Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

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Reverend Dave Woost
Pastor

Mass Schedule:
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

Baptism: Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

Office Hours:
Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
-Jn 9:35b
### Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

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<td>+ Sarah &amp; Harry Barnes and Richard Rigo, Sr.</td>
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<td><strong>SUNDAY</strong></td>
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**Q&A**

At my grandson’s Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby’s head. Others are simply placed on the baby’s chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.
The coronavirus has put everyone in a place we have never been before. This is not just a local community event but a global community reality. The meaning of Lent is hitting home to many as we stay close to home and not gather in large groups. Mass attendance last weekend was about thirty-five percent of the numbers we usually see at this time of the year. I was surprised to see this many gather for Mass. Thank you for being present with us. I am also grateful to those who stayed home. If you have any apprehension about coming to church I understand.

This virus is not to be taken lightly. The best words I have heard so far about all that has transpired over the last several weeks is the one day an overreaction can be followed the next day as an under reaction. Taking every precaution is primary in dealing with this pandemic. The best way to alleviate the spiking of number of people effected by the virus is to keep a good distance from each other, avoid close contact with sick persons, wash your hands frequently, if you are feeling sick call your doctor, and practice good health habits.

So here we are many working from home, school out for several weeks, restaurants closed, athletic events canceled, and to be cautious about every activity as we never have before. It puts us in a place of great pondering and reflection. As meetings and gatherings have cancelled, I will find myself with some extra time to pray and reflect. What can be tricky about this dynamic is I often desire more time to pray and reflect but can often find time to fill in my schedule. Here is an opportunity to examine one’s life with a little more intensity. The coronavirus has placed us in a position of an imposed Lenten Desert.

Jesus was whisked out to the desert by the power of the Spirit. This time of “seclusion” for us, can best be utilized by reflecting on the power of Christ in our Life. Two weeks ago we followed Jesus with Peter, James, and John to the mountain of Transfiguration where he displays a “hint” of his glory. Not knowing how long the virus will last calls us to incredible patience with one another and perseverance through this time. The Transfiguration gives us a reason to push forward because there is the hope of better things to come through the difficult challenges we face.

The Samaritan woman at the well was given life giving water that will well up unto eternal life. She learned that her ultimate hope was in Jesus who she encountered when she was at her worst. Jesus brought greater meaning to her life. This time of pandemic gives us every reason to see the power and strength we draw from Jesus. He brings great meaning to our lives. This week we hear of Jesus who opens the eyes of a man who cannot see. Things would be so much better if we could only see this virus. However, this is not the way life works for us. We are blind to the virus and its strength, but we know that we must take care of ourselves to alleviate its influence.

Jesus opens this man’s eyes and so many are offended because no one has ever opened the eyes of a blind man. Some are concerned about the reasons for his blindness. Could he have inherited this condition from his parents? Then they want to know how his eyes were opened. This happened on the Sabbath and healing was not allowed on this day. Jesus sees the man’s faith and he responds. Jesus opens our eyes so that we might not be blind to Him. In this moment of worry concerning the coronavirus, we pray for open eyes to see where we are being led.

Could anything good come out of this moment for us and the world? This is one of those many questions that tells us we do not have control. Life when it is interrupted can cause anxiety and consternation about the ordinary things of life. I hope and pray that everyone is safe, healthy, and has the opportunity during the lifespan of this virus to stay faithful to Christ.

At the beginning of the week we were given the order to immediately suspend all Masses through Easter. It will be difficult not to celebrate Mass publicly. Not having our community present especially through the powerful Holy Week liturgies will be different. We are hoping to provide Livestreaming for our Sunday liturgy soon. Please check our website (www.divinewordkirtland.org) to see when this will begin.
**River Valley Paper Bins**

The River Valley Paper Bins have been removed. While over time the paper recycle bins added revenue to the bottom line, we are now achieving less than $5/month from the paper and cardboard in the two bins. Our garbage bin, currently located near the barn, will be moved to the concrete pad currently housing the two paper bins. This will prevent us from having to pour a new concrete pad, as the garbage bin is damaging the pavement in front of the barn. To those of you who have been so kind as to provide your recycling to Divine Word over the years, thank you!

