

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:14-15
Reading 2: 1 Cor 4:1-5

Psalm: 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're delighted to have you here. Our parish is a community of diverse believers who are supportive and loving. We encourage you to explore and get to know our community. We hope that you'll find our parish to be your source of your spiritual growth, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. Check our website for registration and more information. —Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

"Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself." Matthew 6:24-34

Today's Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount's three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

The Aramaic word mammon does not have a negative connotation. It means "property" or "money." What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don't need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day's problems as they come, confident that we are in God's loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

~~~ Loyola Press Sunday Connection

**CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY**  
**Thursday, March 16th in Olympia**

*Invite your friends along!*

The day will include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators. Participants are put in small groups and there will be designated speakers that will lead the legislator conversations. Sponsors: Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.

**To register go to: [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org) and be a neighbor and advocate for all.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.



Our Long Term prayer list for 2017 needs updating. Please contact Cindy with your requests.

*Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100.*

**POPE TWEETS**

God knows better than we do about what we need. We must have faith, because his ways are different from ours.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Welcome!**

Please take the time to register, registration forms are in the back of Church, in the Parish hall or at our Office. Please return filled out forms to the Office or place in the Collection Basket.

**FROM THE GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

Ash Wednesday, March 1, and Good Friday, April 14, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law, 1249-1252)

Fasting is to be observed by all eighteen years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their sixtieth birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other 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, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when

health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Feb 27

Rosary **3:00pm**  
 Religious Education K- 6th **4:30pm**  
 Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep **6:30pm**  
 Adult Faith Formation—Mary Studies **7:00pm**

## Tuesday - Feb 28

Mass – Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Snell by Berger Family **8:30am**

## Wednesday - Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday

Mass – Fr. Xavier by Berger Family **8:30am**  
 Soup Supper **6:00pm**  
 Mass—evening **7:00pm**

## Thursday - Mar 2

Mass + Walter Peterson by BettyAnne Peterson **8:30am**  
 Parish Council **7:00pm**

## Friday - Mar 3—First Friday

– St. Katharine Drexel  
 Mass – Rita Deady by Berger Family **8:30am**  
 Adoration **9a- 5:45p**  
 Soup Supper **6:00pm**  
 Stations of the Cross **7:00pm**

## Saturday – Mar 4

Confession **3:30pm**  
 Mass —Deona Rumpza by Rumpza Family **5:00pm**

## Sunday - Mar 5

Mass at OLOL - Joe Schamer by Bill Rumpza **8:30am**  
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:30am**

*Congratulations Emily Deady & Ethan Snell on their wedding day - Saturday February 25th. Many Blessings to you!*

## TODAY!! SPRING CEMETERY FUND RAISING EVENT

February 26<sup>th</sup> 10-12n enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support the maintenance needs of our cemetery in Wilkeson. Donations only, please give generously. Daryl & Carol thank you!

## CRS RICE BOWL - ENCOUNTER LENT

This Lent our faith community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. It is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family this Lent, reflecting on how we can live this call more abundantly.

Pick up your family's rice bowl from the entrance of church starting Ash Wednesday March 1st. Use your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and motivate your Lenten giving.

Be sure to visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

## THE WORD AMONG US... COME AND BE FILLED

“A Simple Plan for a Blessed Lent” booklet is available in the entrance to the church. It has the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations from March 1 – April 16. Please pick up one copy for inspiration.

## ~~FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION DURING LENT~~

Adoration on March 3 and April 7 will be shortened hours 9:00a - 5:45pm. Come adore our Lord during this time, stay for soup supper at 6:00pm and enrich your Lent by attending the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

## SOUP SUPPERS...

### LENT STARTS ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st

 We will be hosting our Soup and Bread meals on Friday nights again this year at 6pm. Plan on coming for Soup Supper and then attending the Stations of the Cross in the church afterwards at 7pm. Since they will be on Fridays, this means the menu will be Vegetarian soup, vegetarian chili, clam chowder, potato soup, and others. Please REMEMBER to bring your OWN BOWL, this will help with cleanup. Ministry groups are providing the soups but if anyone wants to assist please come and volunteer for any of the Fridays.

