

# February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**B**lessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus,  
let us make sure  
every hungry person is fed,  
every cold or homeless one  
has a bed and blanket,  
every single immigrant  
seeking a home  
is welcome.

Then we who are poor  
(aren't we all?)  
can rejoice and leap for joy  
because we will know  
you are with us.

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**BLESSED** - Luke's Gospel tells how Jesus spoke to a large number of people who had gathered to be healed and to hear him. Jesus expanded the meaning of the golden rule, illustrating with the "blesseds" - those goalposts of holiness.

We come closest to the reign of God by being poor or hungry, or by weeping. When we are hated or insulted on account of the Son of Man, on that day can we rejoice and leap for joy! Acting as God acts toward us opens us to great reward through the Messiah, the Christ.



"Blessed are you  
WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...  
BECAUSE OF THE  
SON OF MAN.

Rejoice in that day ...  
BECAUSE  
GREAT IS YOUR  
REWARD IN  
HEAVEN."

LUKE 6:22-23, NIV

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 20 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer  
Fri., Feb. 22 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 16 4 PM Paul Herbert  
Sun., Feb. 17 10 AM Ruth Gehl  
Sat., Feb. 23 4 PM Ron Moorman  
Sun., Feb. 24 10 AM Diane Earls

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 23 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Nathan and Courtney Wagner  
Steve and Katy Schmidt

*Server:* Kara Merkel

*Cantor:* Scott Simon

*Lectors:* Judy Steuri, Dottie Hellmich

*Euch. Ministers:* Roseann Wirth, Janet Wagner  
Terry Harmeyer, Beth Simon

### Sunday – February 24 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* George and Mary Bultman - *back*  
Jeff and Cindy Weisenbach - *back*  
Mark and Eli Wagner - *side*

*Servers:* Machaela Cobler, Logan Cobler

*Cantors:* Wayne and Susan Schutte

*Lectors:* Paige Simon, Blake Simon

*Euch. Ministers:* Cindy Weisenbach, Leslie Hicks  
Dana Newhart, Joyce Muckerheide

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2556.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.25
Loose Collection	\$ 252.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2816.25

**\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.**

Special Collections	\$754.80
+ Religious Ed- \$235.00	+ Criterion - \$40.00
+ Latin America - \$434.80	+ Capital Improv. - \$45.00

**Thank You For Supporting the Parish!**

<b>MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY</b>	
<b>Electronic Giving for January 2019</b>	<b>\$1,560.00</b>
<b>Total Regular &amp; Holy Day Collection (July 2018 - January 2019)</b>	<b>\$101,754</b>
<b>Amount Required to Meet Budget (July 2018 - January 2019)</b>	<b>\$106,720</b>

**STEWARDSHIP** – The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may *we* bear fruit in due season – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn February 17-24 for Otto Walke.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** – Congratulations to **Henry Alexander Moberly**, the son of James and Lori Moberly, who was baptized Sunday, February 10. May God accompany him all the days of his life!

**WE ARE GRATEFUL** – Thank you to Matt and Kimberly Brancamp for donating the processing of the quarter of beef from the Fall Raffle. We are grateful for your generous gift!

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** – Just a reminder about the Community Blood Drive in our hall on Tuesday, February 19, 12:30-6:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, call Arlene at 812-852-4394, or visit [www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon).

**WELCOME** – Please welcome Fr. Joe Rautenberg to the parish this coming Saturday. He will celebrate the Saturday Masses only while Fr. John is enjoying a week of fishing in Florida.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 20, 6:45 PM. No meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, February 24, 8:30 AM. Austin Wagner will be here then to speak to the Confirmation class.

**MEETINGS** – No meetings scheduled this week.

**GOLDEN GATE CHOIR** – Practice has begun for the Palm Sunday Cantata. Practice is at the Osgood United Methodist Church each Sunday at 2:00 PM until the performance on April 14. This choir is a non-denominational organization of people who welcome new singers. Contact Sharon Miller at 812-852-4936.

**DEATH PENALTY** – Some thoughts on last Sunday's talk on the death penalty:

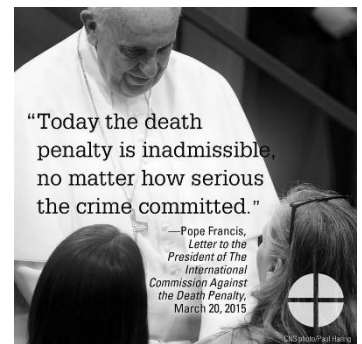
1) The state prison in Indiana for those on death row is in Michigan City, IN.

2) In Indiana State Prison, there are 11 men on death row. One man has been there for 26 years. The least amount of time for one man is 5 years.

3) The number of people exonerated since 1973 is 160. Most of these people were in prison for a long period of time.

4) States with death penalty: 30. States without the death penalty: 20.

5) Pope Francis stated the catechism needed to be more explicit in its condemnation of the death penalty as *"a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator and of whom, in the last analysis, only God can be the true judge and guarantor."*



*"I also offer encouragement to all those who are convinced that a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation."*

**ATTENTION: YOUTH** – Any youth who will be in Grades 9 through 12 for the school year of 2019-2020, and would like to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference on Thursday, November 21, through Saturday, November 23, please see or call Joyce Muckerheide, 812-363-5929, by next Sunday, February 24.

**QUOTE** – "Do not readily or lightly put your trust in appearances, but weigh things well, and after testing everything carefully, cling to what is good and reject evil." ~ St. Gregory of Sinai

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – A Joyful Noiseletter subscriber said she saw an Internet ad for a dating site with a picture of a beautiful young woman and the message: "Life is short. Have an affair."

She responded with an email with this message: "Have an affair. Life is shorter." (The Joyful Noiseletter)