

You are the

light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to

those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**

14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS 60442



**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8, 2020
5:45 pm +Harold & Loretta Tulley req. by Their Children
Sunday, February 9, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, February 10, 2020
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday, February 11 – NO MASS
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – NO MASS
Thursday, February 13, 2020
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant
Friday, February 14, 2020
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
Saturday, February 15, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, February 16, 2020
9:00 am +Norma Boyle req. by Marge Flint

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 15 - 5:45 pm
Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
David & Emily Horath

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, February 15 - 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 15 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, February 15 - 5:45 pm
Brad Phelps / Mark Tillotson
Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 am
Eddie Horath / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 2/16/2020: Hoehn, Nugent

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, February 2\$2,319.73

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Anyone wanting their 2019 donation statement is asked to contact the office or put a note, along with your name and address, in with your regular Sunday collection. Your statement will be mailed to you.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
— St. Catherine of Siena



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to

our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$10,200, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

Food Bank



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, January 25th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center. Along with others, we labeled and bagged rice and boxed cans for distribution to those in need. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 – 11:30. Signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.



BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

BY FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 26

*We are collecting old palms that will be
burned and used on Ash Wednesday.*

*There is a container in the Vestibule
for your old palms.*

Applications the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the parish office to obtain a BBSF Application form. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgt.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND FACTS to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35/pp fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report..

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone
Invites you to the Council of Catholic Women's

49th Annual SHROVE TUESDAY BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
At the Will County Fairgrounds Atrium

Serving Times:
5pm and 6pm
Ticket Prices:
\$12 for Adults,
\$6 for Children 6-12
Children 5 & under Free!
Carryout's \$12

Juicy Roast Beef and Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Hot Vegetables,
Cole Slaw, Jell-O
Rolls & Butter
Beverages and
Delicious Homemade Desserts!

Tickets are available at First Community Bank & Trust (Peotone & Beecher)
First Midwest Bank (Peotone), Berkot's Super Food (Peotone),
Professional Hair Design (Peotone) and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.
Questions: Please call 708-258-6917



IRISH MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT 9:00AM
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
MANHATTAN
FR. KARL LANGSDORF CELEBRANT
TEA AND SCONES WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS



Adult Formation Studies

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. Learn from the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ applied to us today.

This is a 20-week study. The 2nd half of the study will be held in the fall, dates TBD.

Tuesday, March 31 – June 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Church meeting room

Cost for study guide: \$36

Call St. Rose at 815-476-7491 to register



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH
MISSION
“ABLAZE”**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Manteno, IL 60950**

**FEATURED SPEAKER: DEACON KEITH
STROHM**

Deacon Keith Strohm is the former Director of the office for the New Evangelization and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Deacon Keith has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ. A sought-after international Speaker and conference keynote, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ..

Night 1—Sunday, February 9, 7pm—The Father’s Delight—What if you didn’t have to earn God’s love? What if performance had nothing to do with salvation?” In this engaging talk, Deacon Keith explores the reality of the Father’s love for each of us. We were created for an eternal life filled with peace, joy, freedom, and communion with God and each other.

Night 2—Monday, February 10, 7pm-Breaking The Power of Sin-“Jesus died for our sins.” We may hear that a lot, but what does it mean that God’s Son gave His life for you and me? In this powerful live talk, popular Catholic Deacon Keith explores the mystery of sin and the Father’s response in Jesus Christ. How does the Cross set us free. Is the Cross simply a declaration of our sinfulness, or does it reveal something deeper.

Night 3—Tuesday, February 11, 7pm-Unleashing the Spirit-The Lord frees us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the fullness of His life—a life we were originally created for. Peace, joy, freedom, holiness, intimacy and love, integrity, fruitfulness, mercy, healing—these are all hallmarks of the Kingdom life we receive from Jesus, and they come to us through the gift of His holy Spirit in Baptism.

BRING A FRIEND



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec

WITH THE NEW YEAR WE ARE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 9, 2020



- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day
- Monday: St. Scholastica
- Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
- Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



ALL IN

Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

Today's Readings: Is 58:7–10; Ps 112:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Cor 2:1–5; Mt 5:13–16

2/9/2020