

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am February 6, 2011

Intention: +Stanley Zalewski Requested by the Zalewski family

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
Bobby Lenweaver Jan Wagar
Frank Fidura

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 58: 7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your break on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

The Lord dawns through the darkness, a light for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

R: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

He shall never be moved; the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; his generosity shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His generosity shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Reading II

I Corinthians 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I have told you of the witness of the crucified Christ.

As for myself, brothers, when I came to you I did not come proclaiming God's testimony with any particular eloquence or "wisdom." No, I determined that while I was with you I would speak of nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. When I came among you it was in weakness and fear, and with much trepidation. My message and my preaching had none of the persuasive force of "wise" argumentation, but the convincing power of the Spirit. As a consequence, your faith rests not on the wisdom of men but on the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life,
you have the words of everlasting life. [5]**

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-16

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"You are the salt of the earth. But what if the salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor? Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Men do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit: Salt of the Earth

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus Christ speaking to us: *"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."*

Just as a teaspoon of salt spreads itself all through a kettle of soup, so every Christian must spread his influence to all the people he meets every day. Just a salt shaker serves its purpose only when it contains salt inside.

Too many people who are supposed to have "salt" actually do not have it. How many do we meet whose lives are dull, tasteless, and meaningless. The "soup" of their everyday existence is tasteless, without meaning or purpose. By what we say and how we say it, by what we do and the way we do it, we can be "salt" for those who find life tasteless.

Salt has about 1400 different uses, chemically and commercially, as well as for preserving and seasoning food. It is even being used to reduce the swelling of a bee sting (believe me I know it works!).

The salt metaphor that Jesus used in today's Gospel is very clear: the evil of the world can be cured or at least lessened by the application of the salt of our faith, by the freshness of the faith, by our enthusiasm for our faith!!!! Just as salt preserves food from decay and corruption, so we followers of Christ are to preserve the people we meet from corruption, moral decay and apathy – just by the way we live and speak as Christians!

In the same context Jesus said this about the necessity of freshness of faith that is recorded in St. Mark's Gospel 9:49: *"Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."*

At Baptism each one of us tasted the grains of salt and was commanded with these words: "Receive these grains of salt as a sign that thou art to guard thyself against sin and seek the wisdom of God." Let us start with our freshness of faith, and let's start it right now in our married life, family life, parish life, and community life. Add to it charity, friendship, peace, love, hope, faith, and understanding. Get a supply of it at every Sunday Mass! God Bless You!

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	\$1516	\$673	\$843
January 30	\$469	\$673	-\$204
TOTALS	\$3150	\$2692	\$458

Announcements for February 6, 2011

Please join us after Holy Mass **this morning** for the YMS of R breakfast. The parish committee will meet following breakfast.

We extend our birthday wishes to Sue Prince (February 6) and Frank Fidura (February 7). STO LAT!!

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

This Saturday, February 12, the community French Toast breakfast will be held from 8:30 am to noon. Please invite your family and friends to join you for a tasty breakfast.

Please see Pat or Joe to sign up for the work crew for our community **spaghetti dinner**, scheduled for **Saturday, February 26**. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

TODAY	Happy birthday to Sue Prince!
Monday, February 7	Happy birthday to Frank Fidura!
Wednesday, February 9	4:00 pm Choir practice
Thursday, February 10	5:00 Polish language class @ Solvay Youth Center, Woods Road, Solvay
Saturday, February 12	8:30 – noon French Toast Breakfast
Sunday, February 13	Ordinary 6
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10:30	Bible Study for children
11:00	Holy Mass
12:15	SPOJNIA Breakfast
Saturday, February 26	Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 – 6:30 pm