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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:00am-3:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday: 1:00pm-3:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday: Closed
Saturday: 10:00am-12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, beginning after the 8:15 AM
Mass till 6:00 pm.

February 17th, 2019

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.” - Lk 6:22
Pastor`s Letter

6th Sunday in ordinary Time, C, February 17, 2019

Today's Sunday readings invite us to find a true happiness, which consists of trusting in God in every day, especially when we face various misfortunes that not always are related to wealth and comfort. The readings remind that the biblical criterion of happiness is closeness to God, and not wealth and comfort, as the world evaluates them as such. The refrain of the Psalm emphasizes this very clearly: “Blessed are they who hope in the Lord”. The first reading introduces us to a theme of a happiness and unhappiness which a man can meet in his life. Everything is up to the source on which he builds his life. If this source is God, everything that happens to him receives a good result, even if there are some problems related to the suffering and pain that do not coincide with the values of this earth. The prophet Jeremiah speaks straight about a blessing of those people who trust in God. The prophet compares their situation to “a tree planted beside the water that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, bur still bears fruit”. Totally opposite is the situation of those people who put their trust in people and in their earthly values, turning of their head from God. Jeremiah calls them “cursed” and compares them to “a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth”. On this background, Jesus can now proclaim his manifest of a blessings and curses. He praises the people who in their humility and poverty can build their life on God, even if this life is often manifest by hunger, weeping, hatred and exclusion from the community. He blames yet those who think they are safe in their life because of themselves, it means, of their richness, self-satisfaction, self-perfection. The situation of both, in time, will be at the resurrection of the dead, at the end of times, in the light of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The first ones will receive eternal sadness and dissatisfaction, and the last ones will gain the eternal Kingdom which will satisfy all their needs.

Słynne “błogosławieństwa i biada” Jezusa mają swój początek w prorockich zapowiedziach Jeremiasza dotyczących szczęścia i przekleństwa ludzi żyjących, w pierwszym przypadku – z Bogiem, w drugim – z dala od Niego. Jezus precyzuje to odnosząc błogosławieństwa konkretnie do ludzi ubogich i pokornych, którzy mimo trudności życiowych wciąż budują swoje życie na Bogu. Przekleństwa odnoszą się do tych, którzy pokładają ufność w rzeczach tego świata ostatecznie zadowalając się sobą.

Los famosos „dichosos y ayas” de Jesucristo tienen su origen en la profecías de Jeremías sobre la felicidad y maldición de la gente que vive en Dios (en primer caso) o que son alejados de El (en el segundo). Jesús precisa esto enlazando las bienaventuranzas con la gente pobre y humilde que a pesar de las vicisitudes saben edificar su vida sobre Dios. Los demás que confían en las cosas de este mundo, es decir, en ellos mismos, van a ser y son de echo ya condenados.

Fr. Ryszard Groń
**MASS INTENTION**

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 17**

8:00AM † FRANCES PENDA FORLANO  
† NANCY BUKOWSKI  
10:00AM **MASS IN POLISH**  
† DAWID GNAT  
† KATARZyna PIETRZYK  
11:30AM † YOLANDA GONZALEZ -6TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
S.I. FOR THE PRIESTS AND SISTERS WORKING AT ST. WILLIAM’S PARISH  
12:45PM **MASS IN SPANISH**  
† EPIFANIO Y VIRGINIA IBARRA  
† ROSITA SANCHEZ  
† ROSAMARIA RODALLEGa  
2:15PM **MASS IN POLISH**  
† KATARZyna PIETRZYK  

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18**

8:15AM  

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 19**

8:15AM † FRANK A. KUBES  

**WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 20**

8:15AM  
7:00PM **MASS IN POLISH**  

**THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 21**

8:15AM † MARIANNA & STANISLAW PIETRZYK  
† KATIE PIETRZYK  

**FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 22**

8:15AM  
7:00PM **MASS IN POLISH**  

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 23**

8:15AM  
4:30PM † W. BUTCH WITTROCK  
† DECEASED MEMBERS OF KUBALANZA  
& SIPP FAMILIES  
† MANUEL ARZADON - 6MONTHS AFTER DEATH  
S.I. - **SPECIAL INTENTION**  
† - DECEASED  

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**WEEK AT GLANCE**

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 17**

5:30PM-10:00PM **RAISING THE ROOF REHEARSAL - LH**  

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18 - RECTORY CLOSED**  

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 19**

7:00PM-9:00PM **CHOIR PRACTICE - CHURCH**  
7:00PM-8:30PM **RCIA FOR TEENS PROGRAM - RH**  
7:00PM-8:30PM **COIN CLUB - RM.315**  

**WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 20**

8:15AM-9:00AM **ST.WILLIAM SCHOOL - CHURCH**  

**THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 21**

7:30PM-9:00PM **BOY SCOUTS - LH**  

**FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 22**

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 23**

9:00AM-10:30AM **LEGION OF MARY MTG - CHURCH MTG.ROOM**  
10:00AM-2:00PM **POLISH SCHOOL -RM 300, 301, 302, 303, 313, 314, SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
3:30PM-5:30PM **GIRL SCOUTS COOKIE SALE - CHURCH EXITS**  

Please stop by the rectory to fill out a Facility Scheduling Form to reserve a room or a Cancellation/Change Form if you meeting is no longer happening. Room reservations may not be honored if form is not turned in at least 1 week in advance.  
Please see bulletin for early cut-off dates.  

