

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

Message from Father Suneesh:

In 1979 a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "Death Squads." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Blessed Oscar Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "Death Squads." He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador. Romero's fight for human rights led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. On March 24, 1980, at 6:25 PM, as the Archbishop was offering Mass in a hospital chapel, a shot from the back of the Church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Blessed Oscar Romero died a martyr for the Gospel of Christ.

In today's Gospel Jesus claimed that he was the One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed"-- language that reflects the year of Mercy. As we reflect today Jesus' words about his mission, let us remember Archbishop Blessed Oscar Romero and continue to strive to live out faithfully, in our world and in our daily lives, the "dangerous" truths of the "Good News" which is Jesus' gift to us today.

I want to thank in a special way Hugh Moorman for all the works he has done either decorating, cleaning, singing, etc at the Church during the Christmas season. He has

shown great belongingness to our faith community. Thanks, Hugh. Also want to appreciate Misty Sanford for taking time in her busy schedule, practicing and playing the music for the liturgy. Thanks to Gloria Adams for leading the choir; it makes a difference. Congratulations and appreciation to Sylvia Colman for her great works with the Human Relation Commissions. She is an awesome leader. God bless you all.

10:00 AM Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Euch Min</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
G. Adams	V. Higgs	L. Carman	D. Howard
	M. Sanford	B. Hammond	L. Carman
	M. Allen		

10:00 AM Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Euch Min</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
A. Hatchett	D. Hatchett	V. Williams	J. Coleman
	P. Sanford	Y. Williams	M. Brown
	M.C. Gough		

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

THE SICK: Jim Moorman, Les Bumm, Don Brown, Bernice Williams, Maggie Howard, Rose Chapman, Veronica Wilhite, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Charles Brown, Sr., Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie Coleman, Camilla Washington Greer (*niece of Joyce Moorman*), Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

THE HOMEBOUND: Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, Maggie Howard at Twin River Nursing Center, 2420 West Third St., Fr. Pike Powell room 108 at the Carmel Home, Mary Jo Meadows at Hillcrest Signature Home. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he announced this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode, in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promises of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of joy!

Mark Your Calendar:

- January 24 Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- February 10 Ash Wednesday Mass 6 PM
- February 14 Ladies of Wisdom Tea after Mass
- February 21 Gospel Explosion 2 PM
- February 22 Mission with Father Chester
- March 24 Lenten Fish Fry

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How We can Celebrate the Year of Mercy

- Contemplate Mercy (We see how God gives Himself to us and asks nothing in return. Because we are touched, we can be merciful toward others.)
- Don't Judge or Condemn (No one can look into another person's soul. Not judging allows us to accept the good in every person.)
- Forgive (We release the poison of resentment that builds up. It is an act of mercy for ourselves as well as for the person who hurts us.)
- Listen to God's Word. (Listen to Scripture and meditate on it.)
- Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
- Recognize the Need for Mercy (Find ways to heal wounds, break down barriers of indifference, offer friendship, and restore human dignity.)
- Change our Hearts (We can become conduits of God's mercy in everything we say and do.)

WINTER WARMTH

One kind word can warm three winter months.

Religious Education: If you have children who are in need of preparation for sacraments or religious education, please contact Sister Jeannette.

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Parish Life Coordinator: Sister Jeannette Fennewald, SSND 270-926-4741
Reconciliation: 9:30 AM 1stSun & every Sat 9-11 AM at St. Stephen Cathedral

Mission Statement: Established in the spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the “Word” through fellowship and good works.

TODAY'S READINGS—January 24, 2016 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 —13:13; Lk. 4: 21-30

