

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, February 7, 2010
11:00 am**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

In the year King Ussiah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" they cried one to the other. "All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said, "send me!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, [for you have heard the words of my mouth;] in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: "Great is the glory of the Lord."

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me. The Lord will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Reading II

I Corinthians 15: 1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and in which you stand firm. You are being saved by it at this very moment if you retain it as I preached it to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain. I handed on to you first of all what I myself received, that Christ died for our sins in accord with the Scriptures; that he was buried and, in accord with the Scriptures, rose on the third day; that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve. After that he was seen by five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have fallen asleep. Next he was seen by James; then by all the apostles. Last of all he was seen by me, as one born out of the normal course. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, because I persecuted the church of God, I do not even deserve the name. But by God's favor I am what I am. This favor of his to me has not proved fruitless. Indeed, I have worked harder than all the others, not on my own but through the favor of God. In any case, whether it be I or they, this is what we preach and this is what you believed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

Gospel

Luke 5: 1-11

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

As the crowd pressed in on Jesus to hear the word of God, he saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "*Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.*" Simon answered, "Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets." Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them. These came, and together they filled the two boats until they nearly sank.

At the sight of this, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." For indeed, amazement at the catch they had made seized him and all his shipmates, as well as James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "*Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.*" With that they brought their boats to land, left everything, and became his followers.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit
God's Call to the Ministry in the Church

[Luke 5: 1-11]

All three readings, - Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, and Luke 5:1-11 - bring the Word of God to every listener about the miraculous call to the Ministry in God's Church.

The Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter all three encountered the Lord in a distinctive way and received the call to carry out the work of God. Their stories seem to be quite fantastic. Isaiah is hit with an astonishing vision of God's Glory: celestial figures, heavenly radiance, overwhelming power and purity, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts" place, then the prophet was touched with the ember of a burning coal from heaven's altar, with that he was sent...to carry God's work.

Peter was hit in numerous ways with God's Glory in Jesus Christ the Messiah! Paul was struck by the Light of God's Glory at Damascus.

All three men were called by God and they did great things for God's Church. Yet each of them had a very natural feeling of humility. They did not put themselves forward, but God selected them nevertheless. They accepted that call with humility, convinced that they were unworthy of it - convinced that the task was overpoweringly too big for them. But since they went on a mission, they did it so remarkably!

The Priest before approaching the Gospel Pulpit prays in Isaiah's words: "Cleanse my heart and my lips, Almighty God, as You cleansed the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal. In Your mercy cleanse me so I may worthily proclaim Your Holy Gospel. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen." Then the Gospel has been proclaimed with dignity, respect, and power!

Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter accepted God's invitation, and all three did a splendid mission. This is the paradox - strength arising out of weakness. When we answer God's call in our honesty, though weak we are, God empowers us so we can do things we never thought possible!

The Lord still calls people! And the need for prophets is just as great today! And there still are those who respond in their honest humility! Praise the Lord that He still speaks the Word of Eternal Salvation to today's world! And to us!

Let us always pray for the vocations to the priesthood! Let us always pray for our pastors who carry out God's work! Amen!

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for February 7, 2010

Happy, happy birthday to Susan Prince (February 6) and Frank Fidura (February 7), who celebrated their birthdays this past week! STO LAT!!!

The annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 28 following Holy Mass and coffee hour. In preparation for the meeting, a slate of candidates for the officers, trustees, and auditors of the parish must be assembled. According to the parish by-laws, candidates must be nominated by another active member of the parish.

The nominating committee for this year is made up of Father Madej, Mary Ann Greenfield, Maureen Navatka, and Richard Zalewski. Any active adult member in good standing may nominate a candidate for any of the officer positions [parish chairman, parish vice chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer], for trustees, for auditors (3 needed), for parish tribunal (2 needed) and for next year's nominating committee. See or call any of the nominating committee members at your earliest convenience to submit your nominations. Thank you.

A schedule of mass intentions for the 2010 calendar year is posted in the office. If you would like to schedule a mass, check the schedule for open Sundays and see Pat to schedule the mass. Even if a date is already scheduled, multiple masses can be scheduled if needed. Thank you.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 8	6:15 pm	Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, February 10	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, February 11	5:30 pm	Weight Watchers meeting
Sunday, February 14	ORDINARY 6	
Intention: +Isadora Sullivan	Requested by Rick and Maureen Navatka	
10:30	Bible Study for children	
11:00	Holy Mass	
12:15	Coffee Hour	
	Monthly pickup of pierogi/kielbasa	
12:45	Parish Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, February 17	5:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass with distribution of ashes

Sunday, February 28 Annual Meeting following Holy Mass

Saturday, March 20	Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 17	Ham dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 18	Swieconka dinner following Holy Mass
Saturday, May 15	Meatloaf dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
January 3	No services	\$642	-\$642
January 10	\$1140	\$642	-\$108
January 17	\$617	\$642	-\$25
January 24	\$450	\$642	-\$192
January 31	\$391	\$642	-\$251
TOTAL	\$2598	\$3210	-\$612