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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The challenge offered by today's scripture readings is to go courageously beyond people's expectations by doing good as Jesus did. The readings also invite us to explore the importance of work in our lives and to learn a lesson in work ethics from Job, Paul and Jesus.

While the gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically preparing for his second day's preaching and healing ministry, the first reading details Job's attitude in striking contrast to Jesus'. Job complains of the tedium and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. But eventually Job surrenders himself, his suffering, his work and everything he had had and had lost to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6). The psalmist in today's responsorial psalm sings praises to God because He is busy full-time in *gathering Israel* from their captivity, in *healing the broken hearted* and *bandaging their wounds*, in controlling the universe, in *sustaining the lowly* and in punishing the wicked. The second reading presents Paul as a true and dynamic follower of Jesus, ready to do something extra for his Lord by preaching the gospel without recompense. Pointing out the spontaneous response of Peter's mother-in-law after she had been healed by Jesus, today's gospel teaches us

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Weekly Parish Calendar

Week of February 4-12, 2012

Sat: 3:30pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass
Sun: 9:30am Mass
 7:00pm Men's Cursillo Mtg—SAH
Mon: Fr. Naill at Clergy Conference
 5:30pm Communion Service—Chapel
 7:30pm K of C Mtg—Rm 107
Tues: Fr. Naill at Clergy Conference
 7:35am Rosary—Chapel
 8:00am Communion Service—Chapel
 1:00pm Quilting—Rm 107
 6:30pm Woman's Cursillo Mtg—SAH
Wed: Fr. Naill at Clergy Conference
 7:35am Rosary—Chapel
 8:00am Communion Service—Chapel
 8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

6:00pm Adoration opens
 6:45pm RE—SMCC ALL
 7:00pm Music Practice—Church
Thu: 7:35am Rosary—Church
 8:00am Mass—Church
 9:30am Staff meeting—CR
Fri: 7:00am M & W Cursillo Mtg—SAH
 7:35am Rosary—Church
 8:00am Mass—Church
 10:00am SVdP Mtg.—SAH
 Midnight Adoration closes
Sat: 3:30pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass
 5:30pm CDA Soup Supper—SAH
Sun: 9:30am Mass
 7:00pm Men Cursillo Mtg. SAH

Mass Intentions

Week of February 4-12, 2012

Saturday	4:30 pm Susanna Palazzolo Req. by Cristina Alfano
Sunday	9:30 am For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary
Monday	5:30 pm Communion Service
Tuesday	8:00 am Communion Service
Wednesday	8:00 am Communion Service

*-Divine Mercy Novena Prayers
recited after Mass*

*-6pm-Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament opens*

Thursday	8:00 am Henry Reciak Req. by Mary Reciak
Friday	8:00 am Marjorie Holland Req. by Max T. Mzhickteno

*-12 Midnight-Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament closes*

Saturday	4:30 pm Steve Farraday Req. by the CDA #1337
Sunday	9:30 am For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary Church



Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31--11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

that true discipleship means getting involved in giving selfless service to others. During the Sabbath day, Jesus took part in the synagogue worship, taught with authority, exorcised a demon, healed Simon's mother-in-law and, in the evening, "cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons." Thus, Jesus spent himself and most of his time ministering to the needs of others, giving healing, forgiveness and new beginning to many. Yet, Jesus rose early the next morning and went off "to a deserted place" to pray, in order to assess his work before God his Father and to recharge his spiritual batteries.

May God bless you always,

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

Father Joseph P. Naill, M.A.

Parish Happenings...

Thank you for your in-parish voting on the carpeting/tiling of the church. The breakdown is as follows: 267 total votes. Question #1 regarding priority 258 voted yes, 3 voted no, 6 gave no answer. Question #2 regarding selection: 260 voted yes, 2 voted no, 2 gave no answer. Question #3 regarding how to pay for it: 255 voted yes, 9 voted no, 3 gave no answer. I will take these numbers to the Finance Council meeting this week and we will proceed with their recommendation. Presuming the Finance Council agrees to the input you have given, the next stage will be to present the quotes to the diocese to sign off on. Any cost over \$12,500 requires diocesan approval. Given the foundation that has been made, I foresee no issues on this point. I will of course keep you updated on the way.

I will be away from the parish from Sunday, February 5 (afternoon) to Wednesday February 8th for our annual Clergy Conference held at Pheasant Run Resort. As the Director of Divine Worship it's always a working conference for me as I'm in charge of all the prayer times and liturgies. Please keep me and all the priests of the diocese in your prayers.

Have you had a chance to take a look at our website recently? There are quite a few changes and features available for you if you computer savvy. One of the options is to have our bulletin electronically emailed to you once it comes out, or you can also check the parish calendar for the months events. Tell me what you think and if there is anything else that would be helpful to you to put on the website.