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:**

**BUDGET FOR WEEKLY COLLECTION .......... $ 7000**  
**WEEKEND COLLECTION FEBRUARY 10 ........ $ 5313**  

Thank You for Your generosity!  
Please remember St. Williams in Your Will.  

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**Dear Sisters Anna and Hiacynta,**

A giant thank you for the beautiful job of decorating our church for the holidays. We are so fortunate to have you both with such skills to make the church feel warm & welcoming. The magnificent village is beyond words. So much thought had to go into the design. The work and the love put into it certainly show. We are so lucky to have you both at our parish. Wish we could keep you here forever. You are truly angels from God.  
- **St. William Parishioners**
Students at Saint William enjoyed a fun Catholic Schools Week despite the frigid weather. Seventh grade and Second grade had special time together playing games. Students also spent time with a Special Person when they joined them for lunch. There was a beautiful Family Mass to kick off CSW and an Open House to view student’s work and their classrooms was held after the Mass. Thank you to everyone who helped make CSW great and continue to support St. William school.

Words of Monsignor Jara to Blessed Teresa of the Andes First Communion Class at Mass before receiving Jesus for the first time:

"Ask Jesus Christ that, if you will ever commit a mortal sin, that He will take you today, since your souls are as pure as the snow on the mountains. Pray to Him for your parents, the authors of your existence. For those who have lost their parents, this is the moment to seek to be united with them. Yes, you are approaching to become witnesses of the intimate union of your souls with Jesus Christ. Look at the angels of the altar, dear little girls. Look at them, they envy you. All heaven is present."
**Blue and White Gala**

*Fundraiser for St. William School*

**Time**
*Saturday, March 23rd*
*At 5:30 PM doors open*
*At 6:30 PM dinner begins*
*Dancing and raffles follow*

**Place**
*St. William School*
*Liebrich Hall*
*2559 North Sayre Avenue*
*Chicago, Illinois 60707*

**Tickets**
*Available in school office and at eventbrite.com*
*21 and older for $30 per person*
*(773) 637-5130*

We are looking for new members for our coin club.
No dues/fees. Welcoming students and adults.
We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tues. each month at 7:00pm in Rm #316 at St. William school.
Call John T. Gallagher - pres. 1-773-622-0553 or pls. email: gallagher2520@gmail.com

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

takes place in our parish every Thursday, beginning after the 8:15 am Mass till 6:00pm
with prayers in Spanish from 11 am to Noon, Divine Mercy at 3 pm in Polish ending with Benediction
in English at 5:45 pm recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We need your help to volunteer so the Blessed
Sacrament is not left unattended. Please consider signing up by choosing a time slot.
A signup sheet is located the Center of the Church on a podium.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.
*St Teresa of Calcutta*

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**Tabernacle Lights:**

Katia & Casey Pietrzyk

**From Deacon Ed:**

Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES.**

Marie Shea  Rafael Moro
Don MacLean  Agustin Riojano
Marilyn Berry  Nora & Ashley Gregory
Kathy Hoellerer  Irena Kmick
Ron Sak  Dolores Piccoli
Patrick Antonetti  Mary Targosz
Joseph Leger  Paul Trucksa
Antonina Bautista  Chris Burke
Józef Budz  Antoniete Muehleis
Edward Karda  Caleb Fisher
Patricia Izaguirre  Helene Grabow
Eva Guadarrama  Mr. Michele (Mike)
Terry Sheridan  Manzella
Margaret Bynes  Donald Posen
Rafael Moro  Gorge Gudino

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**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of February 23 & 24**

4:30pm

- **Priest**: Fr. Ryszard
- **Deacon**: Simola, Edward
- **Lectors**: Konrath, Mike
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: Balsamo, Betty

8:00am

- **Priest**: Fr. Jarek
- **Deacon**: Ponce de Leon, John
- **Lectors**: Dewbray, Diane
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: Konrath, Karol

11:30am

- **Priest**: Fr. Jarek
- **Deacon**: Rodriguez, Fannie
- **Lectors**: Storto, Ann Marie
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: Koscielniak, Gary

12:45pm

- **Priest**: Fr. Ryszard
- **Deacon**: Chora, Nurith
- **Lectors**: Boyas, Felipe
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: Simola Edward

**Observances for the week of February 17, 2024**

- **Sunday**: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Monday**: Presidents’ Day
- **Thursday**: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- **Friday**: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- **Saturday**: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

**Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

The Girls Scouts of St William will be selling cookies after the Masses (until we run out) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd and Sunday, Feb. 24th. We’ll have all your favorites. Thin Mints, Samoas, Tag-a-Longs, Savannah Smiles, Trefoils, Do-si-do’s, our newest S’more cookie and a limited quantity of the gluten free Toffee Tastic. Cookies are $5.00 a box. Thank you for your continued support of the Girl Scouts!

**Burning of Palm Branches**

Very soon we will be entering into the Lenten season. We will again be burning Palm Branches to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be located at the entrances of the Church in order for you to place the old palms that you wish to be burned.

Our Service for the Palm Branch Burning will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 3, outside the Church on the driveway located on the Sayre Avenue side. Please plan on attending.
Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
“COME, FOLLOW ME…and share the Word”

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to “COME, FOLLOW ME…and share the Word.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. When our parish reaches its goal of $21,312 in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.