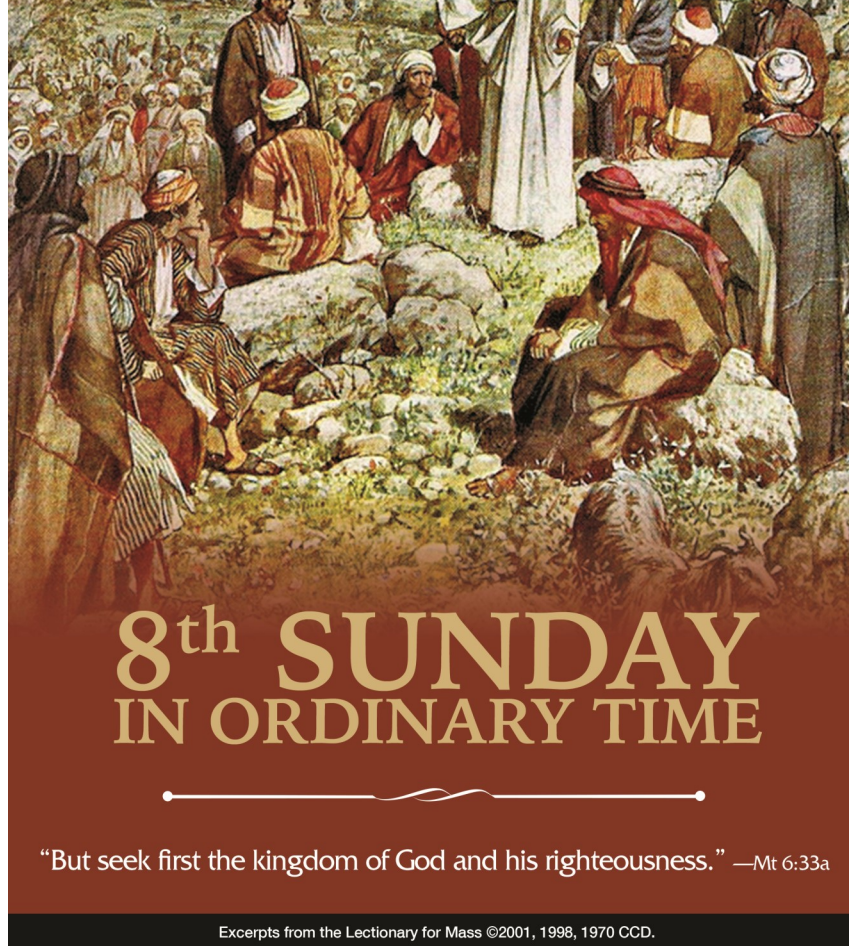


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February 26, 2017



8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” —Mt 6:33a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass:
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & 1st Sat) 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4PM, or anytime by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

BULLETIN DEADLINE

By 3:00 p.m. Monday

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM

The couple must meet with the Pastor *before* setting a date *and* at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

SISTER PARISH

St. Anthony of Padua, *Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico*
St. Isidore, *Ochil*
Our Lady of the Assumption, *Mama*
St. John the Baptist, *Sabacche*

SAT, FEB 25 5:00 PM	WEEKDAY John P. Towle (Lois Feidler)
SUN, FEB 26 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jane Harmon (Carolyn Melby) Wanda Kessler (Bob & Mary Lou Kessler)
MON, FEB 27 8:00 AM	WEEKDAY Memorial Mass - Raymond and Laura Fera
TUES, FEB 28 8:00 AM	WEEKDAY Paul & Catherine Nita (Bey Family)
WED, MAR 1 8:00 AM Noon 7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY Memorial Mass - John Valleriano Distribution of Ashes ONLY Memorial Mass - Mary Groger
THU, MAR 2 8:00 AM	WEEKDAY Vince Pisani (Tony and Mary Camillo)
FRI, MAR 3 8:00 AM	FIRST FRIDAY, SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL Vince Pisani (Lucilla Pisani)
SAT, MAR 4 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	FIRST SATURDAY Memorial Mass - Tony Abati Ralph Carapellotti (Bill & Paula Greco)
SUN, MAR 5 8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joanne Jezak Connors (Tim & Debbie Sisley) Carol Ann Cashner (Joan Kozlowsky & Family)





"Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" The anti-anxiety message Jesus gives us today is not just ancient pop psychology. The point of this passage isn't to give us a "strategy" for coping with our fears. Jesus is proposing something much more profound.

