



Assumption Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Love your
enemies.

LUKE 6:27

May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saints and sinners alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return!

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal and to save from destruction. Do we know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness for overcoming evil with good? Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me lose my temper, disturb my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.

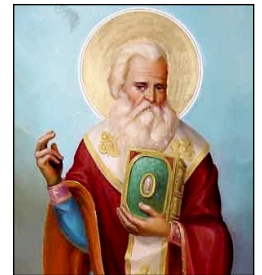
Readings for Next Sunday,
March 2, 2025
Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Saint of the Week... St Polycarp

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna in what is now western Turkey, was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle and a friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. He was a highly revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

At age 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved and fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 155. St. Polycarp is the patron saint of relief from earaches.



Feast Day: February 23

Source: fanciscanmedia.org



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Sticklely, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
as
I HAVE LOVED
YOU
JOHN 13:34



The Jubilee Year of 2025, also known as the Year of “Pilgrims of Hope,” is a holy year in the Catholic Church. It’s a time of forgiveness, reconciliation and renewal. To commemorate this special designation, we will pray the Jubilee Prayer written by Pope Francis following each Mass until the end of the year.

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*



These members of our 1st and 2nd grade CCD class did an amazing job last Sunday at Youth Mass! Shown here with Fr. Thomas are (l to r) Cael Feaster, Cecelia Delilo, Kinsley Smith, Beckley Cameron, Isla Delilo and Harper Newlin. Special thanks to their catechists Jean Harber, Katie Kuhn and Rosie Landis for preparing our young ministers.

The Lord is Kind and Merciful

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 22	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Mike & Robin McDowell
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, February 23	8:30 am	Soul of Alston Martin	Lynn McQuinn
		The McCoy & Rosedale families	Frances Rosedale
Monday, February 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 26	5:00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Intentions of Linda Davis-Kyle	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, February 27	12:00 pm	Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley	Anonymous
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
Friday, February 28	9:00 am	Soul of Dustin Kesner	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Saturday, March 1	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Soul of Margaret Stanislawczyk	Melissa Stanislawczyk
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, March 2	8:30 am	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Beth Walsh	Linda Marsh

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

Are You a Lady?

If so, you're a member of the Ladies Guild!

The Ladies Guild will meet this Thursday, February 27 at 12:45 pm in St. Mary's Hall. The agenda will include election of officers for the coming year, review of the by-laws, and finalizing the group's operating plan for the coming year.

If you are unable to attend, there are still many opportunities for you to be involved in the Guild. Three subcommittee areas have been established: service activities (bereavement, receptions, shut-in meals, etc.); social events (pastor appreciation, parish picnic, Christmas brunch, etc.); fundraising projects (meatball sales, trivia night, hot dog sales, etc.). A more detailed list and the coordinators will be shared following the meeting.

Your Faithful Stewardship

February 15-16, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,860
Loose Donations.....	\$1,211
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$25
Total.....	\$3,096

Attendance

Saturday, 2/15.....	55
Sunday, 2/16.....	105
Total.....	160

Recycle Your Religious Items!

Our friends at St. Mary Recycle Mission, a recycling organization for Catholic religious items, will be visiting our parish again to collect religious items that you no longer need. They take Catholic items including statues (no outdoor styles), rosaries (even broken ones), crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, framed pictures, small prayer books, bibles, vestments and linens, altar books, and used musical instruments.

Items they do not take: religious reading books or pamphlets, wax candles, DVDs and VHS tapes.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Vestibule through Sunday, March 2.

Thank You from the Knights and Ladies

Thank you to everyone who supported the two recent fundraisers planned by the Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus! Both the pie sale and meatball sale were huge successes, and will assist the Ladies and Knights in carrying out their missions to serve the parish and community.

Thank you

Warm the Children Donations

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus accepts new winter clothing donations year round for the Warm the Children organization and stores the items until next year's campaign.



Now is a great time to purchase these items since coats and other items are being marked down to very low prices. It's also a great way to get a head start to your Lenten almsgiving! Items can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 1 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Mike Landis & Alan Taylor
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 2

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Pam Williams (c), Julie Alt (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, March 8

Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Rosie Landis & Remy Kuhn
EM: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, March 9

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole, Liam Dupuis
EM: Jane Placka, Kelley Kuhn (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 27 Pam Williams
March 6 Cindy Alt