



Sunday, January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions
- 10 a.m. - Catherine Daniel
- David, Barb and Alex Fischer

Monday, February 1 - Weekday

Anointing Mass

5:30 p.m. Ellen Marshall - Bessie Provenzano

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

9 a.m. - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

Wednesday, February 3 - Weekday

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9 a.m. - Eugene & Lorraine Brady and Henry & Margaret Manck - Estate

Thursday, February 4 - Weekday

No Mass Today

Friday, February 5

9 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

Saturday, February 6

St. Paul Miki, Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs

4:30 p.m. - Mary Ellen Laufer - St. Mary's Staff

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions
- 10 a.m. - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate



On Monday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m. we will have an **Anointing Mass** to celebrate the Healing of Heart and Soul through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We come with our own special needs and turn to Christ for the loving touch that strengthens. If you are dealing with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or simply need to feel the healing power of Christ, please join us at this Mass.

<u>Collection for January 23/24, 2010</u>	
Regular Collection	\$4,785.50
Bldg. & Maintenance	55.00
	<u>\$4,840.50 Total</u>

Dear Parish Family,

I was watching "Home Improvement: Extreme Edition" and as I watched the incredible transformation of a neighborhood on Buffalo's West Side, I was moved by the courage and shared gifts of people working against great odds to make a community a better place. After the show, I started to read the Scriptures for this weekend's Masses and only got as far as Jeremiah, the broken-hearted prophet. This man had an incredible consciousness of God in his life; he sensed he had been set apart to make a difference and that his life had a purpose. I think it's that way for each of us: God is ready to do amazing things through us.

This Thursday at 7 p.m. we will make a beginning for a whole new opportunity for Youth Ministry in our parish. If you would like to be part of this exciting experiment, you are welcome to join us with your ideas. The meeting will be in our Parish Center. I ask all of you to continue to hold this special intention in your powerful prayers.

St. Mary's Parish Supper/2010 is now history and a series of wonderful memories. Thanks to all those who have been planning and preparing, cooking and serving, baking and cleaning so that this event was once again a remarkable gathering of folks who clearly love and care for each other. Thanks to all of you who joined us for this shared meal and to all those who donated so many items and services. It's always such a blessing to see the folks who gather at the Table of the Lord, continue that fellowship as the community lives out Christ's presence among us.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary



The Sanctuary Lamp of the Blessed Sacrament will burn during February to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janelle A. Raskopf, Mother; Pearl Raskopf Kruger, grandmother; and Evelyn Coughlin, grandmother, requested by Linda Groves.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- Monday - 7-8 p.m.** - Religious Education (Grades 6-10)
- 7 p.m.** - Confirmation Meeting for Parent/Candidate
- Tuesday - 3-7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration
- 7 p.m.** - Worship/Liturgy Mtg.
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Girl Scouts
- Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m.** Religious Education for (Grades K-5)

Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting:

Monday, February 1, 7 p.m in the Parish Center. This meeting is for all candidates for confirmation **and** their parents. Candidates must be in 9th grade or above and a registered member of St. Mary's.

First Communion Parents: **Monday, February 22,**

at 7 p.m. in church. Fr. Gary will do a Teaching Mass for the parents of children preparing to receive their First Communion this May, for the R.C.I.A. candidates, and any interested parishioners. Children should **not** attend.

The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, who have served

the people of Lockport and the surrounding area for the **past 145 years,** invite you to join their S.J.A. (former St. Joseph Academy) 50-week split club. The contribution is \$50 a year. Your membership entitles you to attend the annual dinner, during which 17 drawings take place, totaling \$2,500. In addition, two weekly drawings of \$20 and \$10 take place during the year. There are two additional \$50 drawings during the first week in March for members paid in full by this date. If you would like to join or if you want more information, please call Shirley at 434-9742.

Sunday, January 31, is Open House at DeSales School

from Noon to 2 p.m.

