

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2011

Served by the Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate

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Closed on Mondays

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PARISH MISSION
STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,
accept the call of God to
participate in the mission of
Jesus Christ by
Proclaiming the Gospel and
living the reign of God
among us as disciples.*

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY: 3rd Sunday each month at 4:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick or Communion: Available during the Sunday Masses, or as needed. Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish @ 262-4749.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep. class required. Call Marlys for reservations.
Best done prior to birth.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA
for children 8 and older; RCIC classes — please call our Office

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Funerals: contact parish office immediately after the death.

Prayer Chain: pjham@alaska.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and, you may send a copy to: knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Calendar for February 28, 2010 - March 6, 2011, with Daily Readings

February 28, Monday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am	March 1, Tuesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm	March 2, Wednesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon RCIA meeting 6:30pm	March 3, Thursday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon	March 4, Friday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Vigil 5:00pm	March 5, Saturday: RCIC Meeting 1:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm ACTS 6:00pm Confirmation rehearsal/retreat 2:00 - 4:30pm	March 6, Sunday: Mass 10am Confirmation 10:00am & Reception after mass
Sir 17: 20-24 Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 10: 17-27	Sir 35: 1-12 Ps 50: 5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 Mk 10: 28-31	Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13 Mk 10: 32-45	Sir 42: 15-25 Ps 33: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 10: 46-52	Sir 44: 1, 9-13 Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mk 11: 11-26	Sir 51: 12 cd-20 Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11 Mk 11: 27-33	Dt 11: 18, 26-28, 32 Ps 31: 2-3, 3-4, 17, 25 Rom 3: 21-25, 28 Mt 7: 21-27

OBLATE MISSIONARIES

Fun Facts about the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate!
 The Oblates created Pope John Paul II Institution in the town of Ouananmenthe for refugee children who lost their homes in the earthquake of January 2010. they transformed the parish hall of Notre Dame del'Assomption parish into a school that can accommodate up to 200 children. The Oblates hope to build 12 classrooms this year in order to educate even more refugee children.

YOU MATTER

You Matter, A safe environment training via DVD, for teens will be presented on Sunday, February 27th at 11:15am in the O'Neill Hall. Please consider having your teen participate in this informative presentation.



Saturday, March 5, 2011, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Bonk, Barbara Bonk, John Pothast, Kathy and Carm Bongiovanni		
Lectors: 1 st Reading: Judy Nelson	2 nd Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast	Altar Server:

Sunday, March 6, 2011, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Dunn, Kate Forrest, Rose Henry, Cindy Kircher, Marguerite McIntosh, Remy Spring, Debbie Stanton		
Lectors: 1 st Reading: Kevin Woodvine	2 nd Reading: Lauri Kapp	Altar Server:
Mop & Bucket 2/28-3/5: Dan Coon Family		Collection Counters: 3/6: Karl and Cindy Kircher

CONFIRMATION TIME

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on eight students by Archbishop Schweitz, OMI, on Sunday, March 6th at 10:00 am mass. Please join us for this event and the reception following it in O'Neill Hall.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE

The Gospel this Sunday has Jesus challenging us to trust in God's providence. Jesus reminds us that God takes good care of birds and flowers, even though they don't do anything to "earn" God's love. We, too, are cared for by God in a way which is unconditional and limitless. Your challenge this week is to live as if you really trust that God has enough love for you and for everyone else in the world. To do this, ponder the words of Pope John Paul II in his homily at Living History Farms in Des Moines, Iowa: "We must give of our substance, not just of our abundance.: Reflect on what this statement means in your own life. Do you ever get jealous or resent others for the money or possessions they have or achievements they've made or love and affection they've received from others? If you rejoice with others for all the good things which come into their lives, thank God for giving you such a loving heart. If you carry resentment or jealousy in your heart, or only give to others when you yourself have more than you need, do one concrete action which reveals your trust in God's providence. It might be congratulating someone else on a success when you mess up; it might be sharing something you have (something essential, not something extra) with someone in greater need than you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation, or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

Several years ago, while serving in the Diocese of Cleveland's missions in El Salvador, we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with the auxiliary bishop of the diocese. One of the missionaries asked him, "How do the people here look at the church?" He replied, "They look upon the church either as a ladder or as their mother." In other words, some look upon the church as a means to get something; others look upon the church as a personal relationship.

We all could ask the same question about our own parish. How do you look upon the parish? I might offer the response that we look upon the parish in a similar way that the Salvadorans look upon their church. Some look upon the parish as if it is a gas station; others look upon the parish as a family - a place to form a personal relationship with Christ. In which category do you fit? If you look upon your parish as a gas station, it means that you use the parish primarily to fulfill your personal needs. If the mass times are convenient for you, and if the religious education and sacramental preparation is to your liking, then you come to this parish. If these things aren't to your liking, then you go elsewhere to have your needs fulfilled.

If you look upon the parish as a family - a place to form personal relationships, especially with Jesus Christ, then you make a commitment to the whole parish to take part in parish life to its fullest - to receive and to give. That is the difference. You don't go looking for cheaper gas prices in order to get what you want. You look at the needs of the parish and say, "How can I help make this parish more welcoming, more prayerful, more serving and more loving?"

The best way that I know to accomplish all of this is by making a strong commitment to stewardship as a way of life. The celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the parish family, our Christian life. The commitment of time is primarily to the weekly celebration of the Eucharist. The commitment of our talents means that we share our gifts with others by being involved in parish ministries. We make a financial commitment of our treasure because we are born with a need to cheerfully give back to God from all of the many blessings, financial and otherwise, that He has given us.

A stewardship way of life is our response to God's call to us to become like Him. This means that we become a generously giving person from all that God has given us. By Father Michael Troha