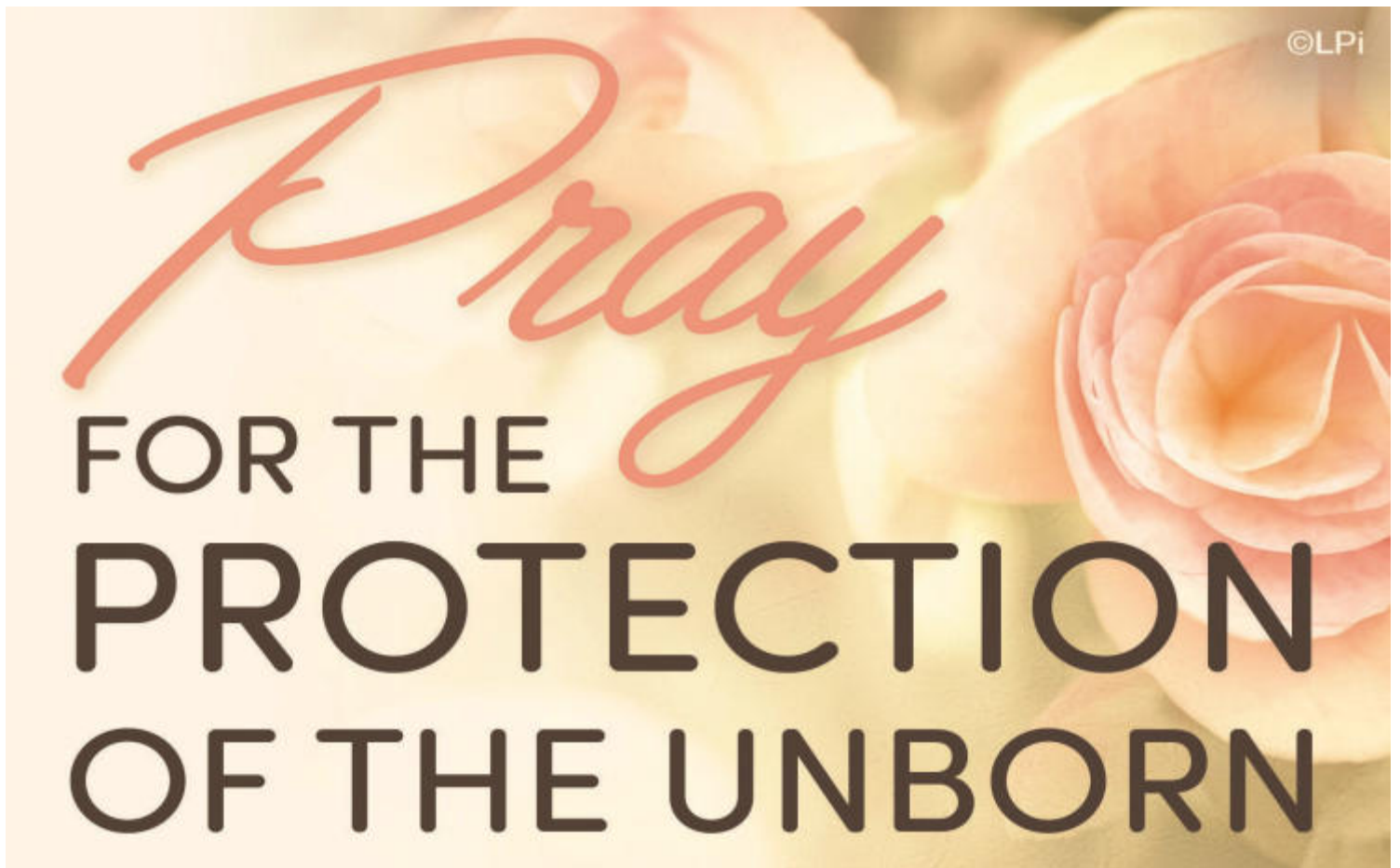


FEBRUARY 3, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Learning to Love My Neighbor...

One cold winter night I bought a tuna sandwich for dinner at a pharmacy. I was hungry and late for a meeting and was feeling sorry for myself for having to eat dinner at a place that also sells stockings and cold medicine. I passed a man curled up under some blankets on the street. "Got anything to eat?" he asked, clearly seeing that I did. I took out half of the sandwich and gave it to him. But as I walked away, doubts filled my head: Should I have given him the whole sandwich? Should I have brought another one just for him? Was he even hungry? It's not easy to determine the best ways to act with kindness and mercy. Of course St. Basil the Great, of the fourth century, put it quite simply: The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked. The acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.

That's a challenging statement. My lack of action can be, in itself, an injustice. But how do we know when and how to act? It seems like too much, sometimes, to feel for every person you see and to give to people in need not knowing what they'll do with the money. It is difficult to see everyone as an individual.

