



Praised Be Jesus Christ!

I hate cold weather! I know, I know—then I am in the wrong part of the United States – that is what I have been saying! Well, I guess if it was always nice, what would Heaven be for? Anyway there are only about 54 days left until spring – get excited!!!!!!

Ok, I would like to talk about how we are doing spiritually as a parish. We have many things that are made available so that everyone has an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ, which must be the ultimate goal of our lives! We have two daily Masses, three weekend Masses, twenty-four hour Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and weekday prayer with me from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM where we say the rosary, the morning prayer of the Church, and one half hour of silence before we become one with Jesus in Communion. We have weekly Novena of St. Joseph with praise and adoration. We offer weekly Bible Study on Sunday mornings and Thursday morning and evening. Fr. Wright has also been offering a weekly Catechism class on Tuesday nights, and the list goes on, with various cell groups and Familia, etc. I bring all of this up because we need more participation! Last week as I was on the program, “The World Over,” I talked about how so many years ago I challenged the men to start praying with me every weekday morning, and so many did! I believe that is when we began to change and grow—when we started seeking God’s will in prayer. Last Wednesday morning, I was the only guy that showed up to pray at 6:00 am! Now we normally have more very faithful guys who show up, but not that day. We need to get back to being a group that really takes prayer seriously and we do it together. Our Wednesday nights should be packed with people; why is it not? Why are there not more people praying with us in the morning? Why do I have to constantly beg people to fill the hours that are constantly open for Adoration? You have any answers?

Please let us become the parish that is known for our people being madly in love with Jesus Christ. And we prove that by the way we live as a community! Please, Jesus wants us to be people who desire His will more than anything else. Remember what it says in Acts 2:42: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the communal life, to the Breaking of Bread and to prayer!!!!!!” May this be our Mission!

Remember that I love you and pray for you every day; please pray for me. God Bless+++

In His Love,
Fr. Larry

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AT MASS: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church for anyone who would like to take up the gifts at one of the weekend Masses. If you do not get a chance to sign up, call Nancy in the parish office and make your request.

SODALITY FOR THE HOLY SOULS: There will be a special Mass for the Poor Souls in Purgatory on Friday, January 29th, beginning at 7:00 PM in the church. Father Wright will celebrate the Mass, and he will continue to celebrate a Mass for this intention on the last Friday of each month.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: February 14th is the official Pledge Date for our 2010 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). A letter and pledge envelope will be sent to you by mail. In addition, there is an envelope designated for a one-time donation for CSA in your box of envelopes; unfortunately, it is dated for APRIL 4TH –EASTER! If you would like to search through your box of envelopes and pull it out, please do so. There was no intention on our part to have a third envelope for the Easter collection!

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: Sunday 1 AM, 3 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 6 PM and 11 PM; Tuesday 1 AM, and 5 AM; Wednesday 11 PM; Thursday 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM, 7 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM; Friday 2 AM, 7 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM and 10 PM; Saturday 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM and 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM. Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

IMPORTANT OKTOBERFEST ANNOUNCEMENT!!! We are in need of an organizational Chairperson for Theme Baskets. We already have two people who have come forward to assist this person—one who will take charge of soliciting businesses and one who will assist in assembling baskets. If you are interested in volunteering to help, call Diane at 490-8150 or Mary Therese at 833-9663.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME, having surgery, ill, a death in the family, or they could just use a shawl full of prayers? Then please contact Wrapped In His Arms and we will present them with a prayer shawl. There is no cost involved. All shawls are donated by the ministry. Please phone Laurie at 459-6503.

THIRTY-ONE CLUB: The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: January 24th – Sr. Gerry Olon and Sr. Colette Palmer; January 25th – Kathy Tarasovitch; January 26th – June Klins; January 27th – Norann Brugger; January 28th – Dolores Jagodzinski; January 29th – Bernie Aldridge; January 30th – Sherry D’Amico and Lore Blair.

ADULT CATECHISM: Father Wright’s Adult Catechism class continues every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the second floor of the Community Center. All adults are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEONS: We would like to continue offering a Bereavement Luncheon for families of deceased parishioners at the time of the funeral. We are in need of one more volunteer to lead a team of current helpers. If you are interested or need more information, please call Anna Marie May at 825-6759.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Extraordinary Ministers in our diocese are commissioned for a three-year term of service, and several of our parish EMs are up for re-commissioning before the end of May. All those EMs affected have received a letter in the mail, asking them if they wish to continue. Please call and let us know! Any other parishioner who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Nancy in the parish office. To be an EM, you must have a weekly committed hour in the Adoration Chapel and be approved by Father Larry, who will in turn send your name to the Bishop for his approval. Please call with any questions.

A REQUEST: To ensure that you get credit for your Sunday offering, please do the following: (1) use your church envelope; (2) make sure that your name and the amount are written clearly; and (3) specify in which area you want your offering to be placed. Also, it is a great help to the Collection Counters if you do NOT staple, paste, glue, or tape your envelope.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA & HOLY HOUR: Our St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour continue weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church. Come worship the Lord and honor our patron saint, St. Joseph!

Masses For the Week

- Saturday (1/23)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + John Guido—Anniv. (Ann Guido)
- Sunday (1/24)** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 AM + George Froberg (John & Tammy Mang)
11:00 AM + Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Monday (1/25)** *The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle*
7:00 AM + Aaron Knoll (Paul & Dolores Snyder)
11:30 AM + For Christian Unity (Cynthia Manna)
- Tuesday (1/26)** *St. Timothy & St. Titus, bishops*
7:00 AM + John & Anna Kriegisch (Gert Tarkowski)
11:30 AM + The Frank Klein Family (Jon & Gerry Dudenhoeffer)
- Wednesday (1/27)** *St. Angela Merici, virgin*
7:00 AM + Clara Dinger (Ron & Donna Snippert)
11:30 AM + The Rupert Dudenhoeffer Family (Jon & Gerry Dudenhoeffer)
- Thursday (1/28)** *St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the church*
7:00 AM + Julia Anysz—Anniv. (Family)
11:30 AM + The John Harrington Family (Jon & Gerry Dudenhoeffer)
- Friday (1/29)** *Weekday*
7:00 AM + Gertrude Ryan—Birthday (Gerry)
11:30 AM + Frances Hafel (Connie Damore)
- Saturday (1/30)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Sunday (1/31)** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Dan & Dawn Schaaf (Their Children)
11:00 AM + Barbara Weigert (Nicky Horvath)

Week of January 17th

Offertory	\$ 4767.90
Stewardship	\$ 1183.00
On-line Giving	\$ 723.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8542.00

Weekend January 30th & 31st

- Saturday, January 30th** 5:15 PM Fr. Larry
- Sunday, January 31st** 8:30 AM Fr. Wright
11:00AM Fr. Larry

If you have a special prayer intention for the month of January, please call Lore Blair at 455-7081 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.