

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says to Peter: “Put out into deep water and lower your net for a catch.” How dare you? Jesus has the audacity to ask Peter and his companions who are all masters in fishing to throw their nets at the same location where they spent the whole night fishing and catching nothing. Jesus is either a mad man or God. Nothing else. Coming from a farmland, He dares to give professionals men a lesson in their domain. To Peter, John and James who spent the whole night fishing without catching anything, Jesus asks them to lower the nets again. This time, they caught more than enough fish. It’s in our daily reality, our daily occupation, our daily job that God comes and meets us in order to save us. He comes to meet us in the kitchen when we are cooking something; He comes in the doctor office when the doctor is with a patient; He comes in the classroom when the teacher is giving a lesson; He comes in the field when the farmer is busy with his chores; He comes in the office when you are there. It’s not a coincidence that Jesus meets us where we are. Jesus doesn’t come to impose a religion on us. He comes to transform what we do into a religion: fishermen into fisher of men. That means holiness is not out of our reach; holiness is found into what we do. Therefore, there is a holiness for being a fisherman; holiness for being a teacher; holiness for being a doctor, a nurse; holiness for being a farmer, a coach, a mechanic, a civil servant; there is holiness for being a mother, a father, a sibling, an uncle, an aunt,... This transformation from fishermen into a disciple is a proof that there is a longing in us. Jesus helps us to get out of ourselves, out of our comfort zone to become a true disciple.

THE FORTHCOMING SEASON OF LENT

In less than a month, the holy season of Lent will begin (March 5). It will start with Ash Wednesday and run through Holy Saturday Night. A time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. This is the first time in 9 years that we have no RCIA candidates. In the upcoming bulletins, we will announce our Theme for Lent and the spiritual activities for our parish community.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8 am Mass, OLA
with distribution of Ashes
9:30 am Mass at St Pat
with distribution of Ashes
6:30 pm Mass at SML
with distribution of Ashes.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SML ONLY

SML Shed, Attic, and Boiler Room are in terrible, undesirable and messy conditions. A pure fire hazard. We started the project of cleaning up these spaces and are putting in the hall (by the windows on the parking side) all materials of mostly Christmas and Halloween (some have not been used for over 30 years). Please stop by and take what you can use. What is leftover will be thrown away. For this project, we have until Wednesday March 5, 2025, the beginning of Lent to stop by the hall and pick up whatever we find there.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SML

On February 23rd there will be a second collection at the 9am SML Mass, after the offertory collection for the Capuchin Nuns.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AND NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

February 9 is the World Marriage Day, and February 7-14 is the National Marriage Week. Every year, we celebrate the World Marriage Day on the Second Sunday in February. This celebration honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family which is the rock of a society. Congratulations to ALL husbands and wives. Every year, we celebrate the National Marriage Week, which is the perfect opportunity for couples to reflect on their marriage and for communities to support healthy marriages, and to pray for ALL marriages.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick, “a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind” (Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, May 13, 1992,3). Pope John Paul II chose this day, February 11, Feast Day of Our Lady Of Lourdes because Lourdes is the place where people go every year looking for healing.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

February 15 & 16

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Danny Williams Jr.

9:00am (SML) Carmel Williams

11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews, Chase Newhart

11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Kali Harvatine

Shadow – Conor McHugh

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 17 – Church Office closed for President's Day

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Feb 16 – No Class

Feb 23 Class

Mar 2 – Class, 3rd grade Mass 11am at SP

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Feb 16 – Off Presidents Day Weekend

Feb 23 – Class

SML EASTER CANDY SALE

SML parishioners are busy making handmade Easter Candy to be sold during Lent and Easter seasons. There are order forms available at all churches. Any questions call Dorothy at 570-378-2530 or Loretta at 570-378-2256.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council met with the new Coordinating Team members this week. This first meeting was to define what the role of the Coordinating Team will be and how they will work with the PPC to further the Pastoral Plan. Both groups will meet together again on March 4th in the OLA hall at 6:30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (February 11) Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am (OLA) Health & Blessings for Dane & Missy Bower

By Robert & Andrea Walsh

Wednesday (February 12) Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Olivia Zick

By Barbara Kelly

Thursday (February 13) Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Ellen Wengen

By Pat Wall

Saturday (February 15) The Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Gene Hoch

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (February 16) The Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Johanna & John Petranach

By Tom & Geri Walsh

11:00 am (SP) Health & Blessings for Fr. Arbo

By Liz Dempsey & Lucy Ziman

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes

By John & Pat Marrasso

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for healing prayers for David Gruss

By Eleanor Gruss

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,175.00 Loose \$ 142.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,784.00 Loose \$ 42.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,480.00 Loose \$ 140.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

St. Mary of the Lake lost one of our parishioners, Lori Pierce. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her loved ones.

POWER OF THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Once Saint Theresa of Avila (Theresa the Great) was overwhelmed with God's goodness and asked our Lord: "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied: "ATTEND ONE MASS".