

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2012

Welcome!

This Church is our Heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace; so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. If you are new to our community: Welcome! Please register with us. If you are visiting, please remain a few minutes after Mass and get acquainted. We are a welcoming community. To know more about it, please call 507-364-7981

Change in Weekend Mass Times

Beginning Sunday, February 26th, the 1st weekend of Lent, the Mass times will change to:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer
Sunday, 7:15 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. at St. Canice, Kilkenny
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several openings for scheduling Mass Intentions for your loved ones, alive and deceased. We especially have week days to fill. Arranging a Mass is a wonderful way to remember and emphasize a birthday or an anniversary. Please stop by or call the office between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm to have a staff member schedule these date for you. 507-364-8053

Monday, Feb 6 – 8:15 am: Deceased members of the Janutka family

Tues, Feb 7 – 6:00 pm: +Jean Edel Schulz; Prayer Shawl Recepients

Wednesday, Feb 8 – 8:15 am: +Mayme Turek (A)

Thursday, Feb 9 – 8:15 am:

Friday, Feb 10 – 8:15 am: +Christine Allickson (A)

Saturday, Feb 11 – 5:00 pm: +Frank & Anna Holey; +Jim, Ella, Roger, Norman Vlasak

Sunday, Feb 12 – 7:30 am: +Bernard Trnka & Roger Mandery; +John Pelowski

Sunday, Feb 12 – 10:30 am: +Frank Brezina, Darlene Studnicka; +Ben T. & Connie Barta; Living and Deceased Members of the Edgerton Choudek Family

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

How many of us can identify with today's first reading (Job 7:1-7). Life is about the same darned thing day after day, sheer monotony. Will I ever see happiness again?

This is a story of an old farmer who had an old horse tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the woods and when all the neighbors of the farmer sympathized with the old man over his bad luck, the farmer replied, "Bad luck or good luck, who knows?" A week later the old horse returned with a herd of horses from the woods and this time his neighbors congratulated him on his good luck. His reply was, "Good luck or back luck, who knows?" Then, when the farmer's son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off his back and broke his leg. Everyone thought of it as very bad luck, but not the farmer. His reaction again was, "Bad luck or good luck, who knows?" Some weeks later, the army marched into the village and conscripted every able bodied youth they found there. When they saw the farmer's son with his broken leg they let him off. The neighbors again congratulated him for his good luck. The man quietly said, "Good luck or bad luck, who knows?"

Human life is a drain of experiences like this man's experience. We just judge some them good and others bad by using our poor reasoning. Those who are wise and have a balanced view of life are never too excited or too deeply disappointed or grieved over any of them. They keep a balanced view of everything in life. Everything that seems on the surface to be an evil, may be a good in disguise. And everything that seems good on the surface may really be an evil.

Life can be beautiful even in the midst of all the ills in the world, if we learn to live through the mystery of good and bad, the mystery of sorrow and joy. We must live through the mystery of suffering not like Job who became so profoundly pessimistic that life seemed to him as an hereditary disease, divided into horrible and miserable. God does not offer us a bed of roses; he will lead us through pains to fulfill his plan for us. Adversity is like a toad, ugly and venomous, but it wears a precious jewel in its head. We are wise when we leave it to God to decide what is good and what is bad for us. All things turn out for good with those who love Him.

Fr. George

PARISH NEWS

A Town Hall Meeting regarding the merger with St. Canice – A town hall meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 7 pm in our church basement for the parishioners of Most Holy Redeemer regarding the merger with St. Canice parish. Information will be presented to us about what the merger means to Most Holy Redeemer as the receiving parish. We ask you to please mark your calendar and attend if you are able.

Official Installation of Fr. George as our Pastor– On February 19th at the 10:30 am Mass we will have the official installation of Fr. George Kallumkalkudy, CMI as Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish and St. Canice of Kilkenny. The presider of the installation will be Fr. Chris Shofner, the Dean of Deanery Seven and current pastor of the Church of St. Mary and St. Henry in LeCenter. We will have a welcoming party for Fr. George after the mass in the church basement. Come and celebrate our new pastor!

Mass Ministry Schedules - The schedules in the vestibule of the church now include February 1 through April 30, 2012 Mass schedules. You can also find this schedule on the front page of our website, www.hredeemerparish.org.

Lent and Easter Schedule – You can find a detailed list of all the Lent and Easter Masses, opportunities for reconciliation, stations of the cross, HR school passion play and much more for Most Holy Redeemer and St. Canice, when you go to our website, www.hredeemerparish.org and click on the link for the Lent and Easter schedule.

Bulletin Deadline - Information to be published in the bulletin or announced during the weekend masses should be submitted in writing to the parish office by noon on Wednesday. Thank you.

2012 Catholic Services Appeal – The 2012 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) begins with a mailing most parishioners will receive within the next week. This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Many are the promises of God”. Your contribution to the CSA enables the Archdiocese to share God’s promise with countless numbers of our brothers and sisters.

