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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Today's Readings begin on pg. 940 Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn,

Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified.

Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the light of the world.



First Saturday, February 7th

8:30AM—(St. J)

-Healing Mass

4:00 PM—(St. J)

-For Frank & Carmella Bonacci
by Mark & Celia Sportelli Domser.

Sunday, February 8th

8:00AM—(St. P)

-For Mary Sobotka by Rosemary Fitts.

9:30AM—(St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their
Intentions.

Monday, February 9th

8:30AM — (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Tuesday, February 10th

8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Deceased Members of the
James & Mary Collins Family
by MaryLou & John Serth.

Wednesday, February 11th

7:30AM— (St. J) Holy Hour

8:30AM—(St. P)

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Thursday, February 12th

8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Rev. Valentine Krul by the Parish.

Friday, February 13th

8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Carol Kelly by the
Podkowka Family.

Saturday, February 14th

8:30AM— (St. J)

-For A Living Special Intention
by Kelly Nagy and Family.

4:00 PM— (St. J)

-For John Sugar by Jane & Family.

Sunday, February 15th

8:00AM—(St. P)

-For Thomas Crowley
by Rosemary Fitts.

9:30AM—(St. J)

-For Robert Cataldo & Kathryn Helen
Cataldo by Kelly Nagy & Family.

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday
8:30AM (SJ) Boonville; Saturday 8:30AM (SJ)
Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport

Holy Hours

Monday—Friday 7:15AM-8:15AM (SJ)
Exposition and praying of the Rosary
during the Holy Hour.

Sunday Mass

Vigil Saturday 4:00PM (SJ) Boonville
Sunday 8AM (SP) Forestport
(confessions from 7:15AM-7:45AM (SP)
9:30AM (SJ) Boonville

Baptism

Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Please make an appointment with the priest at least 6 Months
prior to wedding date.

Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday-Friday 6PM-6:30PM (SJ)
3:00-3:45PM Saturdays at St Joseph's, Boonville
and 7:15-7:45AM Sunday at St Patrick's, Forestport

† To request either the Anointing of the Sick or
Communion to the Sick please call the Parish Office. †

Parish contribution envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Churches.

Please pick up your box.

If you currently do not have envelopes and would like
them, please complete a Parish census form also
found in church, and
return it to the Parish office. Thank You.

“SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE” BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE

Please join us at Gill Hall on Tuesday evenings from
6:30PM-8:00PM for a light meal and
discussion with Fr. Ward on the above book.

Please check Parish Facebook page for cancellations.

Fr. Ward will also be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on
Wednesdays from 6:30PM-7:30PM on the subject of OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
for interested individuals. The initial sessions
will focus on inquiry.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In preparation for the sacred liturgical season of Lent, ... his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI wrote a Message for all the faithful. The theme of the message is "Christ made himself poor for you".

Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving... represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods. The force of attraction to material riches and just how categorical our decision must be not to make of them an idol, Jesus confirms in a resolute way: "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Lk 16:13). ... Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness.

The Gospel highlights a typical feature of Christian almsgiving: it must be hidden: "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing," Jesus asserts, "so that your alms may be done in secret" (Mt 6:3-4).

What is more: Saint Peter includes among the spiritual fruits of almsgiving the forgiveness of sins: "Charity," he writes, "covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pt 4:8). As the Lenten liturgy frequently repeats, God offers to us sinners the possibility of being forgiven. The fact of sharing with the poor what we possess disposes us to receive such a gift.

In this moment, my thought turns to those who realize the weight of the evil they have committed and, precisely for this reason, feel far from God, fearful and almost incapable of turning to Him. By drawing close to others through almsgiving, we draw close to God; it can become an instrument for authentic conversion and reconciliation with Him and our brothers.

Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, made Himself poor to enrich us out of His poverty (cf. 2 Cor 8:9); He gave His entire self for us. Lent, also through the practice of almsgiving, inspires us to follow His example. In His school, we can learn to make our lives a total gift; imitating Him, we are able to make ourselves available, not so much in giving a part of what we possess, but our very selves. ... Love, then, gives almsgiving its value. Let this time, then, be marked by a personal and community effort of attachment to Christ in order that we may be witnesses of His love. (Message for Lent: Ash Wednesday, 6 February 2008)

Grace be with you all,
Rev. Thomas I. Ward



PRAYER REQUESTS

We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,
Walt Belewich, Sr., Jim White,
John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,
David Hoffman, Michael Stinebrickner,
Ron Cuccaro, Michelle Durney Croniser,
Alan Ripp, Wayne Millnitz, Rick Dano,
Matthew King, Tim Thayer, Eric Wayne Brown,
Everett Otto Stoots, and Jeremy VanValkenburg

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Thanks to those who gathered for an informal lunch at Kratzy's on February 4, 2026. A pleasant midwinter afternoon was enjoyed by all. Looking forward to Spring, our next CWC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1

Synod—Listening Sessions

You may recall that the Synod began in 2021 when Bishop Lucia visited each Parish in the diocese to hold "listening sessions" with the congregation. As this process moves into the Implementation Phase, Bishop Lucia is asking each Parish Pastor/Administrator to hold a parish wide "listening Session" prior to the Easter celebration.

Christ Our Hope Parish will be holding a synod gathering on Monday, February 23rd at 6:30PM in Gill Hall. Please attend, thank you.

2025 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY.

Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection
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February 2026 Second Collections
Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Catholic Church
In Central & Eastern Europe.
Feb. 22- Black & Indian Mission Office.

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Food Pantry Corner

The food pantry has distributed 1302 meals to 20 families in the month of January to date. We sincerely thank all of our neighbors who have donated to us throughout the season and thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help us keep the ship afloat. If you are in need of food, please reach out to us, we are here to help! 315-507-0547.

THE THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

FAITH FORMATION

March 1st classes will resume.

**March 8th - FAITH FORMATION BOWLING PARTY,
BOONVILLE BOWL A RAMA 1:00-3:00pm**

Please Sign up by contacting Kelly Nagy -DRE
email Kelly - Knagy@syrdio.org or text
315-777-2658 by March 1st.

**FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS,
FIRST RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY
MARCH 8th, AFTER THE 9:30am
MASS.**

KIDS CORNER

PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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MISSION

I will show others how to get to heaven by my words and actions.
(Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)