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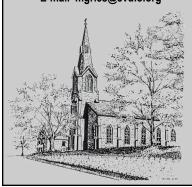
**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday—5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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#### FEBRUARY 19, 2023 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Lent is upon us again and with it a fascinating list of rituals and traditions that have been passed on to us through the years. Lent was, and still is filled with days of fast and abstinence. Fasting has to do with partially or completely refraining from eating while abstinence has to do with refraining from eating certain foods. Traditionally Ash Wednesday and Good Friday were, and still are, days of fast (eating less than we normally do) and abstinence (in our case, not eating meat). Friday's during Lent were, and still are, days of abstinence. One of the great unintended consequences of this tradition is the introduction of a whole other tradition—"Lenten Fish Frvs!"

Along with fasting, one of the other traditions of Lent was alms-Almsgiving has traditionally been understood as sharing our resources, particularly our money, to help those in need. Now there are many ways and many places to share our resources with those in need. This Lent we are given two unique ways of doing this and both of them are responding to the needs of people who are especially hurting now. These opportunities come to us in the form of contributing to special collections. The first of these is a special collection to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity especially with the people of Ukraine. COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH

The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE to the faithful affected by the darkness of war, violence, and loss of families and homes and provide other essential funding in the region.



The second opportunity also comes to us by way of a special collection—the collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Catholic Relief Services began in the early 1940's as a response by the Catholic Church in the United States to the refugee crisis that came about because of the devastation of World War II. Since that time, CRS has responded to people affected by floods, earthquakes, famine and war throughout the world.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES Today they are responding to dire situations in Yemen, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Haiti. And they are now helping provide aid to the people of Turkey and Syria where over 40,000 people have died as a result of the devastating earthquakes that have occurred in that region.

The work of Catholic Relief Services happens because Catholics from throughout the United States contribute to the annual CRS collection which is traditionally held on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This year that day is March 19th. If you are wondering what you can do in the face of so much destruction we see in the world, making a contribution to the Catholic Relief Services Collection is a very practical way of doing something good.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to Jim Scheller for replacing our mailbox that got destroyed last week.

## LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY FEB. 22

Ash Wednesday Feb 22 Mass at 7:30 am with distribution of Ashes Penance Service with distribution of Ashes 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

This year, for the distribution of ashes we will be following a much older Catholic tradition of having ashes sprinkled on our heads.





Thanks to all the folks who came to support our blood drive last Sunday. A total of 29 units were collected. Thanks to Terry Drone, jenny Puckett. Donna Blankenberger Imogene Baehl for hosting this events.

## For Lent, 1966

It is my lent to break. My lent To eat when I would fast. To know when slender strength is spent take shelter from the blast When I would run with wind and rain. To sleep when I would watch. It's my lent to smile at pain but not ignore its touch. It is my lent to listen well When I would be alone. To talk when I would rather dwell In silence, turn from none Who call on me to try to see That what is truly meant Is not my choice, if Christ I'd be It's thus I'll keep my lent. Madeleine L'Engle





## CELEBRATION OF

#### THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 **SEVENTH SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Earl, Elizabeth, Lisa & Terry Angermeier, John Cassin, Rosina (1886) & Joseph Effinger, Margaret Hillenbrandt (1902), Judy Barnett (1953), Donald Flick (2013)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Carol Linz, Raymond Fischer, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria 10:30 AM MASS: Jim Collins, Donald and Rosie Pritchett, Charlie Garrett, Francis Bergwitz (1877), Maria (1913) & Nicholas Kissel

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Jim Collins, Frank (1956) & Bertha Gerteisen, Francis Gries (1987), Elsie (1995) & Albert Hillenbrand, Millie (2006) & Earl Hoefling

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 SAINTS PETER DAMIAN

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Rexing (1876), Don (2014) & Neacie Singleton, Kathy Luigs, Charlotte (2014) & Don Titzer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY** 7:30 AM SCHOOL MASS

WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

Joseph Fogel (1921), Lucille Angermeier (1992)

11 AM and 7 PM PENANCE SERVICE—DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

NO MASS: Adam Hillenbrand (1865), John Weis (1909), Leo Dillman (1969), Betty Gries (1985), Carl (2013) & Madeline Rexing, Francis Will (2021)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

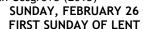
NO MASS: Henry Helfrich (1862)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Theresa Schenk, Jeff Schneider, Jack Siemers, Walter & Ardell Schneider, John Helfrich (1862), Eva Reising (1903), Donald

Evans (1996), Alexis Gerteisen (2000), Edgar Hartz (2012), Judith Cosgrove (2013) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ash wednesdau



8:00 AM MASS: Phil Lasher, Joe lasher, Frank Will, Jordan Wood, Clarence & Mildred Rexing, Joe & Anita Rexing

10:30 AM MASS: Sr. Mary Emma Jochum, OSB, Catharine Kissel (1866), Velma Merrick (1970), Aletha (2018) & Albert Vollman



#### COME ENJOY A FISH DINNER

Resurrection-February 22-24 St. James-February 24 St. Benedict-February 24 St. James-March 11 & April 1



#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that-to give generously to those who ask of us

and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

February 12, 2023	\$ 10,603.00
February 15, 2023 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 10,671.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 600,650.91
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 649,836.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 65.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 15.00