An Emmaus Experience A Retreat for Women – February 17-19: *How long since you’ve asked yourself...Who am I? Is my faith important to me? Where am I going? Is Jesus part of my daily life?* You can arrive at the answers if you give yourself time to think. You will find the answers right in your own heart when you make a retreat.

Come join us! The retreat takes place at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. To register or obtain more information, please contact Melissa Barnett (507) 364-7226.

Prayer Shawl Meeting – The February prayer shawl meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, after the 6 pm Mass. See you there!

Knights of Columbus News – The KC’s will be meeting on Feb. 20th, at 7:30PM in the church basement. Also, the K of C Annual Fish Fry will be Feb. 24th from 11:00 to 2:00 and from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall in Montgomery.

OTHER NEWS

Bring Your Sweetheart to Breakfast: St Canice Parish Members are sponsoring a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast on Sunday, February 12th from 8:30 to 12:30 in the St. Canice Church Hall.

Women’s Retreat: “Walking our Lenten Journey with Mary,” Saturday, Feb. 25th, 8-2 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church Parish Activity Center in New Prague. The retreat leader is Sr. Paula Hagen, OSB. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and Lenten materials. \$25. Contact Mary Higgins (952-758-0464) mary.higgins@saintwenceslaus.org to register.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is honoring outstanding volunteer lay women at its spring Conference, May 3, 2012. If you know a Catholic woman who has done outstanding volunteer work in the church, please submit her name for nomination to Colleen Pavek, CCW President. Nominations can be sent to the parish office or to Colleen at 118 - 4th Street SE, Montgomery. Deadline is February 10th.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on: Sunday, February 12, 2012, at St. Nicholas Church, New Market. To register or for more information, please call Couple to Couple League at (612) 721-3791. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651-291-4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family.

Breakfast and Raffle Fundraiser - TCU Titans Softball Spring Training Breakfast/Raffle Fundraiser Sunday, February 19th @ Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria Serving Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes & Sausage from 8:00- 12:30 Adults \$7, Students \$4 (5 -12), under 5 free.

Marriage Amendment Campaign Financial Support –

The Catholic bishops of Minnesota support the adoption of the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the November 6, 2012 general election ballot. Marriage between one man and one woman has sacramental status in the Church. The Church is opposed to any effort to redefine marriage, especially given the uncertain societal impact which might accompany such changes.

The Archdiocese is committed to providing financial assistance toward amendment campaign efforts carried out by the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Church in Minnesota. The Archdiocese's support is consistent with financial support provided by other Catholic dioceses in states across the country that currently have or recently had similar ballot proposals on marriage. In 2011, the Archdiocese made a \$650,000 contribution to the Minnesota Catholic Conference, which has been reported to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board in accordance with state campaign law and is public information.

The source of these funds was investment income; it did not include parish assessments or donations to the Catholic Services Appeal. Funding levels for other priorities of the Archdiocese have remained constant, or have even increased, during the past year. This includes \$2.8 million for elementary and secondary education, and \$1.4 million for Catholic Charities, whose programs benefit those most in need in our community.

The need for an amendment to the Minnesota constitution protecting the institution of marriage was shown again in a Minnesota Appeals Court ruling on January 23. The appeals court ruled that a lawsuit, filed in Hennepin County on behalf of those who want to redefine marriage, must be sent back to the district court for further proceedings, effectively putting the institution of marriage on trial.

For more information about the Church's promotion and defense of marriage, please visit the Minnesota Catholic Conference website at <http://mncc.org/issues/marriage>.

Lighthouse Media presents:

The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture by Dr. Scott Hahn

This CD reinforces our need of Mary in our lives. Dr. Scott Hahn tells of his experiences with Mary in his life. He reveals how Mary is found in the scriptures, how prayer to her is so beneficial to us. Mary is truly the Masterpiece of Christ.

CD's are available for \$3 each. See the Lighthouse media stand in the elevator addition.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

What is a Steubenville conference?

Franciscan University of Steubenville's Youth Outreach Office (YOO) exists to evangelize youth primarily through large conferences and events. Thirty years ago, 500 youth and young adults gathered on our campus in Steubenville, Ohio for the very first youth conference. This summer, over 40,000 teens will participate at eighteen youth conference all over North America.

We were created to seek and know the truth and encounter the life of God. Therefore, we are committed to boldly proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life and illuminating for young people the richness of the Catholic Church. We understand that teens are constantly confronted with lies and choices that lead them away from Christ and the Church. Our conferences not only provide teens the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, but challenge them to live for Him. Through the power of the Sacraments, inspiring talks, dynamic music, and expressive praise, teens are given an awesome weekend that can literally change the course of their lives.

Wed, Feb. 8:

Religion Classes for Grades K,1, 3-8, 6:30-7:30 pm
Religion Classes for Grades 9/10, 6:30-8:00 pm
2nd Grade student/parent session on First Eucharist,
6:30-7:30 pm, Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria

Sat & Sun, Feb. 11/12:

Catholic Services Appeal Announcement Weekend

Thank you for your support for the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. We raised almost \$1200 to help send 35 teens to the Steubenville North Conference this summer. Thank you to Chris Rosival for chairing this event and to all the teens and families who worked to prepare, serve, and clean up!