He is teaching us how to eliminate our fears altogether. To put it simply, he tells us to get our priorities straight. This whole reflection on worrying culminates in the instruction to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." That's where our freedom lies. When we concern ourselves with being in right relationship with God, our other concerns melt away.

Deep down, we know that this life isn't about bodily health or comfort. Those things don't last anyway. But freedom from fretting is more than simply thinking about how it'll all work out--eventually--in heaven. No. Jesus offers us more. He insists that our heavenly Father will provide for us, here and now. We only need to take him at his word. That means sticking to our part of the bargain by putting God first.

What does this look like, this seeking God and not worrying about the rest? It looks like Mother Teresa giving up every material possession, living amongst the poor without any dependable income, and watching truckloads of food appear at her doorstep unannounced. It looks like a check showing up in the mailbox of two struggling parents to cover the medical bills for their sick baby. It looks like the couple that tithes to its parish month after month, and still finds it has plenty to cover its expenses. In a word, it looks like trust. Trust in the divine providence of a Father who loves his children.

The Week Ahead

SUN, Feb 26	Children's Liturgy @ 10:30 mass Catechist training 3:30-5:30 PM-PEC Coffee & Donuts after morning masses
MON, Feb 27	6:30 PM—Nite-at-the-Races Committee meeting
WED, Mar 1	ASH WEDNESDAY 12Noon Distribution of Ashes ONLY 7PM Mass with distribution of ashes
THURS, Mar 2	Lenten Study 6:30-8PM "Catholic Social Teaching"
FRI, Mar 3	First Friday Communion Calls; 6PM Soup & Bread—Relig ED 7PM Stations of the Cross
SAT, Mar 4	First Saturday Mass 8AM

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

- Feb 26:** Autumn Humes, Franklin Janocha, Katherine Ledford, Beth Ann Staton
- Feb 28:** Hadley Britton, William Jackson, Kelli Leech
- Mar 1:** Patricia Kaider, Patricia Miller, Jacob Novosel
- Mar 2:** Ana Shelatz,
- Mar 3:** Arthur Hoover, Kendra Loreno, Bonnie Morini, Tony Ragozine
- Mar 4:** Michelle McCarney

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

- Feb 27:** Michael & Barbara Kribbs



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
March 18, 19, 2017



TOM COPELAND was the lucky winner of week #27 of our "300 Club" for \$100, # 007. Congratulations, Tom!

2017 LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE—12:00 Noon

- Wed, Mar 8 – OLQA [Ryan Austie speaking]
- Wed, Mar 15 – High Street Community Church [Jay Sterling speaking]
- Wed, Mar 22 – Trinity UMC [Larry Corner speaking]
- Wed, Mar 29 – OLQA [Brian Riddle speaking]
- Wed, April 5– Fallowfield UMC [Jack and Karen Bales speaking & singing]



SOUP AND BREAD—Lent 2017 Schedule

- March 3 Rel Education
- March 10 RCIA & Cursillo
- March 17 Altar Rosary
- March 24: K of C
- March 31: Choir
- April 7: Council & Book Club



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 FAST AND ABSTINENCE

- 8:00 AM—Weekday Mass
- 12:00 NOON—Distribution of Ashes ONLY
- 7:00 PM—Mass with distribution of ashes



The Origin of Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday entered the calendar in the early sixth century when the desire arose to have forty actual days of fasting before Easter. Sundays were never fast days, so to get to forty, one had to add four days to the six weeks of Lent. In the Christian lands along the Rhine River the devotional practice of imposing ashes arose as people imitated what they heard in Bible passages such as 2 Samuel 13:19, Ezekiel 27:30, Job 2:12, and Jonah 3:6. What was once a private devotion came to be practiced publicly in the eighth century, and by the year 1000 it was commonplace in many celebrations at the beginning of Lent. The distribution of ashes was formally added to the Missal at Rome in the thirteenth century and this ancient symbol of repentance is now widely used among most Christian denominations at the beginning of Lent.