**Joseph House**

Joseph House is in need of children’s clothing, sizes 4 thru 14. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Retrouvaille Cancelled**

Due to the corona virus in Ohio, the Cleveland Retrouvaille organization has to cancel the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend for couples with troubled marriages that is scheduled for March 27-29, 2020. At this time, it is unknown when it can be rescheduled, or when the next weekend will be held.

**Legacy Fund**

As we demonstrate our devotion to God this Lenten season, we are reminded to be stewards of our faith. By providing a gift through your estate planning, you leave a sign of your commitment to continue the good work of the Church. To begin planning for your legacy, or to become a member of the Divine Word Legacy Society, please contact Fr. Dave or Shari Allwood at the parish office or Sandy Lucas of the Catholic Community Foundation at (216) 696-6525 x1640, email: slucas@catholiccommunity.org for a confidential conversation.

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**AM 1260 The Rock**

AM 1260 The Rock will be offering our listeners additional opportunities to join in the Sunday liturgy. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to join us for the Sunday liturgy at the following times:

- The Diocese of Cleveland Mass for the Homebound will be broadcast at its regular time 10:30 AM Sunday AND at 4 PM Saturday.
- The Mass from EWTN will be broadcast at 8 AM Sunday AND again at 5 PM Sunday.
- And, don’t forget that weekday Masses are aired each weekday at 10 AM.

Please visit our website at am1260therock.com for our full schedule.

**FORMED.org**

The 4th Sunday of Lent reminds us that the way we see best is through the eyes of faith. But first we have to recognize that without Jesus we are blind. Go to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

**Humor from the Caddyshack**

Words of Wisdom:
- Flexible people never get bent out of shape.
- It’s hard to tell the age of someone whose spirit remains young.
- Life would be easier if it came with an “undo” button.
- Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings.
- Attitude is everything, so you might as well pick a good one.

If you dust, you’ll get the duster dirty. Why transfer the dust from one place to another? Besides, dust bunnies make wonderful easy-to-care for pets.

Father Jim
I have been blessed abundantly with gifts from God. With gratitude, I wish to offer my gifts of prayer, thanksgiving, and resources to God. I wish to enroll in this safe, free program to make regular contributions to Divine Word Catholic Church.

- Authorization Agreement -

I hereby authorize Divine Word Church of Kirtland, Ohio to initiate debit entries to my Checking/Savings account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount $___________

Please check one:
___ Monthly on the 5th
___ 15th
___ 30th
___ Weekly (every Monday)

Bank Name:  _______________________________________
Address ______________________________________
City/State/Zip _________________________________
Bank Transit-ABA # _______________________________
Bank Account Number _______________________________

(Please attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account)

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until Divine Word has received written notification at least ten (10) business days in advance of the desired termination date.

Authorized signature for above account      Print Name      Date

If second signature is required:

Authorized signature for above account      Print Name      Date

Thank you!

Kirtland C.A.R.E.S.

Kirtland cares and is here to help! Due to an outpouring of support and concern from residents and community organizations, The City of Kirtland has formed Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team in an effort to help those most directly affected by the coronavirus, should an emergent need arise.

Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Community : Action : Resources : Education : Support
Reach out to City personnel at KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com or if you can help with any of the following:

◊ Identifying people in need, especially the elderly.
◊ Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, basic first aid items.
◊ Provide hands-on assistance delivering necessary items and connecting with shut-ins.

Thank you!

Divine Protection

The best defense is a good offense. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. And observe the 20-second wash rule. Praying while you wash is a good practice.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven
hallowed by thy name.
The kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen
God Bless You for Your Generosity
Stewardship Report
Weekend of 03/14 & 03/15/2020
Weekly Collection (120 envelopes): $6,707.00
Weekly Collection Goal: $10,130.00
Weekly Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $3,423.00
YTD Collection: $536,050.85
YTD Goal: $530,753.99
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (+) $5,296.86

St Vincent de Paul
In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

IMPORTANT Food Collection News!
Due to the suspension of Masses/liturgies in our state, the Easter Food Collection and distribution of the baskets is also suspended. Thank you to all who have supported this collection. At this time, the donated items that we have will be delivered to Kirtland CARES Response Team, which is a new program set up by the city to help those directly affected by the coronavirus. Once the COVID-19 pandemic is over, our monthly food collections will resume. Again, thank you for your continued support to our food collection program.

Meet Maria Ana
Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

Remember Our Sick & Suffering!

Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.

Four Seasons Book Club
The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read. On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

Komic Korner

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