

PARISH NEWS

WOODWORTH MARDI GRAS 2017

Thank you to everyone who donated items throws, helped decorate the float and rode on it. This year our float won 1st place!!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

February 26, 2017 (4th Sunday)

The 10:30 a.m. Mass concludes with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

Saturday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m.
Russ and Brinda Edwards

I have been notified by the marriage tribunal of our Diocese that Russ and Brinda Edwards, who are civilly married, are now free to marry in the Catholic Church. Congratulations!!

FROM THE PASTOR

I am planning to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 17-27, 2018. The approximate cost is \$4,000 per person, not including air fare to and from Newark, NJ, daily lunches, and souvenirs. Please email me if you are interested so that I can have preliminary numbers of attendees. Only the payment of your deposit represents your financial commitment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades Pre K to 11

Wednesday, March 1st
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

This is a scheduled class and should **NOT** be considered optional.

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

LENTEN NEWS

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1

Masses & Ashes - 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Service & Ashes - 4:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday through Thursday 7:00AM
Tuesday - 6:00PM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays of March
5:00PM - 7:00PM

\$8.00 per plate - Dine In or Take Out

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, April 12, 2016 - 6:00PM

LENTEN MUSIC

The Responsorial Psalm for all sung Masses.

Refrain

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned;

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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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ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1, 2017

**Masses 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. both with imposition of Ashes
Liturgy Of The Word Service with imposition of Ashes - 4:00 p.m.**

LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 3rd - 5:00 p.m. to 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 25, 2017

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE CHURCH

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; Victor Mrozinski for health and healing

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: B. Coreil

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: E. Lohman
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Sean Perry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - Benjamin Miler

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00AM - Moody & Margaurite Andries Family

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

6:00PM - Jerry Matsukis

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:00AM - Gisele Kwatick

WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2017

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:00PM - Joyce Pellicore

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM - Ed & Valorie Clayton

Lector: G. Delaney
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Grover Smith 7th anniv.

Lector: J. Antee
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: M. Leleux

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00AM - Mary Mrozinski

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

6:00PM - Russel Edwards, III 4th anniv.

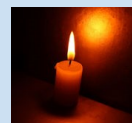
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00AM - Grady Sayes

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00AM - Voorhies P. Gauthier

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



In loving memory of
Benjamin Miller
by Barbara Reich

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 - 02/19/2017

Total # of envelopes	51
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 81.76
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,697.00
EFT Collection	\$ 965.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 4,529.00
Overage	\$ 133.00
Goal for February (4 wks)	\$ 18,116.00
Received for February	\$ 16,147.00
Still needed for February	\$ 1,969.00
Maintenance & Repair (FY 2016/2017)	\$ 30.00
	\$ 4,350.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



For this coming week:

February 25 - Father Charles Morgan
February 26 - Fr. Augustine Mulanjanany
February 27 - Father Chris Nayak
February 28 - Father James Nellikunnel
March 1 - Bishop David Talley
March 2 - Bishop Ronald Herzog
March 3 - Father Marc Noel

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
Dylan Foshee

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridgette Kathleen Hennings; Ray Allen Reich

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, Jackson Landry, Jana Massy, Rachel Mayfield, Dusty Nassif, 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, 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.