

February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Lord, show us how to be salt and how to give light.

*We want to share our bread with the hungry;
we want to shelter the homeless
and clothe the naked.
Teach us.*

*Show us how to help the immigrant;
to free those who are prisoners.*

*Teach us to give, a little at first,
then all we have.*

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You Are Really Something

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel; is an impressive compliment – and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy to do as it is to talk about.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be – his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!” (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

February 5 – Dale Tunny
February 12 – Sister Shirley
February 19 – Maurice Mistler

MASS INTENTIONS

February 4 – Bob and Sharon Miller
50th Wedding Anniversary
February 5 – Pauline Witkemper
February 11 – Amelia Wolter
February 12 – Dolores Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – February 11 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Allie Harmeyer
Lector: Tara Johannigman
Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – February 12 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – February 18 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Ella Wagner
Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – February 19 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Amy Kinker
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2628.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 24.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 681.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3333.00
Capital Improvement	\$405.00
Latin America	\$100.00
Utility Fund	\$20.00
Criterion	\$80.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH!

“That's a lesson we're always learning, that God loves us just as we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way.” ~ Scott Hahn

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION – A second collection this weekend will be for our Religious Ed Program.

CONGRATULATIONS – We congratulate Cindy Weisenbach on her Batesville Educator of the Year Award. We are proud of you!

BLOOD DRIVE – Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 to 1:00, and from 2:30 until 5:00.

SOUP LUNCHEON – Join us for the Soup Luncheon being held in our parish hall on Sunday, February 19, following the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrances of church if you are able and willing to prepare a soup for this meal. The committee is looking for five different soups. *We are better together!*

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, February 8, 6:45 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 will meet next Sunday, February 12, 8:30 AM.

UNITY – While theologians find the paths to unity and church leaders take the necessary tentative steps, perhaps we people of the Church might prepare the way by singing together. The beauty of the music is often in the blend, the harmony of different voices creating a sound that moves the spirit and makes the difficult task of unity seem not only possible but inevitable. We are one in Christ Jesus, we truly are. (By Paige Byrne Shortal)

THE SABBATH – To keep the Sabbath means that we embrace a wholly different set of values from those of the world around us. We choose carefully how and why we do what we do. We embrace people instead of things, holy happenings instead of fate, freedom instead of a schedule. “We do not have to do anything on the Sabbath day, so we are free to move as the Holy Spirit leads us, to participate in whatever opportunities the day gives.” (Anonymous)

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

February 11 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch
February 18 – Steve Gilland, Ken Hellmich
February 25 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

February 12 – George and Mary Bultman
February 19 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
February 26 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

ASH WEDNESDAY GREETERS - 7:00 PM

February 22 – Paul Simon, Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner (3rd for Side Door and Hall, if needed)

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL – St. Nicholas School will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, February 21st, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Meet the teachers. Tour the school. Sign up for a Kindergarten Readiness Screening. Learn about Stewardship and Tuition Options & CHOICE Scholarship eligibility. The school has seats available in all grades. Email schooloffice@stnicholas-sunman.org or call 812-623-2348 for more information. Start your child's journey to becoming a Saint and Scholar!

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS – I would like to ask you now, how do you want to live? As a lamp that is burning or one that is not?...As burning lamps! It is truly God who gives us this light, and we must give it to others. Shining lamps! This is the Christian vocation.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – After a father scolded his 8-year-old son for being so unruly, the boy packed some of his clothes and his piggy bank, and announced: "I'm running away from home!"

The father calmly asked, "And what will you do when you get hungry?"

"Then I'll come home and eat," the child replied.

"And what if you find yourself out of money?" the father asked.

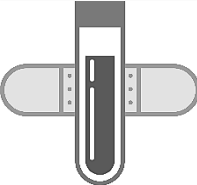

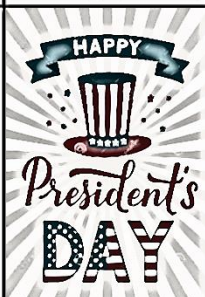

"I will come home and get some," the boy answered.

"And what if your clothes get dirty?" the father asked.

"Then I'll come home and let Mommy wash them," the boy replied.

The father turned to the mother and exclaimed, "This kid is not running away from home; he's going to college." (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM			RE Classes 6:45 PM	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Feast of St. Blaise NO ADORATION: See February 24	Mass 4:00 PM Blessing of Throats Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Blessing of Throats Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks Donuts and Coffee		 BLOOD DRIVE	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RE Classes 8:30 AM SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM Donuts and Coffee		Happy Valentines Day 	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM SOUP LUNCHEON AFTER MASS	 HAPPY President's DAY		ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fast and Abstinence</i> RE Children 6:45 PM MASS & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM		ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8:00 - Noon WAY OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 10:00 AM Donuts and Coffee				THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH  For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.		