

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions; First Saturday

THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

Message from Father Suneesh:

Once an unhappy young man came to an old master and told him he was very sad and asked for a solution. The old Master instructed the unhappy young man to put a handful of salt in a glass of water and then to drink it. “How does it taste?” the Master asked. “Awful,” spat the apprentice. The Master chuckled and then asked the young man to take another handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake and when the apprentice swirled his handful of salt into the lake, the old man said, “Now drink from the lake.” As the water dripped down the young man’s chin, the Master asked, “How does it taste?” “Good!” remarked the apprentice. “Do you taste the salt?” asked the Master. “No,” said the young man. The Master sat beside this troubled young man, took his hands, and said, “The pain of life is pure salt. The amount we taste the ‘pain’ depends on the container we put it into. So when you are in pain, the only thing you can do is to enlarge your sense of things Stop being a glass. Become a lake. One of the ways is to share it with others in whom you can trust. As we say shared sorrows are halved and shared joys are doubled.

I welcome all the men of our Parish to attend the Catholic Men’s Conference on the 13th of February at St. Stephen Cathedral. There are going to be great speakers, also Mass and opportunities for confession. It will be a great opportunity during Lent to grow in your faith.

Jubilee Year of Mercy January 31, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rave reviews greeted Jesus’ first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God’s mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God’s mercy embraces outsiders; it

rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone’s personal possession, God’s kingdom is open to everyone, God’s love unconditional, God’s mercy boundless. By this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis repeats Jesus’ challenge in today’s Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus’ vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God’s mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus’ disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.

lose your faith, take it out! It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to keep both eyes and be thrown in to hell. Jesus is not telling literally to cut it off but using a familiar expression to make the point that His followers should be willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary to keep from sinning. Let us ask the Lord to continue guide us every day that we always walk and live according to his guidance.

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
	L. Carman		

10:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Euch Min</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
L. Brooks	T. Gough	N. Taylor	Fulton Family
	C. Clark	Y, Mundy	
	M.K. Gough		

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

THE SICK: Jim Moorman, 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, Les Bumm, 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, Bernice Williams, Mary Jo Meadows at Hillcrest Signature Home. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can’t visit.

February birthdays: Nancy Bumm (2), Jacques Williams, SR (3), Diana Wells (4), Dorothy Fulton (17), Larry Allen (23), Yasmeen Williams (24), Donald Moorman (25), Sondra Hibbs (27)

Lenten Activities

Lent is only 10 days away. What are your plans? The church asks us to have a three prong approach—prayer, fasting, almsgiving. Here at Blessed Sacrament there are several opportunities that you can put on your calendar. In the bulletin next week will be a rice bowl and Lenten calendar. The sacrificial funds for Catholic Relief Services will be collected at the end of Lent. This is one way that you can participate in needs around the world.

Prayer Opportunities: Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 10 6 PM

Stations of the Cross Feb. 26 6 PM

Anointing of the Sick March 13 at 10 AM Mass

St. Stephens has Stations every Wed and Friday

Almsgiving: Week 1-2 Alma Randolph Foundation (collection at Mass 2/21)

Mark Your Calendar:

- **February Black History Month**
- February 10, Ash Wednesday Mass 6 PM
- February 14 Ladies of Wisdom Tea (after Mass)
- February 21 Gospel Explosion 2 PM (Meat dishes provided. Side dishes needed)
- February 22 Mission with Father Chester 6:30 PM
- March 18 Lenten Fish Fry 5-7 PM Cooks needed

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Alma Randolph Foundation has a fundraiser on Saturday, February 6th at 11. It is a brunch, silent auction, fashion review, and entertainment--all for \$20. Please see Diane Hatchett for tickets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: If you have children who are in need of preparation for sacraments or Religious Ed, please contact Sister Jeannette.

Sacramental preparation is offered to children who are enrolled in (attend) religious education classes at least one year prior to receiving 1st Eucharist and 2 years prior to Confirmation, or who attend Catholic Schools.

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Holy Day Mass: 6:00 PM

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 31, 2016

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

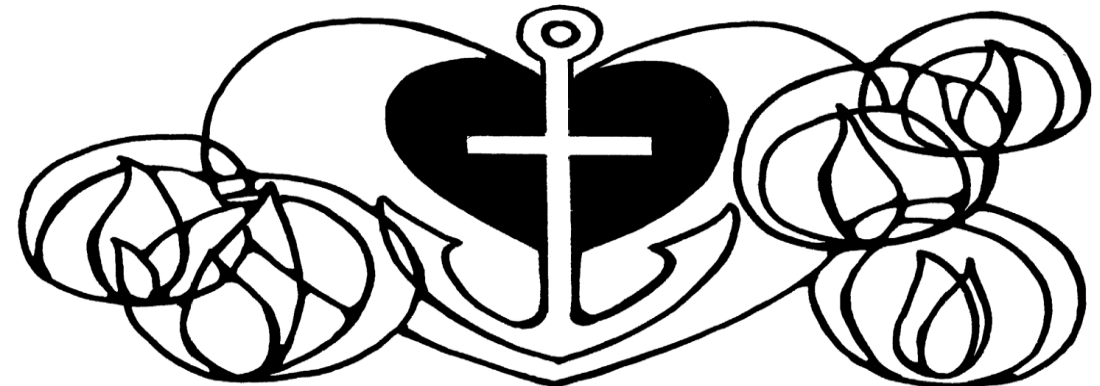
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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