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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We continue the work of Jesus Christ, to Unleash the Gospel and help everyone seek and experience the love and mercy of God.

Father Bogdan's Corner

With the reception of Ashes last Wednesday we began Lent, a very special time in the Liturgical Calendar designated to prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of Jesus. I choose this year this formula: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" instead of: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". For the last 12 months we read and heard about people dying from COVID-19. Reporting the number of deaths everyday, the media instilled in our conscious the awareness that there is death, one does not live forever, we can expect and experience sudden death. The Liturgical formula "You are dust and to dust you shall return" is very appropriate for our current situation. Being aware of our condition and shortness of time, it is important to make more sense of our lives. The Church is helping us in that. There are three focuses during this Lent: Confession, Devotions to St. Joseph and the power of the Word of God. For the Sacrament of Reconciliation I will be available every Saturday at 3 p.m. and on II, III, and IV Sunday of Lent after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. In addition to that by appointment. In the next bulletin I will present you with a detailed examination of the conscious that may help you. Confession is a great sacrament giving us a new beginning after a sinful life. Confession refreshes our souls. St. Joseph; the Father, husband and carpenter can become for us—men and women a role model to form an integrated personality and develop a healthy relationship with God.

Please find on the internet "Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis" and read it. It is a good source of information on St. Joseph and a great spiritual reading uplifting our spirits. Second thing that you can do is to watch on You tube "33 Days Consecration of St. Joseph". These two things will enrich your spiritual life.

I am planning to have a seminar on the life and role of St. Joseph. It will be on March 18, the Vigil of St. Joseph Feast Day. The time will be announced in the next bulletin.

Just a reminder that next Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. we will begin our second half of the Religious Education Program for this year. Please mark your calendars.

God Bless you,

Fr. Bogdan



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 24th 9:00 a.m.

♦St. Faustina Parishioners

Friday, February 26th 9:00 a.m.

♦For Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life and Lay Ministry

This Week:

Monday, February 22nd

9:00 a.m. - No Mass
 6:00 p.m.—Religious Education Classes
 7:15 p.m.—Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 23rd

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, February 24th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday, February 25th

9:00 a.m.— No Mass

Friday, February 26th

9:00 a.m. - Mass
 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27th

3:00 p.m. - Confession
 4:00 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, February 28th

8:30 a.m. - Mass
 Confession after Mass
 11:00 a.m. - Mass



During the week of

February 21, 2021

the candle next to the Tabernacle will burn in memory of

*Dorothy Konwerski
 (102nd Birthday Rem)
 req by
 Daughter Rosemary*



Reserve the Perpetual Candle for the year 2021. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Suggested donation is \$15.00

Tune in each night at 7 p.m. for our daily devotion. Our You-Tube channel is:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of

February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Observances for the week of

February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Mass / Presider	Intentions
Saturday, February 27 th 4:00 p.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	✠Peter Meyer (85th Birthday Rem) Wife & Children ✠Gerald Labiak req by Wife Geri ✠Ray Skinner req by Wife ✠Richard Kunnath (Birthday Rem) req by Wife
Sunday, February 28 th 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz 11:00 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	✠Cecelia Lipinski (Birthday Rem) req by Daughters ♦St. Faustina Parishioners



Joseph—A tender and Loving Father



Joseph saw Jesus grow daily “in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor” (Lk 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: “He taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him” (cf. Hos 11:3-4).

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God. “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him” (Ps 103:13).

In the synagogue, during the praying of the psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love,” who is good to all, whose compassion is over all that he has made” (Ps 149:9).

”Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

The history of salvation is worked out “in hope against hope” (Rom 4:18), through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Thus St. Paul could say: “To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness: (2 Cor 12:7-9).

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy.”

The Evil One makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. Rv 12:10).

That is why it is so important to encounter God’s mercy, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. Paradoxically, the Evil One can also speak the truth to us, yet he does so only to condemn us.

We know that God’s truth does not condemn but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. That truth always presents itself to us like the merciful father in Jesus’ parable (cf. Lk 15:11-32). It comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us, for, as the father says, “This my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found” (v.24).

Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

New Members Welcome!

First Reading: Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
 “See, I am now establishing my covenant with
 you
 and your descendants after you
 and with every living creature that was with
 you:
 all the birds, and the various tame and wild an-
 imals
 that were with you and came out of the ark.
 I will establish my covenant with you,
 that never again shall all bodily creatures be
 destroyed
 by the waters of a flood;
 there shall not be another flood to devastate
 the earth.”
 God added:
 “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to
 come,
 of the covenant between me and you
 and every living creature with you:
 I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
 of the covenant between me and the earth.
 When I bring clouds over the earth,
 and the bow appears in the clouds,
 I will recall the covenant I have made
 between me and you and all living beings,
 so that the waters shall never again become a
 flood
 to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to
 those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
 teach me your paths,
 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are God my savior.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
 who keep your covenant.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
 and your love are from of old.
 In your kindness remember me,
 because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
 who keep your covenant.**

Good and upright is the LORD,
 thus he shows sinners the way.
 He guides the humble to justice,
 and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
 who keep your covenant.**

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,
 the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
 that he might lead you to God.
 Put to death in the flesh,
 he was brought to life in the Spirit.
 In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
 who had once been disobedient
 while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
 during the building of the ark,
 in which a few persons, eight in all,
 were saved through water.
 This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
 It is not a removal of dirt from the body
 but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
 who has gone into heaven
 and is at the right hand of God,
 with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

**One does not live on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes forth
 from the mouth of God.**

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel
of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glo-
rified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Pastoral Care Regarding the Vatican's Note on Baptism

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, “We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” instead of the proper form of “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. The Vatican ruled that the form “We baptize” does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 –1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacraments update for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.



St. Vincent de Paul PANTRY UPDATE



Thank you for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul. Through your generosity, during January, we were able to help feed 23 families, totaling 56 people. Our pantry needs for this month are; canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup, cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned ravioli, canned vegetables, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, jam/jellies, hand soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, paper towels, and toilet tissue. If anyone needs assistance, please call 586-773-9231.

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” ... St. Teresa of Calcutta



St. Vincent de Paul CLOTHING BINS

St. Vincent de Paul clothing bins are located at the northwest corner of our parking lot. We appreciate all the donated clothing and household goods. However, if the bins are full or have items that do not fit into the containers, **please do not leave them outside the bins**. Your valuable donations can be ruined in the weather. We cannot accept items that do not fit inside the bins. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Food Donations for Overflow Homeless Program

Boards with tags are now up for requested food items. We have been asked to make up to 160 lunches. This is an increase from the original requested 120. Lunches will consist of a sandwich, beverage, salty snack, sweet snack and fruit. In addition, some type of breakfast item. Please purchase the requested brand item, quantity and size. We have estimated the number of items that we will need to make 160 lunches daily over the seven days.

We kindly ask that you do not make any additional donations of unsolicited items. This includes toiletries and clothing. As mentioned in a previous article, the traditional Warming Center is not operating this winter season.

All donations are to be returned by/on Sun, March 7. There will be a card table in the main entrance to place your donation. The only exception is hard boiled eggs. Those are to be returned on/by Sun, March 14.

Christian Service expresses its sincere gratitude for your generous response for these requested items. Thank you all so very much. God Bless You.

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of bulletin information,
we offer apologies for any errors or omissions that might occur.

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Please pray for those in our parish family in prolonged sickness:

Norma Angeleri
 Samantha Beattie
 Ray Dominic
 Martin Eichorn
 Dorothy Gietzen
 Rebecca Hemmesch
 Joann Hozdish
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 Becky Kohagen
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 Francine Lorentz
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MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 p.m.
 Or by appointment

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Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Registration

Parishioners may register in person, by phone, or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least six months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic. For more information call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Arrange at least six months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral Staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound regularly. Names of the sick should be reported to the Parish Office.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or send an email to stfaustina@comcast.net

St. Faustina is extending a personal invitation to you so that we can help with your spiritual needs.

If you have been baptized and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Bogdan to inquire about Confirmation.



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