

March 3, 2019 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 3, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2, 2019
5:45 pm †Dorothy Nugent req. by Don & Sue Nugent

Sunday, March 3, 2019
9:00 am †Gloria Consack req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, March 4, 2019
9:00 am †Gordon Flint req. by Marge Flint

Tuesday, March 5, 2019—NO MASS
6:00 pm NO Adoration

Wednesday, March 6, 2019—ASH WEDNESDAY—FAST & ABSTINENCE
6:00 pm Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, March 7, 2019
9:00 am †John & Ann Shields

Friday, March 8, 2019—ABSTINENCE
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am
6:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 9, 2019
5:45 pm †Winnie Whalen req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Sunday, March 10, 2019
9:00 am †Stan & Helen Niemiec req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 9 - 5:45 pm
Nick, Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, March 10 - 9:00 am
Anne Marie & Kenny Smith

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 9 - 5:45 pm
Sunday, March 10 - 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, March 9 - 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Linda Cakora
Sunday, March 10 - 9:00 am
Nikki Quigley / Lily Kreske, Alexander
Lawson, Emily Horath, Carter Mooi

Usher:

Saturday, March 9 - 5:45 pm
Brad Phelps, Bill Phelan
Sunday, March 10 - 9:00 am
AJ Price, Gavin Gabriel, Kylee Knowles

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi, Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, February 24 \$2,084.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

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) 476-2037.

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.



Father Sebastian will be going to the Holy Land from March 10-29 . If you have a special intention or prayer request, please write it down and give to Father next weekend to take with him.

**ON SUNDAY MARCH 10
OUR 4TH, 5TH & 6TH
GRADERS
WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN
THE LITURGY. PLEASE
SUPPORT THEM WITH YOUR
PRAYERS AND ATTENDANCE
AT MASS**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 8	6:00 pm
Friday, March 15	6:00 pm
Friday, March 22	6:00 pm
Friday, March 29	6:00 pm
Friday, April 5	6:00 pm
Friday, April 12	6:00 pm
Good Friday, April 19	3:00 pm

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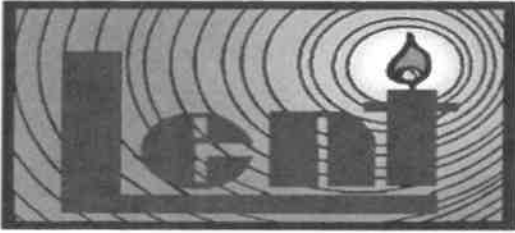
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone invites you to the Council of Catholic Women's

**48th Annual
SHROVE TUESDAY BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
at the Will County Fairgrounds Atrium**

Serving Times :
5pm and 6pm
Ticket Prices:
\$12 for Adults,
\$6 for Children 6-12,
Children 5 and under free !
Carryouts \$ 12

**Juicy Roast Beef,
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 Foods (Peotone),
Professional Hair Designs (Peotone) and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.
Questions? Please call 708 258-6917



Fast & Abstinence

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Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Illinois Bishops Warn Against Extreme Abortion Legislation in General Assembly

- **Horrific anti-life legislation has entered Illinois! Unborn Children & Their Families Need You. House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594**

Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. This *current law* requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942

- *Repeals* the current state ban on partial-birth abortions.
- *Defines* abortion as a fundamental right.
- *Removes* abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures.
- *Removes* the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I ask for your support to this important mission. From 1922 to 1991 the Ukrainian people lived under a repressive communist government that restricted both religious and cultural practice. In that time Ukrainians faced multiple wars that left a suffering people in their wake. Still today Ukraine is rebuilding from this difficult past.

Eastern Ukraine especially suffered for many years as a stronghold of communism. The Catholic faith was illegal or restricted, so atheism grew stronger and family values deteriorated. Today the Church is working to rebuild these values.

In Kharkiv, Ukraine, women who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies believe that abortion might be their only answer. Many of these women grew up as orphans themselves. But you have given these women an option to protect life. Your diocese's generosity to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe has made it possible to create two homes for single mothers where they can live with their children. While living in these homes, women receive help with child care and employment. Not only have you helped these women choose life, but you also have given them the tools to create stable living and working situations for themselves and their children.

Please be generous to the collection this year. Your support gives mothers the help they need to bring new life into the world. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Bishop Colon

For more information on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Jeanne
Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern,
Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Cecelia
Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones;
Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Norma
Boyle; Michelle Schneider

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list,
should contact the office.**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 3, 2019

- Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14,
23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-
14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt
6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk
9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-
19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk
5:27-32
- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-
15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF MARCH**

- That Christian communities,
especially those who are persecuted,
feel that they are close to Christ and
have their rights respected.

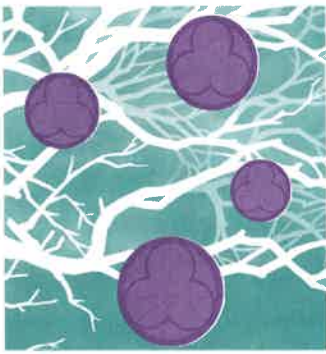
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**MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION
OF ASHES WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 AT
6:00 PM.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
- Monday: St. Casimir
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;
Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving
- Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Frances of Rome



WORDS AND FRUIT

What do these two things have in common? In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the image of a fruit tree to explain the importance of speaking with care. If the tree is healthy (that is, good), we expect to enjoy tasty fruit, but no one would pick the fruit of a tree that appears to be diseased. Good fruit is like good words that indicate one's spiritual growth and maturity—a person whose heart and words are filled with goodness. We will be known as good or evil by the qualities—of mercy and compassion, or pride and selfishness—that come from our hearts and enter the world through our mouth.

We hear similar advice from the book of Sirach in our first reading. Just as the fruit will indicate whether or not the tree from which it came was healthy, so too do our words indicate what we think, how we view the world and our neighbors. Words are important, indeed.

ACTIONS AND VICTORY

But what about our actions? These surely are also signs of goodness or the opposite, aren't they? Today's psalm sings about the just ones who will be like trees flourishing in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit throughout their lives. Justice implies action—mercy, compassion, love. In the second reading, Paul advises the Corinthians to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, that their labors would not be in vain, because the reward of acting with integrity is victory over sin and death. The person of justice and integrity acts and speaks from a new heart, made possible by Jesus' sacrifice.

Do actions speak louder than words? Maybe between this Gospel and last week's, when Jesus told us to love our enemies, Jesus is showing us that both are vital and essential aspects of following the life of discipleship. May our fruit always reflect the sweetness of living a good life.