

# February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## EVANGELIZATION



"Let us go to nearby towns to preach there," said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant

carrying the cross and then dying on it. His passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance. Risen life gives direction to all growth.

Whether we call our lack of growth "sin," "demon," "disease" or "death," Jesus shows us how to pass through it and into newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town!

## Parishioners' Responses to "Setting One's Faith on Fire":

- + *"Lighting my faith on fire means having the courage to challenge those with racist attitudes, and to stand up against those who treat others as though they are not also children of God."*
- + *"A couple of people who have helped set my Faith on fire are St. Maximilian Kolbe and Father Patrick Desbois. St. Maximilian Kolbe ("the Saint from Auschwitz") was the Polish Franciscan priest who was killed by the Nazis after he volunteered to take the place of a stranger who was a family man. And the French priest Father Patrick Desbois works to locate the mass graves of Jewish victims of the Nazi mobile-killing units in countries that were occupied by the Soviet Union."*

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 7	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Feb. 9	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 3	4 PM	Kathy Back
Sun., Feb. 4	10 AM	Art Simon
Sat., Feb. 10	4 PM	Thomas Merkel
Sun., Feb. 11	10 AM	Don Gilland

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday - February 10 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Gary Wagner

Bill and Janet Deller

*Servers:* Cloey Simon, Kayla Simon

*Cantor:* Sharon Miller

*Lectors:* Terry Harmeyer, Cathy Wagner

*Euch. Ministers:* Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Roseann Wirth, Janet Wagner

### Sunday - February 11 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Sam Colyer, Caleb Simon

*Servers:* Kayla Simon, Machaela Cobler

*Cantors:* Seirra McCain, Katelyn Wagner

*Lectors:* Ben Miller, Emma Newhart

*Euch. Ministers:* Patty Simon, Joyce Muckerheide

Leslie Hicks, Cindy Weisenbach

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2416.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 6.93
Loose Collection	\$ 342.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2764.93
Criterion	\$220.00
Propagation of Faith	\$366.00
Capital Improvement	\$777.00

## God is Good!

*Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as "I am Who am." The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines as "I am who am not." Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side. ~ Fulton J. Sheen*

**STEWARDSHIP** – Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn February 4 through February 11 for Dale Tunny. There are openings for memorials for the sanctuary light beginning February 25 through March and April. Donations are \$5.00

**SECOND COLLECTION** – A second collection will be taken up this weekend for our Religious Ed Program. Envelopes are in your box.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked following the Masses this weekend. Janet Deller and Brooke Payne will be there to assist you.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Members of the Board of Education will meet today, Sunday, February 4, 8:30 AM, in the St. Francis Room.

**THANK YOU** – Joyce Muckerheide writes, "Thank you for the 2018 calendar and the monetary gift. Also, thanks for supporting the youth in all their activities. We have an amazing parish!"



**GIVE  
Blood**

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Due to flu and weather-related cancellations, blood supplies are low, so if you are at least 17 and healthy, please consider donating blood on Monday, 1:00 until 6:30 in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, call Arlene at 812-852-4394.

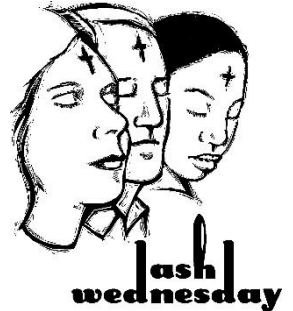
**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION** – Next weekend, February 11, you are asked to help African Americans and Native Americans throughout the United States. There will be no second collection. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 7, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, February 11, 8:30 AM. The 8th Grade will be participating at the 10:00 AM Mass next weekend.

**OFFICE** – I will be attending meetings at the Motherhouse (Oldenburg) from February 8 through and including February 11. I will return to St. Maurice each evening, weather permitting, and will respond to telephone calls at that time.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – Ash Wednesday is February 14th. The Mass schedule will be as follows: St. John at 5:30 PM; Immaculate Conception at 6:00 PM; and St. Maurice at 7:00 PM. The Lenten Penance Service for all three parishes will be on Sunday, March 11, 1:30 PM, at St. Maurice Church.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** – The shelter roof has been replaced. The other buildings will receive new shingles when weather permits.

**IMPORTANT DATE** – Sunday, April 8, 6:00 PM - Evening of Celebration for all couples married 40+ years. Mark your calendar!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – A woman received a call that her daughter was sick. She stopped by the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside.

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God to send her HELP.

Within five minutes, a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up. A bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag was the rider. The man got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open. She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank you SO much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday. I was in for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!" (Happy Catholic)