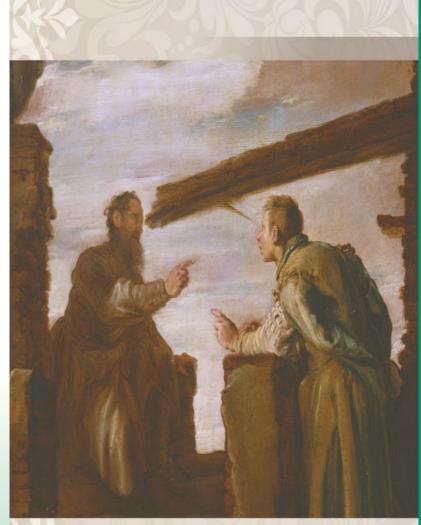
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8th Sunday

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah		
Saturday	4:00pm	
Sunday	7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am	
St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens		

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday......6:00pm

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday	.5:30pm
Wednesday-Friday	

<u>Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah</u>

First and Third Wednesdays......10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday	4:30pm-5:15pm
	5:00pm-6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday......4:00pm-5:15pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 19-20

Estimated Weekly Need	\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate	\$6,990.61
Online Giving/ACH	\$2,198.00
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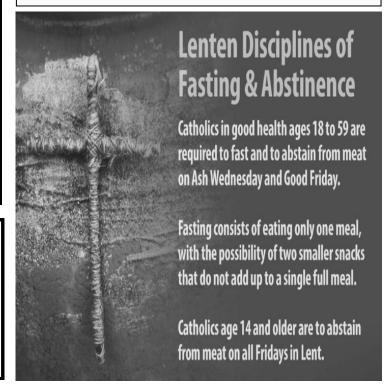
Gospel Reflection

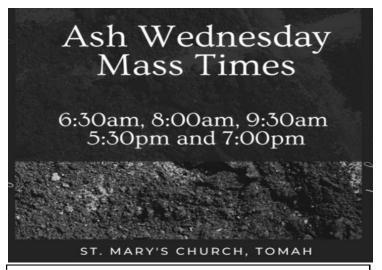
What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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St. Joseph Icon

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus select an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. The icons travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer in parishes.

The St. Joseph icon is the latest to be a part of the Pilgrim Icon Program and will be displayed in St. Mary's Church through February 27. Please take a few minutes to ask for the intercession of St. Joseph this week. Prayer cards are available in the pews.





Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, February 26 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Mary and Leo Semrau

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Jerry and Rosie Haun

Sunday, February 27 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Patricia Dechant

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the

Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Mathias Steidl

Tuesday, March 1

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)

5:30 PM Those with Cancer

Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Gene Fisher 8:00 AM Kevin Nugent

9:30 AM *School:* Shirley Gasperetti 10:00 AM *LV*: Communion Service

5:30 PM Don Thill

7:00 PM Michael Luterbach

Thursday, March 3

8:00 AM Santo Ingrilli

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (SM) Stations of the Cross — 6:00pm

Friday, March 4

8:00 AM Tony and Fern Mangene

Saturday, March 5 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Kenny Christensen

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Tom Hobert

Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Elizabeth Dwyer

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Bartosch

and Pasewald Families

10:30 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the

Apostles Parish

Adoration — 1:00pm-3:00pm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Keeping Current with

Queen of the Apostles

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



The Big Game

The NFL season ended not too long ago with Super Bowl LVI, an exciting one to be sure, even if it didn't involve the Packers. I recently read a blog post by Monsignor Charles Pope (Compare and Contrast: The Super Bowl and

the Mass, Football and Faith, 2/1/2015) about the Super Bowl, in which he compared it to the Mass and the general practice of faith. His thoughts mirrored many of my own, although he expressed them much more eloquently and succinctly than I ever could. What he basically said was that in today's Church we see far more dedication to football than we do to our Catholic faith. He doesn't just point a finger at the laity, but clergy as well. He makes a disclaimer that his comparisons are made with a fair amount of hyperbole, but I thought most of them were not all that much of an exaggeration. Just to highlight a couple:

- People prepare for a game like the Super Bowl for weeks, by scouring sports news for updates and predictions, having frequent conversations with friends, and planning parties. Contrast that with how most prepare for Mass. Do they review the readings ahead of time, go to confession, or come a little early to sit with the Lord in the quiet? Unfortunately, large numbers of Catholics don't even attend Mass regularly.
- While watching the Super Bowl (or any other game), fans are excited and vocal. Even though they are only watching, they are fully participating in the game. At Mass, many seem bored, don't sing, and utter the responses without much thought or enthusiasm.
- A typical football game lasts several hours and fans gladly sit through it, even enduring freezing temperatures if in the stands. Mass usually lasts an hour or less. People get frustrated if the homily is long or there are too many announcements at the end. Some just leave after communion.

