

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSING

Monday, February 20th
In observance of President's Day

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We would like to start "Children's Church" at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass time for those ages 4-7. They would be dismissed to the church hall before the scripture readings, to discuss them at their age level, and then return for the Offertory. A planning meeting will be on **Monday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.**, in the church hall.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

In recognition of the inherent value and dignity of all human life, we are organizing a pro life committee to address the various issues of life. We will be assisting crisis pregnancy centers, nursing homes and hospices, local facilities for the physically and developmentally challenged, etc. A planning meeting will be held on **Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Cindy Sayes has volunteered as the coordinator.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 21st
Sacraments: Penance

Pot Luck: 5:30 p. m.; Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Grades 6 to 11

Sunday, February 19th

Supper: 6:30 p.m.; Class: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Grades Pre K to 5

Wednesday, February 22nd

Supper: 5:30 p.m.; Class: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Guys!!! Start your Lent off right with Building a Domestic Church: **A Guy's How-to Guide to Christian Leadership**. This men's day of reflection will be offered at no cost at Cabrini Church on Saturday, March 4th beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 pm. To register please call Michelle at 445-4588

FROM THE PASTOR

We welcome Father Tim Ryan who will speak at all the masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Thank you to an anonymous couple from our parish who have memorialized two wise men, one shepherd, and one sheep for our Christmas nativity scene.

Our Lenten Parish Mission, led by Dumb Ox Ministries from New Orleans, will be Sunday, March 5 to Tuesday, March 7. Sunday begins with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will be 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Both Monday and Tuesday the morning session begins with fellowship at 8:30 a.m. The presentation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.. These talks will be repeated both evenings with the same schedule as Sunday. Tuesday evening will conclude with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Child care will be available in the Youth Center all three evenings. Please mark your calendar now to ensure your attendance and participation. This is a perfect way to begin the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

*Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Church***PARISH OFFICES**

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Friday 8:00AM to Noon

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.

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**WELCOME FATHER TIM K RYAN
FROM CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADE 6 THRU GRADE 11

Sunday, February 19th - Dinner: 6:30 p.m.; Class 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K THRU GRADE 5

Wednesday, February 22nd - Dinner: 5:30 p.m.; Class: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**Reconciliation/Confession**

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or on Sunday afternoons. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2017

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00PM - Marie Gruber

Lector: G. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00AM - Elizabeth Fay

Lector: D. Bess
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Kathleen Herold

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: C. Leleux

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00AM - Marian Asplund

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00AM - Jim Durante

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00AM - Simon and Felicity Moore

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2017

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00PM - Alfred & Alice Gremillion

Lector: B. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: T. Ogaard
Server: J. Loken

10:30AM - Raymond Rachall

Lector: J. Foote
Server: S. Landry

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: K. Switzer
Server: V. Montalvo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Bill Molitor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Benjamin Miller

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00AM - Moody & Margaurite Andries
Family

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

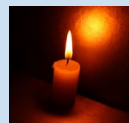
6:00PM - Jerry Matsukis

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: J. Landry

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00AM - Gisele Kwatick

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



In loving memory of
Ginny Klos
by her family

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per candle.

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan "Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are available in the safe environment section of the Diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 02/12/2017

Total # of envelopes	66
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 89.39
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,787.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,530.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 4,529.00
Overage	\$ 1,788.00
Goal for February (4 wks)	\$ 18,116.00
Received for February	\$ 11,485.00
Still needed for February	\$ 6,631.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 35.00
(FY 2016/2017)	\$ 4,320.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



For this coming week:

- February 18 - Father Ron Mathews
- February 19 - Father Dale Meade
- February 20 - Father Luke Melcher
- February 21 - Father Angelo Messina
- February 22 - Father Jack Michalchuk
- February 23 - Father Kenneth Michiels
- February 24 - Father Bruce Miller

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

- Isaac Delaney
- Drew Lohman
- Marcie Loken
- Andiee Patin
- Julia Roy

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

- Jude Aguiard
- Brandon Coreil
- Dillon Foshee

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

- Raymond Rachall

OUR SICK

Kathleen Stevens Bosch, Landen Bradford, Charlie Butler, Patricia Davies, John Gallent, Russell Gauthier, Debbie Dunn Hickman, Jane Juneau, Evelyn Lamkin, Randall Lamkin, Donzal Langston, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Helen R. Mathews, John McClure, Charles Medica, Ottis Monroe, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Cynthia Parker, Donna Pearson, Kelly Pias, Donald Ray Soileau, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Ruth Valley, Jacob Williamson

OUR RECOVERING

Cameron Brown, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter, Jr. & Jackie Deptula, John Goetz, Terry Kohler, Jana Massy, Rachel Mayfield, Dusty Nas-sif, Harold Roshto, Sarah Waits

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard and Linda Kelly, Buddy Normand, Fleta Waits

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Florence Broussard, Rose Ponthieux, Ray Reich, Emma Wells, Mary Virginia Young

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie, Hunter Stafford

If you know of anyone who should be included or removed, contact Kathy at the office. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.