The 6th Annual Pasta Supper was a huge success!
Look for details in our flyer next week



Mike Mahoney, Joanne Gajewski, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliardi III, Doris Stump, Ellen Gardner, Mildred Delwardt, Voola Bartholomew, Jackie McLaughlin, Zackie Berger, Cecelia Reger, Isabella Serrienne, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, Brandon Nemece, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Jim Fiegel, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

Weekend of February 6/7, 2010

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. Pat Sonnenmeier, Brian Costello

Sunday, February 7:

8 a.m. Diane Campbell

10 a.m. Monica and Mike Pullano

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. Martha Chilcott, Fred Wascovich, Peg Bosseler, Mary Alice Strohleim, Burt Marshall

Sunday, February 7:

8 a.m. Ken Carter, Sr. Carissima, Aimee Bell

10 a.m. Dave and Mary Wohleben, Angela Beightol, Bob Cramer, Joan and Mike Howells, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. **Michael Campbell,** Christopher and Jonathan Bolt, Elizabeth Eckert

Sunday, February 7:

10 a.m. **Mark Wallace,** Danny DiMillo, Clara Mrowka, Julianna Bonnette

Greeters' Schedule

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. Cecilia Shanahan, Lynn Ann Kowalski

Sunday, February 7:

8 a.m. Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude
10 a.m. Tim Wolcott, Angela Beightol



Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. **No Nursery Today**

Sunday, February 7:

10 a.m. Sherry Allen, Kelly Hinchy

"Scrip" Volunteers

Saturday, February 6:

4:30 p.m. Mary Lou Flanders

Sunday, February 7:

8 a.m. Kathy and Dave Greenfield

10 a.m. Nancy Eglin, David Mrowka

If you are unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for a substitute.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 The call of the prophet Jeremiah is tenderly colored by the intimacy of God's knowledge of Jeremiah even before he was born, choosing him to be a messenger of God's word "to all nations." Jeremiah sought to speak out against the two greatest evils of his day: idolatry and injustice. It is inevitable that Jeremiah would face opposition from the people, including kings, princes, and priests. As in the entire history of God's plan of salvation for His people, He promises the greatest source of strength for those who are called to do His work—His very presence. God's words of reassurance to Jeremiah are both powerful and calming. It would be well to linger on them in moments of doubt and fear, for Jeremiah is told, as are we, that God would not—could not—leave us "crushed" before the charging enemy of adversity.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Love is a concept that is a challenge to describe, but when we experience it, we recognize it. In one of the most familiar scriptural passages, Paul successfully conquers this challenge. His purpose is not a poetic attempt, but rather a desire to remedy the misconception that the church at Corinth held concerning spiritual gifts. Paul describes the futility of these gifts without love—its nature and its permanence—in contrast to the impermanence of the gifts. To bring substance and meaning to any and all actions, love must be the guiding force. It is not easy and demands the maturing of human nature to grasp its full importance. To live well, we must love well.

Luke 4:21-30 In this passage, Jesus reveals himself as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (one of Luke's major themes) and as a prophet. Just as Jeremiah had to gird himself against the opposition of the people of Judah, Jesus recognizes his rejection in his hometown of Nazareth. Despite the awe with which the people gazed upon Jesus, doubts surfaced about the authenticity of the son of a carpenter. In speaking of the miracles Elijah and Elisha performed for the Gentiles in Sidon and Syria, Jesus provoked the crowd that, in their smugness, felt God's salvation was meant only for the Jews. To them, Jesus fell short of what they expected and, in their anger, attempted to kill him. God's protection of His prophets, however, is without boundaries, as is His love.

Readings for the week of January 31, 2010

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8 11/ Lk 5:1-11

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Gary R. Kibler, Pastor
Carol Costello, Pastoral Associate and D.R.E.
Eleanor Wascovich, Parish Secretary
Mickey Pils, Business Administrator
Bessie Provenzano, Housekeeper
Robin Ritz, Maintenance/Custodian

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar & RosaryFran Staszak 434-1461
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943
Catholic CharitiesBrenda and Mike Ulrich 433-6467
Fred Wascovich 434-3451
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228
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Evangelization Committee.....Bernie Winter 433-4071
Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722
Finance & Administration Jim Smigelski 433-0849
GreetersMary Alice Stroehlein 433-6106
Knights of Columbus.....Phil Chamot 434-7688
Martha-Mary Church Care.....Sheila Winter 433-4071
Ministers of Hospitality
4:30 p.m.....Ed Forness 433-8242
10 a.m..... Gerry Dembrowicz 692-8394
Ministers of the Word..... Vickie Richardson 778-5668
Ministry of ComfortDonna Santarsiero 433-3002
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461
R.C.I.A.....Marcia Seibel 688-0772
Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340
SacristanDoris Stump 731-5230
Small Faith Communities..... 434-6316
Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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