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VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 35.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 65.00
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH	\$ 5.00
<b>BLACK &amp; INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION</b>	\$ 40.00
EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION	\$ 30.00

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

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#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

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CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head RIVER POINTE: Keith & Beverly Jones

FEBRUARY 19: Jonathan Eickhoff, Nick Helmer,

Frank Hertel, Cameron Lappe, Owen Traylor

FEBRUARY 20: Rob Ennis, Natalie Kassenbrock FEBRUARY 21: Stephanie Bates, Rick Dile,

Joyce Lewis, Julie Market, Connor Niemeier

Andrea Orth, Dave Spaetti FEBRUARY 22: Diane Evans, Renee Pace, Vince Werner

FEBRUARY 23: Macey Adler, Cody Biffert, Bayleigh Burress, Troy Gerteisen, Cambell Murray, Sheri Powers, Rose Ellen Unfried, Jessica Werner

FEBRUARY 24: Leona Englert, Kristan Gilles, Russel Stratman, Jackson Traylor

FEBRUARY 25: Henry Raben, Brad Schnur

FEBRUARY 20: Gene & Marianne Ritter FEBRUARY 22: Don & Debra Baumgart

FEBRUARY 24: John & Gail Maurer

FEBRUARY 25: Jeff & Patti Wittgen, Jarrod & Katie Luigs

HAPPY **ANNIVERSARY** 

**HAPPY** 

The Knight of Columbus Council 565 invites vou to join them at a special prayer service on February 24 6:30 pm at St. Boniface. This icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of this special service.



Please remember in your prayers *Jorhdan Wood*, the wife of Cory Wood (grandson of Richard & Imogene Baehl, who died suddenly this past week. Remember also Sr, Mary Emma Jochum OSB, who died on February 14. May of you will remember Sr. Mary Emma from her time as Director of Relgiopus Education here in our parish in the 1980's. May the angels lead them into paradise and may God's peace be with all the members of their families.

#### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si—Caring for Our Common Home and seeing the real presence of God in all things.



For this reason the human being and things have ceased to shake hands amicably, becoming instead contenders. From here we easily move on to the idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which has so excited economists, finance and technology theorists. This supposes the lie about the infinite availability of the planet's goods, which leads to "squeezing" it to the limit and beyond the limit. This is the false assumption that there is an unlimited amount of energy and usable means, that their immediate regeneration is possible and that the negative effects of the manipulations of nature can be easily absorbed. which has thrilled economists, finance and technology theorists so much.

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The origin of many difficulties in today's world there is first



of all the tendency, not always conscious, to set the methodology and objectives of technoscience according to a paradigm of understanding that conditions people's lives and the functioning of society. The effects of the application of this model to all reality, human and social, can be seen in the degradation of the environment. But this is

only a sign of the reductionism that affects human life and society in all their dimensions.

It must be recognized that the products of technology are not neutral, because they create a plot that ends up conditioning lifestyles and orienting social possibilities in the direction of the interests of certain power groups. Certain choices that seem purely instrumental,

One cannot think of supporting another cultural paradigm and using technology as a mere tool, because today the technocratic paradigm has become so dominant that it is very difficult to ignore its resources, and it is even more difficult to use its resources without being dominated by its logic.

It has become counter-cultural to choose a lifestyle with objectives that at least in part can be independent of technology, its costs and its globalizing and massifying power. In fact, the technique has a tendency to ensure that nothing remains outside its iron logic, and the man who is the protagonist knows that, in the final analysis, it is not a question of utility, nor of well-being, but of domination; domination in the extreme sense of the word. For this reason he tries to grasp the elements of nature and at the same time those of human existence. This reduces the capacity for decision, the most authentic freedom and the space for the alternative creativity of individuals.

The technocratic paradigm also tends to exert its dominion over economics and politics. The economy assumes every technological development as a function of profit, without paying attention to any negative consequences for the human being. Finance suffocates the real and the lesson of environmental deterioration is being learned very slowly.

TO BE CONTINUED

CAN YOU HELP? It's time to start planning for the lawn mowing season in our parish. We're looking to add some people who can help mow the large areas of our campus with our riding mowers. And we are looking for folks who can join some of our existing lawn mowing crews. These crews mow the lawn around the rectory, church, school and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, and refreshments for the workers!).

With the retirement of Mark Schmitt who took care of our lawn mowing equipment for many years, we are adjusting some of the duties of the mowing crews, particularly those who operated our riding lawn mowers.

Maybe you could be one of these people. Call the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrenbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. Not only can you help the parish save money, but you can also help in keeping our grounds looking nice, and it's great exercise!



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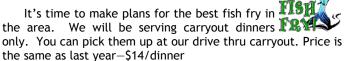
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#### COME HELP US PREPARE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 BEGINNING AT 1 PM

We'll need help to prepare all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 BEGIING AT 2 PM

We'll need help preparing our famous sweet/sour slaw and packaging it in containers

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 BEGINNING AT 3 PM

We will need help frying the fish and putting the carryout meals together for the carryout. We'll be doing that in the meeting room. And we need help cleaning up after all the meals have been served. Check the emails for updates. You can also volunteer by calling Elisha Dewig (812-798-7098) or the parish office (812-963-3273).

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