


**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday February 25, Vigil
4:00 p.m. - Jacob Rago
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Sunday, February 26, 2017
9:30 a.m. - Charlotte &
Dave Eardley, Jr.
(Dave Eardley)

Monday, February 27, 2017
8:45 a.m. - John & Alberta
Major
(The Family)

Tuesday February 28, 2017
8:45 a.m. - Natalie Sykora
(Dave Eardley)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
8:45 a.m. - Richard E. Erickson
(Dave Eardley)
7:00 p.m. - Nellie Diamond
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Thursday, March 2, 2017
8:45 a.m. - Salvatore Meli
(Joe & Antonina Novak)

Friday, March 3, 2017
NO MASS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday March 4, Vigil
4:00 p.m. - Bertha Fay
(Wendy & Bob Rossoll)

Sunday, March 5, 2017
9:30 a.m. - PSR Students &
their Families
(Pattie & Scott Batchman)

Daily Scripture Readings
FEBRUARY

27 Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

28 Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

MARCH

1 JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

2 Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

3 Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

4 Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

5 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11


FEBRUARY 26, 2017: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To my brothers and sisters in Christ:

We have finally reached that time of the Church year where we are asked to “*Repent and believe in the Gospel.*” This Wednesday, 1 March 2017 is Ash Wednesday. It is that time where the Universal Church enters into a forty day universal retreat. We celebrate this yearly retreat for we human beings need to be reminded yearly to *repent and believe in the Gospel.* This intense time is set aside to prepare us for what we are to do each and every day of our life. We are to daily *repent and believe in the Gospel*, it is not just for the forty days of Lent. Each and every Friday of the year is to be a day of penance. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is set up in a question and answer format, tells us:

301. What forms does penance take in the Christian life?

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday. [*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1434-1439*].

We need this intense time of penance so we can fight against the temptations that daily challenge us to not *repent and believe in the Gospel.* We are like the first Adam who gave into the temptation of Satan in the Garden of Eden and need this time to be more like the new Adam, Jesus Christ. We are to share in all that Christ has done for us. We are to imitate him so that we can also share in his Resurrection. Where the head [Jesus] has gone so must the body [the Church]. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

106. What do we learn from the temptation of Jesus in the desert?

The temptation of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent. [*Catechism of the Catholic Church 538-540, 566*].

Let us take this time of repenting and believing in the Gospel to change from our sinful habits and to replace them with holy habits. As we repent from sin, we replace it with the Gospel message. We, as adults, need to give up sins. If we chose to give up coffee, chocolate, meat, or any other form of food, let these external sacrifices reflect our interior disposition of giving up sin. If we find it difficult to perform our external sacrifices, it shows how much harder it is to give up sin.

Take part in our parish’s Lenten activities of Fish Fries, Stations of the Cross, Confessions, and charitable activities to help us perform our penances and to *repent and believe in the Gospel.* Welcome to the joyful season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Edward J. Janoch

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Parochial Vicar

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for MARCH 1, 4 & 5, 2017

	March 1	March 4	March 5
LECTOR	Dana Shuttly	Larry Clark	Danielle Lewis
EMHC		Trudi Clark, Sylvia Deck	Pattie & Scott Batchman
PLA	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Dan & Carole Doyle
SERVERS		Trent Shuttly, Evan Heller	Anthony & Nicky Rosati, Alyssa Mothersbaugh
COUNTING CREW			B Team

Saturday Vigil Mass Time Will Continue at 4:00 PM

There will not be a change in the Saturday Mass time in 2017. The Saturday Vigil Mass Time will remain at 4:00 PM in the coming months. It has been noted that attendance has been higher with the earlier time for the Mass.

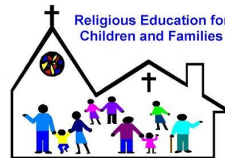
From the Good Sams ...

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH IS DONUT SUNDAY ... come on down after the Mass to enjoy Good pre-Lenten donuts and great fellowship. No Bake Sale on March 5th. To get a chance to eat the wonderful bakery produced by the Ladies of St. Pat's, be sure to buy a ticket to the St. Patrick Dinner! There will be a Bake Sale on April 2nd. Along with the usual goodies, this Bake Sale will feature breads, rolls and pies you can freeze to serve at Easter!



Religious Education: Parish School of Religion

The 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 5 is designated as a PSR Family Mass where 4th and 5th grade students will participate in various ways before, during and after the Mass.



There will be a Sacramental preparation meeting for Grade 2 parents on Wednesday, March 8th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please continue to keep our second graders who are preparing for First Holy Communion in your prayers. First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, April 29 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. There are two important events that need to be added to the PSR calendar that applies to second grade parents: Sunday, April 2 is the PSR Family Mass with Grade 2 participation. In addition to participation in the Mass, we will also have the Rite of Enrollment for First Holy Communion. Parents and second graders will participate in this. Also, on Saturday, April 22nd, we will have our First Communion Retreat where we will be baking bread with our families. Time for the retreat is 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Looking ahead to our summer calendar: Vacation Bible School, 2017, will take place on July 11, 12, and 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with VBS, please contact Marilyn Schwartz at 298-1845.

Pro-Life:

Our adopted babies are in their 7th week of development. The internal organs are developing quickly. Your baby now has an appendix and a liver, which is churning out red blood cells.



Your prayers can make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a for of spiritual support for both parents.

Forty Days for Life begins Wednesday March 1st. Forty Days for Life is a community based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three point program: Prayer and fasting; Constant vigil; Community outreach. *Please keep praying for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.*

Offering for:

February 19, 2017

February 19: \$ 5810.00
 Votive Candles: \$ 23.00
 Capital Improv. \$ 115.00
 Diocesan Assess.\$ 20.00
 St. Pat Reverse Raffle \$ 420.00
 113 envelopes and loose checks

Thank you for your generous support of our parish ministries and operations.

St. Patrick, pray for us!



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL. MAY GOD BLESS THEM WITH HOPE AND HEALING

In a special way, we pray for Ed Baitt, Barbara Bock, Joan & Jerry Catalano, Cathy Colvin, Frank Foote, Laura Gyorki, Kim Hamilton, Don Holt, Rick Kawalec, Mella McCain, Andrew & Anthony Mihalic, Jennie Oravec, Virginia Perlik, Joseph & Hildegard Redmond, Connor Sayers, Fr. Paul Sciarrotta and Katy Sirna.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially JEANNE KORITANSKY.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

