

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am January 30, 2011

Intention: +Leokadia Lubak Requested by Dorothy Pirro

Healing Intentions: Michelle Mallory Lu Luch
Martha Shuman Diane Spina
Lois Bogacki Bill Moran
Father John Fetcho Jean Horan
Erika Zalewski Mike Corn
Rosemarie Piazza Jon Hall

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed the law; Seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those that were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Reading II

I Corinthians 1: 26-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Brothers, you are among those called. Consider your own situation. Not many of you are wise, as men account wisdom; not many are influential; and surely not many are well-born. God chose those whom the world considers absurd to shame the wise he singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong. He chose the world's lowborn and despised, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who were something; so that mankind can do no boasting before God. God it is who has given you life in Christ Jesus. He has made him our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption. This is just as you find it written, "Let him who would boast, boast in the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening,
you have the words of everlasting life. [1]**

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

[Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.]

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy: mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted, for they shall see God.

Blest too are the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit:

The Beatitudes

After two Sundays of Presentation of Our Lord and Savior, "Behold, The Lamb of God! "The Lord is the Light to the World," today Jesus Christ Himself makes a presentation of His Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount.

The Sermon on the Mount contains the essence of Christ's teaching, and the Beatitudes are the center of the Sermon. The Beatitudes list the qualities Jesus Christ wishes to see in his followers, qualities which were exemplified in His own life. These qualities are a complete reversal of conventional worldly standards and values.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, they who mourn, who are meek, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, who are clean of heart, who are the peacemakers, they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and blessed are you when they insult you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

What is being blessed is reliance on God. Those who know their need of God and who live life as children of God in Whom they trust are the most fortunate people in the world. God will give them all they need. God will fill their emptiness. God will satisfy the hunger of their hearts. God will give them the Kingdom of Heaven! "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Our Heavenly Father delights in those who are faithfully carrying His unstained Seal received in Baptism and witness to the presence of God in this world. Those who put their trust not in God but in human power will be disappointed.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to imitate your Son more closely, and to follow Him more faithfully, so we may know the blessedness of belonging to Your Kingdom. Amen!

Announcements for January 30, 2011

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
January 2	\$590	\$673	-\$83
January 9	\$575	\$673	-\$78
January 16	Mass cancelled	\$673	weather
January 23	\$	\$673	
TOTALS	\$1165	\$2692	-\$181

Announcements

"**Kolenda**" visits (pastoral visits & blessing of homes) will continue until February 6. Please see or call Father Madej to arrange his visit to your home.

To prepare the house for blessing, please dress the table with a white cloth. A cross and Bible or prayer book should be on the table, a candle next to the cross should be lit. The priest will bring Holy Water and chalk to bless and mark your home. This is a visitation by Our Lord. The priest is just the humble instrument of the Lord's action.

Coffee hour today has been cancelled so that those of us who wish to join our friends at *Our Lady of Peace* in wishing Father John our congratulations and best wishes on his retirement. *Our Lady of Peace* is located at 206 Halcomb Street in Lakeland. Take a left on State Fair Boulevard and turn left at the John Carno Center. *Our Lady of Peace* is at the end of the block.

The parish committee will meet **next Sunday** following the **YMS of R Breakfast**. Please mark your calendars.

Polish language classes will now meet on Thursday evenings at the Solvay Youth Center on Woods Road. See Richard if you would like to join the group.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, February 2 **SOLEMNITY – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
4:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday, February 3 5:00 Polish language class @ Solvay Youth Center
Woods Road, Solvay

Sunday, February 6 **Ordinary 5**
Intention: +Leokadia Lubak Requested by Dorothy Pirro
10:30 Bible Study for children
11:00 Holy Mass with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 YMS of R Breakfast
1:00 **Parish Committee Meeting**

Saturday, February 12 French Toast Breakfast 8:30 am – noon

Saturday, February 26 Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 – 6:30 pm