As a follow up, the letter from Bishop Doran is placed on our website. You are welcome to read it along with another letter sent out by Bishop Zubik. The website the Bishop refers to for further information is www.usccb.org/conscience. Through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, may God deliver us.



Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for February is: "That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life".

His mission intention is: "That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our R.E. classes for February: February 1, 8, and 15 we meet at SMCC. February 22 is Ash Wednesday. Please meet at the Church for Mass at 7:00 pm. We will meet again on the 29th for regularly scheduled classes.

Our Next Confirmation class: February 19 after 4:30 Mass. Please bring your Catholic Bible.

Calling on Youth to help at the Fish-Fries. If you have not spoken to Fran Kaminski on Wednesday evening about serving these parish-wide dinners, please do so this coming week. It counts for your service hours.

Adult Lenten Bible Study. Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year of Faith" which will begin in October 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. *"It will be a moment of grace and commitment to a more complete conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him and proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time,"* said the Pope. We will be studying the **Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality:** Reconciliation, Meditation/Contemplation, The Mass, The Bible, Fasting, Spiritual Reading and The Rosary/Prayer. *Classes will begin Tuesday evening February 28 7:00 P.M. @ SAH.* We will meet each Tuesday during Lent through April 3. Our book will be Matthew Kelly's "Rediscovering Catholicism." To register for the class, please call the office @ 815-732-7383 or Mary Ley @ 815-973-5602.

~Mary Ley, DRE

OUR MILITARY SERVING OVERSEAS AND AT HOME

The following parishioners are currently serving stateside: Spc. Michael Ritter, Army; Capt. Justin Kramer, Army; HM3 Rachel Pederson, Navy, Capt. Nicholas Bauer, USAF; SFC Sean Connelly, Army; Sgt. Chris Ley, USMC; Capt. Rachel Hughes, USAF; Lt. Col. Matt Howes, USMC, and 1st Lt. Joseph Danielson, Army. Serving in Kuwait; PFC, Adam Marciniak, Army. Serving in Iraq: Capt. James R. Hughes, USAF. Please keep them in your prayers.

FOR THE SICK

May Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, fill these people with strength and hope; Dot Foy, Bill Messenger, John Leary, Susan Waters, Joseph Reilly, Molley Bettner, Mindy Querio, Jackie Halloway, Alena Haas, Bill and Patricia Fay, Kevin O'Brien, Phil Gavin, and Mitch Riley.

Eucharistic Adoration AN OPPORTUNITY OF GRACE

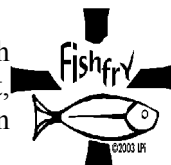
"Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). There are two openings for adoration. We need for a adorer for **Thursdays at 7:00—8:00 pm** and an adorer for **Fridays from 3:00—4:00 am**. Please call Linda Abramowicz at 815-535-3422 to share your time.

PARISH RESPECT LIFE COORDINATOR

Hello, my name is Mary-Beth Ley and I would like to introduce myself as the new Parish Respect Life Coordinator (PRLC) for St. Mary Church. My phone number is 815-440-7733. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. I also have a riddle for you: *Where is the nearest black hoe in space to us?*

LENTIN FISH FRY DINNERS BEGIN FEBRUARY 24, 2012

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with this year's Fish Fry Dinners. We have only a few more spots to fill. Don't forget, you will receive a reminder call during the week you signed up in case you forgot to write down the date.



Paul & Fran Kaminski
Lenten Fish Fry Coordinators
815-732-6655



Parish Giving Summary

This past week, we received 130 envelopes out of 375 sets

Envelopes.....	\$4,640.00
Offertory	\$494.00
St. Vincent DePaul.....	\$20.00
Youth	\$34.00
Heat.....	\$202.00

Weekly Grand Total.....\$5,390.00

National Appeal (to date).....\$3,935.00

Sincere thanks to all those who contribute faithfully and generously.

-Fr. Nail and the Finance Committee



Liturgical Roles

**Saturday/Sunday,
February 11 & 12, 2012**

Greeters

4:30 pm	Volunteers
9:30 am	Volunteers

Altar Servers

4:30 pm:	Sydney Klein: Cross Chloe Klein: Candle Volunteer: Candle
9:30 am	Ryan Starkey: Cross Ian Starkey: Candle Volunteer: Candle

Lectors

4:30 pm	Megan Heeg
9:30 am	Kim Murray

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 pm	Larry Holland: North Altar Susana Holland: South Altar
9:30 am	Linda Abramowicz: North Altar Lois Lints: South Altar

Ushers

4:30 pm	Larry Holland Paul Kaminski Fran Kaminski Brian Bauer
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