Setting the Table for Steubenville: On Sunday, February 26 at Noon we will have twenty tables decorated with different themes and ready for viewing in the church basement. The viewing will be followed by lunch, a special speaker, and entertainment. This is a great event for women. Tickets are still available but they are selling fast. Look for the flyers in the back of church for more information.

HRS SCHOOL NEWS

GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED OUR 2012 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK! We had many blessings to count as we celebrated Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School. Blessings that we have counted this week included:

Supportive Parish & new Priest! We have support and guidance as we grow in our Catholic faith here as a school family. Welcome Father George!

Former Principals: Sister Duane Moes, Mary Regenscheid, Kathy Segna, and Sister Mary Margaret Murphy – what a gift they gave to the rich history of our school.

Volunteer of the Year: Tami Novak blessed our school this year by painting the logos and Raiders in our building as well as serving on various committees and fundraisers and our HRS School Advisory Council.

Alumni of the Year 2011-12: Maureen Franek was recognized for her work on HRS at fundraisers, committees, the Scrip program, and also piano playing at Masses.

Family Fun Night: We were blessed by the music from Downtown Sound, the great auction and raffle items, and all of the fun as we shared time together as families

Parents & Grandparents: They attended our lunches on Monday & Tuesday. What beautiful support you showed our students by attending these lunches.

Teachers & Staff: HRS staff coordinated the Spelling Bee and special events all week long. They remain dedicated to our school and our students.

Special Guests & Supportive Community: Mayor Jean Keogh presented her role and how HRS is an integral part of our local community

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee contestants and winners. Charlotte Houn was our first place winner in the K-2 Spelling Bee with Anna Barnett in 2nd place. Brianna Rutt won first place in grades 3-8 with Thomas Franek & Brennan Rutt tied for 2nd place and Cassie Kadrlik our 3rd place winner.

Special Blessings to our 2nd Grade Students! They received their 1st Reconciliation this past Saturday. Please keep them in our prayers as they prepare for Holy Communion.

Reminders: Pohlard Scholarship Challenge Grant: Please pray for success.

Kudos: Lisa Zoubek & Michelle Sladek: for hosting wonderfully well organized and delicious lunches during Catholic Schools' Week for all of our guests. Special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped to serve these lunches to the over 150 guests! **Deb Trcka & Katie Befort:** For planning and coordinating our two Spelling Bee Events.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder – Principal

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Feb 11—5:00 pm: Jesse Janovsky, Conrad McCrady, Brandon Nickolay
Sunday, Feb 12—7:30 am: Brianna Rutt
Sunday, Feb 12—10:30 am: George Doyle, Rianna Doyle, Emilie Trcka

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, Feb 11—5:00 pm: Melissa Barnett, Nancy Parkos, Jane Pesta, Bob Ruhland, Jan Ruhland, Richard Ruhland
Sunday, Feb 12—7:30 am: Lisa Berdan, Orville Kuchinka, Tami Novak, Chelsea Picha, Dale Ruhland, Ron Tupy
Sunday, Feb 12—10:30 am: Joel Fogarty, Ramona McGuire, Rita Parsons, Jim Reeder, Mindy Reeder, Nathan Rosival

PLEASE NOTE: Except for a few selected days such as Christmas and Easter throughout the year, we will only have 4 ministers assigned to each weekend Mass beginning February 25-26th, the first weekend of Lent.

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 11—5:00 pm: Sandy Gilhousen
Sunday, Feb 12—7:30 am: Jim Mladek
Sunday, Feb 12—10:30 am: Ted Doyle

USHERS

For the Month of February

Saturday –5:00 pm: Steve & Matt Zoubek, Josh Skluzacek
Sunday – 7:30 am: Marvin Wondra, Tim Rosival, Alvin Kaderlik
Sunday – 10:30 am: Harstad Family, Glen Tuma

GIFT OF TREASURE REPORT

Weekend of January 21-22 nd	\$ 3,787.35
Amount needed weekly to meet budget	\$ 6,000.00
Actual thru January 31, 2012	\$179,109.00
Budget thru January 31, 2012	\$182,000.00

COMING EVENTS

Feb 8 **Faith Formation Night (see details above)**
Feb 9 **Ongoing-Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, 9-7 Town Hall Meeting for MHR church, 7 pm**
Feb 17-19 **Emmaus Women's Retreat**, Franciscan Retreat Ctr.
Feb 19 **Installation of Fr. George as Pastor**, 10:30 am Mass and gathering to follow in church basement
Feb 26 **Setting the Table for Steubenville**, 12 pm – 3:30 pm
March 10 **SW Deanery Spiritual Day** at St. Patrick by Cedar Lake

This week we thank our sponsor:

Badger Excavating
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