Each time we do some bit of good for another, no matter the size of the deed, we are seeing the person for whom we are directing our attention and openness as we would see Jesus... as a person of great dignity and value, as more than a brother or sister. We see them as God's invitation to show compassion, concern and tenderness for one God loves as much as God loves you and me. To share bread with another is to bring Jesus to another. May we be open to the invitation of God while making our way this week. Fr. Mike

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. -Leo Buscaglia

Masses for week of 02/04/19 to 02/10/19

- 02-04-19 ~ Monday ~
9:00 a.m. †Lois Tucker
- 02-05-19 ~ Tuesday ~ St. Agatha
7:00 a.m. For the People of Pine Ridge
- 02-07-19 ~ Thursday ~
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. †Carol Fisher
9:30 a.m. Adoration until 10:30 a.m.
- 02-08-19 ~ Friday ~ St. Jerome Emiliani
7:00 a.m. For the People of Holy Cross
- 02-09-19 ~ Saturday~
4:30 p.m. †Sophie Wubben
- 02-10-19 ~ Sunday ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. †Harry Reese
10:00 a.m. †Carol Roberts
5:00 p.m. †Harry & †Ann Meltzer

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in
memory of Joe Lamm.**



Blessing of Throats...

The feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on February 3 with the blessing of throats. This is done to ask God to protect the faithful from disease of the throat and other illnesses. The blessing can be given during or outside of Mass. A priest or deacon holds two crossed candles against the throat of each person as he invokes the blessing.

Why do Catholics turn to St. Blaise for relief from sore throats? According to legend, a mother approached St. Blaise and begged him to help her son, who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise prayed, and the bone was dislodged.

PARISH SUPPORT ~ January 27, 2019

Sunday Offering: \$2415

Your generosity enables us to continue
the work Jesus began.

Eucharistic Adoration...

Eucharistic Adoration is the practice of adoring the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. Although Christ is honored in the Blessed Sacrament during Mass, it is important for Catholics to spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration outside of Mass. It is a time to read Scripture or pray privately in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. From his ordination to the final days of his papacy, Pope St. John Paul II delivered homilies and wrote encyclicals stressing the benefits of Eucharistic Adoration. He encouraged parishes to establish times in which the faithful could come to church just to adore the Eucharist. "The Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic Adoration," he wrote. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and contemplation full of faith." St. Teresa of Calcutta agreed. She stated, "Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: "What will convert America and save the world?" My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." A monstrance is used to expose the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. It can also be used for Benediction, Forty Hours devotion, and Corpus Christi processions.

Catholic Traditions & Treasures, Dr. Helen Hoffner



We now have Macy's cards! Orders received Monday will be here Friday afternoon. Holy Cross receives a percentage of each card purchased. Please contact Nora Brewbaker 815-947-2655 for more information. Thank you for supporting our parish Scrip Program.

**Youth Group Meets
6-7:30 PM, Sunday
January 20
February 24
March 17**



**Children's Masses
10:00 AM, Sunday
January 20
February 24
March 17
April 7
May 19
June 23**

Life in the Spirit Meeting

Is your New Year's resolution to spend more time in the Word? We can help you with that. You are invited to learn more about the Holy Spirit and his gifts for us by joining the Charismatic Prayer Group Sunday, February 10 at 5:30 pm in St. Ann's church basement in Warren. You will enjoy praise, worship, teaching and fellowship. Fr. Scrobutt will be teaching us about the gift of faith. Bring you Bible and a friend. Please note it's the 2nd Sunday of February due to conflict with the Super Bowl. For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatian 3:26

PRAYER REQUESTS

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and be restored soon to the full and active life of their families and our community.

Jim Batchelder, Hudson Bowers, Cathy Broshous, Robin Broshous, Kris Brunner, Sandy Casby, Mary Determan, Joe D'Antonio, Cynda Eastlick, June Finn, Jack Finnegan, Mary Kay Fitzpatrick, Betty Gallagher, Greg Giffrow, Doug Gille, Jesse Hartmund, Jamie Hasken, Vance Hasselman, Mary Heller, Marlene Herbst, Jerry Homb, Nola Hopkins, Erica Hoyer, Francis Igl, Walter Igl, Michael Janssen, Tony Jones, Diane Kaufman, Ilene Lamm, Heidi Leitzen, Ron Magee, Rita Magee, Theresa Murphy, Julie Radaszewski, Delores Roberts, Trish Schremp, Rosemary Schultz, Don Schwartz, Phyllis Schwartz, Marge Stieffel, Dennis Tillis, Chris Tippet, Earl Tipton, Dale Wickler, Jeffrey Wright, Glenda Young

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