I have to admit much of this used to be me. I was an avid fan for years. I rarely missed a Packer game and watched as many other games as I could. I religiously watched ESPN to stay on top of all the news. My wife hated Fantasy Football because I would just yell at my players as if they could hear me. Then something happened. I deployed to the Middle East in 2005 and again in 2009 and didn't get to watch much football. I continued as a pretty big fan after the 2005 deployment, but was not into it as much as before. After the 2009 deployment, things drastically changed. It was a fairly difficult year and I had an awakening of sorts. I started looking at how I prioritized my time and the things I valued most. Football didn't seem all that important anymore. I returned in early 2010 and if you recall, it was that following season that the Packers won the Super Bowl. I didn't watch a single game, not even the Super Bowl. In fact, I didn't watch any games for several years. I have recently started getting back into it a little bit, but it's different now. My priorities are much better ordered. (continued)

School News

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School Office: (608) 372-5765

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Grades 4K-5: Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30am

Religious Education

Director of Religious Ed: Jon Burbach Religious Education Office: 608-372-4516 x3 dre@queenoftheapostlestomah.com

Sunday, February 27

Level 9: Large Group — 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 2

Levels K-5: Class — No Class Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm and Mass

> **Sunday, March 6** Level 9: Small Groups

> Wednesday, March 9

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We hear much lamenting nowadays about how many people are not coming to Mass. I share those concerns and don't pretend to have the answer. But what if we started thinking about every Sunday Mass like it's the Super Bowl? Of course, it is far greater than any Super Bowl could be. An actual miracle happens at each and every one. What if we prepared our hearts and minds ahead of time? What if we participated with all the energy and enthusiasm of the most rabid fan? What if we spent time talking to others about the Mass and our faith, outside of the Church walls? If you're reading this, chances are you do some or all of these things already. But maybe not, or maybe you could do them better. I think many people don't come to Mass because they don't truly understand what they are missing. It's the biggest of big games. If we help others to see that, just maybe we'll fill the stands.

— Jon Burbach



1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: 1/4 Beef (donated by Zastoupil Family) 3rd Prize: \$250

4th Prize: \$100

Tickets are being sold after Masses, by school families, or in the school office!

The PTA is also looking for donations of full size candy bars and game prizes. Those are being collected in the green boxes in the back of St. Mary's Church.

Kids can also pick up a coloring sheet and submit it to win prizes in their age category! Deadline is March 4th.

Grow Closer to God This Lent!

Spiritual Reading for Lent

Fr. Sam will be leading a group in reading a classic book in the Catholic tradition: *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales. Group discussions will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm throughout Lent beginning on Tuesday, March 8th.

This book provides an excellent and accessible outline for how to grow in holiness and points out many of the ways God works in our lives, as well as describing some common difficulties in our response to God's work. Books are \$10 at the office, or bring your own copy.

The Disciples Way for Adults

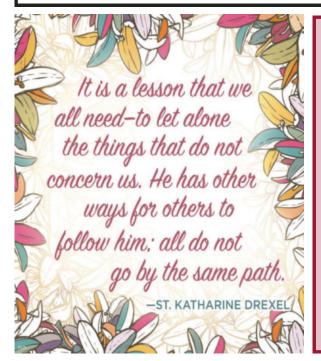
Are you looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Join others on their journey this Lent in The Disciples Way for adults (juniors in high school and older). These sessions will begin with an explanation of church teachings and then will break out into small groups to discuss.

We will have two options for weekly meetings, so choose the one that best fits your schedule:

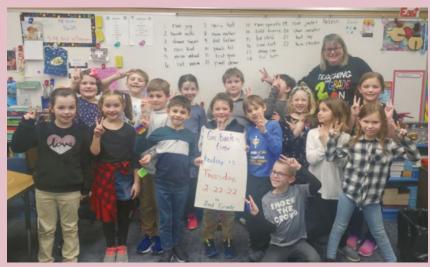
- Thursdays at 6:30pm starting March 3rd
- Fridays at 2:00pm starting March 4th

Call or email Jon Burbach with any questions or to sign up!





Ms. Bauer's 2nd Grade Class had fun celebrating Twos-day (2-22-22) at school last week!





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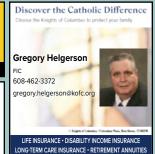


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