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*“We are
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*We are people of faith,
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the Holy Spirit
to celebrate joyfully,
serve generously,
evangelize respectfully,
and be an accepting
and vital parish.*

*Energized by God’s Word
and the Eucharist,
we strive to become
true followers of Christ.”*

February 28th, 2021 | Second Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

Parish Activities will not resume at this time. No meetings or sports activities will be permitted on the parish campus.



Please put your mask on **BEFORE** entering the Rotunda

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42



The Church and Healing Chapel are open for private prayer from 7:30am to 7:30pm every day. Please practice social distancing if there are others in the building praying.

Mass Schedule: There will be an 8:15 morning mass Monday through Friday; Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. Until further notice, there will not be a Saturday morning 8:15 mass nor will there be an 8:00am Sunday Mass.

Please keep in mind that the Archbishop has continued the dispensation lifting the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Anyone, who is sick, lives with someone who is sick, has a pre-existing risk factor, or simply feels afraid or vulnerable does not need to attend Mass in person.

LIFELONG FORMATION

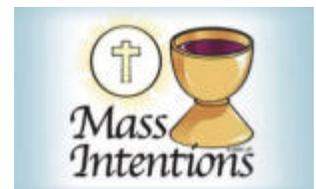


Our 8th graders are making their Confirmation on Saturday, March 6th, at the 5:00pm Mass. Because of the demand for seating at this event, seats are ticketed and available only to Confirmation families. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to our regular 5:00pm Mass attendees. You are welcome to join us at 10:00am on Sunday morning. (This is the rescheduled Confirmation mass originally to be held on February 6th and was cancelled due to COVID cases within the class.)

MASS INTENTIONS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED, PLEASE CALL THE MINISTRY CENTER

Monday, March 1st, 2021	8:15am	†Jeannie Byerly
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021	8:15am	Raymond Glenn
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021	8:15am	†Ina Hagan
Thursday, March 4th, 2021	8:15am	†William P. Kelly, Jr.
Friday, March 5th, 2021	8:15am	†Allen & Evelyn Mattingly
Saturday, March 6th, 2021	5:00pm	†John Toombs, Jr.
Sunday, March 7th, 2021	10:00am	People of the Parish Community



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?” Romans 8:32

God our Heavenly Father gave us His most beloved gift of all, His very Son. When we give from what we most cherish, we too share Christ with others.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JANUARY, 2021

Monthly		
Actual	Budgeted	Variance
\$88,493.07	\$75,000.	\$13,493.07
Yearly		
Actual	Budgeted	Variance
\$607,518.89	\$630,000.	(\$22,481.11)

Please remember Holy Spirit in your will.

Online Giving: Holy Spirit offers a convenient way to support the parish financially with your stewardship of treasure. Simply go to our parish website, hspirit.org, and click on



This will access our online giving platform, Qgiv. You may choose to make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift. Thank you for your support!

CSA

2020 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others: Our Parish Participation Goal: \$125,600 and 288 households.

There is no change from last week’s numbers. To date we have raised \$122,115. from 267 households. We are almost there Holy Spirit parishioners! There is still time to respond with a gift to this year’s Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.



Just a Second

Adam: What is a million years like to you?
God: Like one second.
Adam: What is a million dollars like to you?
God: Like one penny.
Adam: Can I have a penny?
God: Sure, just a second.

CHILDCARE

Kid’s Quest 2021....Let’s Have Fun! Last summer was amazing and this summer won’t disappoint. Kid’s Quest offers a balance of indoor and outdoor activities including, STEM, Games, Sports, Music, Spanish, Spirit Club, and so much more! We take full advantage of our amazing campus getting wet and making messes filled with learning experiences. Our camp host campers ages 4 years – entering 5- grade. Information is on the **Holy Spirit Website!**, hspirit.org. Join us for a week, a month, or the whole summer.

FOR THE FAMILY

Reflecting on the Word: Peter, James, and John received a glimpse into the glory and beauty of Christ during the Transfiguration. Peter experienced such a profound spiritual awakening that he wished to set up three tents for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus so that they could stay in that moment. But Jesus brought the disciples back down the mountain. We might experience a similar profound spiritual moment, whether in deep prayer, during Mass, or finding clarity during meditation. We might want to stay in that moment, but we must always return to our daily lives.

On the Way Home from Mass: Explain that being transfigured means to change in appearance or shape. Jesus made his glory known to the disciples, but he wasn't changing who he was. Jesus was a man, but also fully divine.

Living the Word: Create a sun catcher using outlines of the figure of Jesus, card stock, wax paper, coloring materials, scissors, string, a hole punch, and tape. Trace the figure of Jesus on card stock and color the background. Cut the sun catcher in a circle shape and cut out the figure of Jesus. Next, tape a square of wax paper to the sun catcher and loop a length of string to it. Have your children hold up their sun catcher to the window or a lamp or flashlight. How do you think the disciples felt to see such a dazzling sight?

PRAYERS

Please pray for all the sick, shut-ins, those in nursing homes, hospitalized, or recently discharged and recuperating. *Specifically pray for the following who are suffering with a serious illness or undergoing treatment:* Noah Barone, Elizabeth Campbell Moir, Jim Boland, Matt Buechler, Bob Adelberg, Deacon Anthony Brown, Carol O'Bryan, Bobbie Raibert, Lynda Toombs, Deacon Bryan Bush, Linda Lindsey, Wayne Clark, Adley and Tenley Ward, David Overstreet

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:

Cheri Hall 409-5386 (24/7 on call)
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Pete was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Pete out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Pete finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Pete was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

FEATURED ARTICLE

Why Must I Carry a Cross?

Why does God allow suffering?

I know that Jesus is good to me, but sometimes I don't seem to *believe* it.

I may think of God as someone who sends sufferings, trials, challenges, tests. God is a purifying fire, someone who does the right thing for me, but sometimes it hurts. And sometimes it seems like the more I give myself to the Lord, the more suffering I can expect.

But nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus come across as someone who became human in order to bring hardship, a rough road. What Jesus *does* say is that these kinds of bad things happen in life, and he wants to be there with me when they do.

Jesus never said I'd have no suffering, no crosses of my own.

Jesus only promised to be there to help me carry them.

“We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross, the violence that we must each do to ourselves to overcome our selfishness and such cruel inequalities among us.

The violence we preach is not the violence of the sword, the violence of hatred.

It is the violence of love, of brotherhood, the violence that wills to beat weapons into sickles for work.”

-Archbishop Oscar Romero

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Reverend Frederick W. Klotter
Pastor

SACRED LITURGY

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:15am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30pm in the Healing Chapel.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Contact the Ministry Center for information regarding Baptism, First Eucharist, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Marriage.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After the 8:15am Mass every Thursday

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH?

Contact Karen Bisig, Business Manager, at the Ministry Center, to find out how to become a member.

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HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OFFICE: 502.893.7700

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Lighter Side

Are there HMOs in Heaven? A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

Coming or Going? On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"

"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

"Yes, dear."

"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"

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