### LENTEN CALENDAR at ST. ALOYSIUS

Ash Wednesday: Mass 8:30a

Soup Supper 6:00p & Mass 7:00p

All Fridays: Soup Supper 6:00p & Stations of the Cross 7:00p (except Good Friday schedule will be posted later)

## PHONE NUMBER MAGIC TRICK

Grab a calculator - unless you are a mathematician!

1. Key in the first three digits of your 7-digit phone number (NOT the area code);
2. Multiply by 80;
3. Add 1;
4. Multiply by 250;
5. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number;
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again;
7. Subtract 250;
8. Divide number by 2.

What you have is your phone number. Cool, eh?

## FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 02-19-17

| <u>St. Aloysius</u>        | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Weekly Revenue             | \$2,281.00    | \$2,963.00      | -\$682.00       |
| Fiscal YTD                 | \$110,098.92  | \$100,742.00    | \$9,356.92      |
| <u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> |               |                 |                 |
| Weekly Revenue             | \$924.00      | \$790.00        | \$134.00        |
| Fiscal YTD                 | \$28,290.40   | \$26,860.00     | \$1,430.40      |

## MARCH 1ST— BEGINNING OF LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for receiving or reaffirming our baptism at Easter. Lent is a time to think about one's life choices and mortality, as well as reflect on life directions.

The focus, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is to seek penance for sins of the past and to renew the relationship with God through the three pillars of the Lenten season—prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer allows us to focus or meditate on many aspects of our personal lives and to also pray for others. Fasting assists in developing self-control and is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Almsgiving is a continuation of prayer and fasting. It is a time to be thankful for all that God has given us and a time to care for others as God cares for us.

The remembrance during this season is to search our soul, to turn away from self-centeredness, and to become renewed in the relationship we have with the Lord. Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of a fresh start with the Lord through spiritual and religious meditations. Justice Works Opportunities

Lent is approaching quickly, with Ash Wednesday a little over a week away. Lent isn't just a time to give up something, it is a time to grow spiritually. Here are a few ideas for family activities to during Lent.

- 1.) Go to Ash Wednesday services as a family and talk about the meaning of the ashes.
- 2.) Have a family fast. Together as a family, decide on one or two things to fast from during Lent. Maybe "fast" from fast food restaurants or from watching TV one night a week. Encourage one another along the way.
- 3.) Lenten candles...if your family enjoys Advent wreaths, set up seven candles in the shape of a cross to mark the weeks of Lent. Use purple candles to mark each week of Lent, but put a white one at the center or the top for Easter Sunday.
- 4.) A Saturday of service...select a Saturday in Lent and keep it free of other commitments. Spend the day with your family working on a service project. You might collect cans of food for a local food bank, serve at a soup kitchen or visit a nursing home.
- 5.) Pretzel making...in the days of very strict Lenten fasts pretzels made from bread, water and yeast were a staple food. They were shaped in the form of a person's arms crossed in prayer. Make homemade pretzels. Your kids will love rolling out the dough and eating them.

Taken from: Try This Lent: Family and Group Activities to Help You Grow by Angel Burrin. Printed in The Word Among Us February 2016.



### TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From March 1 to April 9, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. For more information:

<https://40daysforlife.com/>

**LOCATION:** Public right-of-way outside Cedar River abortion clinic  
1401-A Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, Washington



### RACHEL'S CORNER HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

*"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."*

—Pope Francis

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find the strength you need to face your past is given to you by God as you trust Him with your healing. You have never been and will never be alone. Let Him show you how much He cares for you.

The next retreats are MARCH 10-12, 2017  
April 28-30, 2017

Call Valerie for more information at (800) 822-HOPE (4673) Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. *You are loved with an Everlasting Love!*

### SAINT QUOTE

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

— St. Francis de Sales

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

MARCH 4 & 5TH

This is a USCCB National collection for the strengthening of the Church at Home. What is a Home Mission Diocese? Home mission diocese are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral service include Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses are considered home missions. For more information about the Catholic Home Missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience, please give generously. Thank you for your support.