



January 30, 2005 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!" Matthew 5:3

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Indulgences in the Year of the Eucharist

The indulgences offered during the Year of the Eucharist must be lived with an attitude of openness to God's mercy. During the Year of the Eucharist a plenary indulgence may be obtained by participating in acts of worship and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. An indulgence -- a partial or complete remission of divine temporal punishment that may otherwise still be due for sin committed but forgiven -- may also be obtained by praying Vespers and the Compline of the Divine Office before the tabernacle.

To understand the meaning of indulgences, one must first understand that the fault, the sin, is the conscious and free act with which one disobeys the will of God, while the punishment is the consequence due to the fault. The fault is pardoned because of God's mercy by the gift of forgiveness given through the ministry of the Church. Every time we go to confession, our faults are forgiven if we are sincerely repentant.

To obtain a plenary indulgence the usual conditions must be respected -- sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope, with the soul totally detached from affection for any sin. But, it is not something mechanical; rather, it is an aid given to a conscience repentant of sin and sincerely open to the merciful action of God. This is why penance has a most important value as a way of life and not just as a simple moment - it is a conversion of heart.

The Eucharist is of so much help on this path. It is bread of life, bread of pilgrims; it is that which, nourishing the thirst, sustains the commitment to conversion and thus also that way which is, precisely, the way of indulgence, the way of conversion.

The moment of grace and purification offered by the Year of the Eucharist should be lived with the attitude of one who wants to love God with all his heart, who wishes to grow, both by being purified from lack of love as well as sins of the past, and by opening oneself to an overcoming of all the negative consequences of sin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: St. John Bosco: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
- Tue: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
- Wed: The Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Thu: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13 (Sts. Blase and Ansgar)
- Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
- Sat: St. Agatha: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Mk 6:30-34



PRAYER CORNER

Remember in your prayers:

- Mary Avila, Fr. Chris-Paul Egege, Evelyn Gonsalves, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Amanda Hallmark, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Nikki LaTona, Tila Lenz, Mafua Family, Earl Mattingly, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Troy Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop William Weigand, Jessie Williams



DISCIPLES IN MISSION: "Disciples in Mission on the Journey", a parish Lenten activity, will begin the week of February 13th. Sign-ups will continue at the entrances to the church after all Masses this weekend. Please join your parish family in this truly enriching, scripture-based program. You will experience the Sunday scripture readings coming to life as we share them in small, intimate groups.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you itemize your deductions and will be requiring a contribution statement for the year end, please contact the parish office. As usual, we will only be mailing statements to those who request them. The Parish Office will be going through the transition to a new computer network and a new system for recording contributions effective February 4th. If it is at all possible to submit your request for a contribution statement before that date, we will be able to respond more quickly and simply. Of course, we will continue to honor any requests made after that date. Thank you for your cooperation!

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Rebecca Kistler or Deacon Mark through the Catholic Faith Formation office at 726-7217. We will begin adult Confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm starting February 16.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. During the Ash Wednesday liturgy, in unity with Catholics around the world, we are signed with ashes as a reminder of our baptism and as a call to Lenten baptismal renewal.

When we are signed with the ashes, we hear some version of these words: "Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Not the most cheerful sounding words, to be sure, but they are a reminder to us all that no matter where we are in our life's journey, it is never too late (or too early) to reform, repent, and renew ourselves spiritually. So, then, these somber sounding words are actually full of joy - the joy of a "second chance", the joy of joining in Christ's glorious resurrection on Easter morning!

Ash Wednesday is next week, February 9th, and the Mass schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 9th 8:30 am, 10:00 am (School Mass)
6 pm & 7:30 pm (Spanish)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Rick Matteoli -Int.
Harry Jo Padilla +
Don Underwood & Family +
- Tuesday: Jane Fabio +
- Wednesday: Tom Smoot +
Josy Dowling +
- Friday: Ginny Brown -Int.
- Saturday: Maria Kosinski +
Mary Jo Padilla +





Holy Family School

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Holy Family School joins Catholic Schools throughout the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, today through Friday, February 4. Each day will honor a unique segment of our population while illustrating the entire system's **Faith in Every Student**, this year's theme. OPEN HOUSE will begin the celebration today, followed by GRANDPARENTS' DAY on Monday APPRECIATE OUR COMMUNITY is Tuesday's theme, and on Wednesday, the most important part of our school will be honored on STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY. Thursday the students will observe RELIGIOUS/CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY, and the week will close with STAFF APPRECIATION DAY. All parishioners are encouraged to visit our parish school during this special celebration!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Among the many wonderful things that should bring you to Holy Family School for OPEN HOUSE is the Scholastic Book Fair which will be open in the Library. Bring the whole family and enjoy the magic of books together! OPEN HOUSE begins after the 9 am Mass today until 12 noon.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: The second collection at all Masses this weekend will benefit our parish school's *Tuition Assistance Fund*. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and definitely will make a difference in our community's future.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RUMMAGE SALE: The largest fund-raiser of the year for Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry, the Annual Rummage Sale, is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, Feb 5th 6:30 am to 6:30 pm and Sunday, Feb 6th from 7am-12 noon in the community center. DONATIONS for the sale will be accepted now through Friday, Feb 4th at 9 pm. Please call 721-8329 to arrange a drop-off time.

HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

LITURGY COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a general meeting of the Liturgy Council this Wednesday, February 2, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend, particularly those involved with any liturgical events scheduled for February or March. For more information, please call John Wihl at 722-7956.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Cocktails start at 5:00 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm
A tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings awaits you.

(Chicken will also be available.)

All for only **\$15.00** per couple

Tickets will be on sale after each Mass,
or call John Norwood, Grand Knight, at 783-0453.

Stewardship

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15th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS FEBRUARY 13

25% goes back to our parish

You may have already received literature in the mail from the diocese featuring stories about **people in our own local area who suffer the indignities of poverty** and about people who provide hope and care to these, our most impoverished brothers and sisters. Thousands of disadvantaged older people, foster teens, children, refugees, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and mentally ill rely on local programs to overcome their circumstances.

As you think about the gift you can afford this year, prayerfully consider that **drastic cuts in private and public funding have left many programs in imminent peril**. Please also consider that for the first time in the history of the Appeal, **25% goes back to our local parish for our own social service activities**.

Pledges can be dropped into the Sunday collection basket at any time, using the appropriate envelopes or otherwise properly marked for the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not received a pledge envelope, please contact the Parish Office at 723-2494.

Please give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

"Lord, open our ears to hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the oppressed..." Mother Teresa

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Jan 2	\$ 10,453.50
Jan 9	\$ 10,629.50
Jan 16	\$ 10,297.00
Jan 23	\$ 8,115.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 288,328.00
Goal-to-Date (30 Weeks)	\$ 300,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	96.11 %
Annual Goal	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jan 2	\$ 3,644.27
Jan 9	\$ 1,303.00
Jan 16	\$ 1,832.50
Jan 23	\$ 1,548.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 71,310.68
Goal-to-Date (30 Weeks)	\$ 112,500.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	63.39 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

"Spirit of God, renew us in service and make us a sign of your love for the world."