SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30PM † Tim Sturm

by Alex Pollok

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM For Our Parish Family
9:00AM † David Swize

by Father Andrzej
by Elmer & Lillian Mzyk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30PM NO MASS by

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30PM NO MASS by

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30AM NO MASS by

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00AM NO MASS by

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:30PM † Otto Waclawczyk by Felix and Patsy Sekula

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM † George Pawelek
9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Fabian & Helen Jo Pawelek
by Fr. Andrzej

SERVING THE LORD – February 10 and 11

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 5:30PM - Dianne Dziuk

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:30PM ~ Dianne Dziuk

Sunday 7:30AM ~ Carl Hosek

Sunday 7:30AM ~ Kathy Zunker



9:00AM – Lanelle Pollok

ALTAR SERVERS: February 10 and 11

Saturday 5:30pm – Christian M. Jacob S.

Sunday 7:30am – Seth L. Kenna L. Alberto G. Gabriel L.

9:00AM ~ Jeannette Wiggins

9:00am – Isabel K. Alena K. Kyleigh S. Leah S. Gavin R.



Money Counters for February

February 4 – Felix and Patsy Sekula and Lillian Sekula

February 11 – Pat and Karissa Jarzombek and Mary Stulting

February 18 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk

February 25 – James and Sophie Dziuk

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - DAILY MEDITATION: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

My days . . . come to an end without hope. (Job 7:6)

Poor Job! He had lost his possessions, his family, and his health. But perhaps worst of all, he had lost his hope. Now there was nothing for him to do but suffer and wait for death to take him out of his misery. He was convinced that he would "not see happiness again" (Job 7:7).

We all need hope, but it's not something we can manufacture on our own. Instead, we need something to pin our hopes on, and that was what Job was lacking. Like Job, if we don't see something on the horizon that will improve our current situation, we will find it hard to keep going.

Perhaps that's how the people in Jesus' time felt as well. They had been living under harsh Roman occupation, and they didn't know when God would come to rescue them. But then Jesus came on the scene. In today's Gospel, he heals Peter's mother-in-law and then spends the evening healing people and casting out demons (Mark 1:32-34). What hope this must have sparked, not only in the people he had cured, but in everyone who had witnessed such divine power! Perhaps he really was the Messiah they had been waiting for! The next morning, Jesus told the disciples that he was going to other villages in Galilee to preach and heal. "For this purpose have I come" (Mark 1:38).

For this purpose I have come. Jesus came to give us hope: to heal us of our sins and free us from the power of death. He came to give us life in him, a life that begins now but will last into eternity.

Perhaps you are tempted to feel hopeless about a difficult situation in your life. Or maybe you're discouraged about what the future will hold. But remember what Jesus said: he came for a purpose, and that purpose is being fulfilled in your life and in the world even now. He is the horizon you can look to whenever you are tempted to give up hope. May we always keep our eyes on him! "Jesus, you are my hope, now and forever."

ATTENTION – There will be NO weekday masses this Monday February 5th thru Friday, February 9th. All priests will be at the Annual Priest Retreat.

What is the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time?

Human Suffering and Quest for Meaning: Job's lament in the first reading highlights the profound struggle of human suffering and the search for meaning amidst life's trials. This theme resonates with anyone grappling with pain, loss, or hardship.

Divine Compassion and Healing: Contrasting with human suffering, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel emphasize God's compassion and healing power. This theme underscores the Christian belief in a God who cares deeply about human affliction and actively works to restore and heal.

Service and Sacrifice in Ministry: Paul's reflections in the second reading on his role as an apostle underscore the themes of selfless service and sacrifice. His commitment to preaching the Gospel without seeking personal gain highlights the Christian call to serve others.

The Power of Jesus' Ministry: The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.

Solitude and Prayer: Jesus seeking solitude for prayer, despite the demands of his ministry, emphasizes the importance of prayer and communion with God. This theme is a reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reflection in the midst of active service.

The Role of the Community in Faith: The interactions between Jesus and those he heals, as well as the actions of the disciples, highlight the theme of community in the Christian journey. It shows how faith is lived and experienced within a community, and how the community plays a role in supporting, nurturing, and participating in the mission of the Church.

ALTAR SOCIETY MONTHLY ROSARY will be held this Sunday, February 4th at 5:00pm. Let us join in praying for the needs of our church, families, and those suffering from illness.

SINCEREST THANKS to Lillian Moy and Loretta Dziuk for their generous donations to the Altar Society for floral arrangements. Our sincerest thanks for providing funds to make our church beautiful with flowers - all for the glory of God.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, February 16th and Friday, February 23rd, fried fish, cole slaw, hush puppies & French fries, \$10.00 plate, to go only, FC diner, serving starts at 4:00pm, plus Bake Sale.

Catholic Daughters of America 2024 Lenten Retreat, *Spiritual Graces of Going to Confession*, Saturday, February 24, 2024, Falls City Diner, guest speaker Father Jan Klak, Registration 8- 8:30am, recite divine mercy chaplet 8:45am, retreat 9 – 11:30am, Question & answers 11:30am – 12:00pm, admission – 1 package of diapers, any size, RSVP by February 11 to Karissa Jarzombek 830-534-8299 or RosaLee Moczygemba 830-583-6685, bring your rosary, light snacks will be served, limited to 90 guests, 7 Secrets of Confession books available for \$10.00

FYI – Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday, there will be 2 masses, 7:00AM and 7:30PM. No CCD classes on Ash Wednesday

There will be CCD classes this Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00pm.

Growing in FAITH - Q & A - What to do when prayer feels flat.

"I just don't feel close to God." Is He really listening?" In fact, God is constantly pursuing us in love, wanting to share His joy with us. Yet, even the most passionate prayer life can feel flat sometimes. Try these tips to keep prayer fresh:

<u>Cultivate gratitude</u>. Although God never abandons us, factors like health or mood can affect our prayer. St. Alphonsus Liguori recommended, "Often recall the loving way in which God has acted toward you." Reviewing our blessings helps us appreciate God's love for us over time. <u>Don't wait to ask for help</u>. God's heart is always opened to us. "Good" prayer happens when

we're honest with Him. This is an exercise of faith, which He generously rewards. <u>Treat Him with love</u>. God wants a relationship of love, respect and faithfulness with each of us.

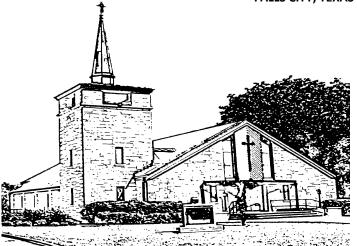
If prayer feels empty try treating God with the love, consideration and tenderness you give and receive from those closest to you. It will make a difference?

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM-2PM CLOSED THURSDAY

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES

As scheduled.

<u>DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF</u> PERPETUAL HELP

Monday after Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Mass, Exposition, Benediction, Mass 6:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance. A birth certificate must be shown.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

25 minutes before every Mass

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