FROM THE PASTOR

With the start of Lent I have once again put together a weekly study program that will begin on **Thursday, March 2nd**

This year's sessions are entitled, "**Catholic Social Teaching**". We will meet in the Hall each Thursday during Lent from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT						
MARCH		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	Mc K Longoria M Longoria	C Waldron J Waldron	B Bazylak K Bazylak P Billingsley	B Bazylak M Donegan T Donegan B Slevin	T Tobolewski Side door
SUN	8:00 AM	G Byler A Wurdock	H Biemer S Treacy	J Brown M Brown M Staahl	G English B Hilton K Novosel	B Boyer Side door
SUN	10:30 AM	B Kullen J Kullen R Carlson H Grove	M Comer B Zello	R Mumau S Ragozine P Taylor	E Gross V Leap J Meyerhoff D Perfett	V Leap Side door
OFFERING COUNTERS		Feb 26 M Staahl R Bullock	March 5 L Helch R Jezak	March 12 P Hilton R Bullock	March 19 K Ittle J Elwell	March 26 M Staahl L Joyce

Samaritan's Mid-winter Clothing Sale Bonanza!
The Samaritan Holy Ground Thrift Shop will be having a sale of surplus fall and winter clothing the week of **February 27- March 2** in Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church hall. All clothes, shoes and boots will be sold at rock bottom prices! The thrift shop will be open its regular hours that week: Monday, 9am-noon and 5:30-7:30pm; Thursday, 9am-6pm. In addition, we are adding Tuesday morning, 9am-noon, that week only. The thrift shop is located behind Our Lady Queen of Americas Church.
The surplus items will be on sale in the church hall every day and hour that the thrift shop is open on Monday and Tuesday.
On Thursday the hall will be open from 9am-5pm.
 For more information, please call 814-382-4487 and leave a message.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS
 For more information, contact **Amanda Darke & Denise Thomas**
 olqaeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252
Office Hours: Wednesday 1-6PM, or by Appointment

Altar Rosary Society will meet on **Tuesday, March 7th.**
 We will begin with **mass at 6:00 PM,** followed by a meeting in the Hall.



Sun, Feb 26	Class K-12 Coffee and Donuts, Anderson Hall after Sunday masses
Wed, Mar 1	Ash Wednesday
Fri, Mar 3	6 PM—Soup & Bread sponsored by Rel ED 7 PM Children's Stations of the Cross, (Grades K-5) expected to attend with family
Sun, Mar 5	11:30 AM—2:30 PM First Reconciliation Retreat #2 Candle Day; NO CLASSES
Sun, Mar 12	Class, K-12 7PM Stations of the Cross, Grades 6-12 3:30-5:30 Catechist training.
Wed, Mar 15	6-9PM Parent Program for Infant Baptism (MUST register in order to attend 814-382-7252)
Sun, Mar 19	Class K-12; High School Adoration and Lenten Penance Service; Catechist training 3:30—5:30 PM



As you can see, we had a wonderful retreat this past Sunday with the students from Franciscan University of Steubenville. We spent the day in prayer, laughter and fellowship! A huge thanks to those who prayed for the success of this retreat. God is Good!

WORD OF LIFE—February 2017
"Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love... Every life is worth living."
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities

31 Club—Please pray for vocations

27th: D Thomas	3rd: P Humes
28th: R A Cooper	4th: P Saeger
1st: P Taylor	5th: B Smith
2nd: F March	

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.

Wanna go to the movies?

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
THE SHACK takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever

SIGN-UP SHEETS AVAILABLE - No Charge for the movie



Readings for the Week
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>