

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-

ing: Jacob Stephens. George & Wanda Duke. Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 1/27 5:00pm Mass—Myra Laudt

Sun 1/28 9:30am Mass—Holy Spirit Parishioners

Tue 1/30 9:00am MASS/ADORATION—Jacob Stephens

Wed 1/31 7:45am MASS—Deacon Anthony George+

Thurs 2/01 9:00am MASS—Special Intentions

Fri 2/02 9:00am MASS—Roman Kapczynski+(R. Anderson)

Sat 2/03 5:00pm Mass— Nanette Lalumia+ (Marie Hansen)

**Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm
Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>1/20 & 1/21</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Required Weekly Funds</u>	<u>\$ 3,961</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
<u>Offerings</u>	<u>\$ 2,637</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>76</u>

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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Catholic Schools Week

EVENTS AND NEWS

January Second Collections:

1/27 & 1/28: "Catholic Schools Special Collection."

February Second Collections:

2/03 & 2/04: "Building & Maintenance Fund."

2/10 & 2/11: "Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe."

2/14: "Operation Rice Bowl." Begins.

2/17 & 2/18: "Black & Indian Missions."

2/24 & 2/25: "Easter Flowers."

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life' that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Pastoral Council & Parish Council save the date,

Saturday, March 3rd. There is a mandatory retreat at Holy Spirit with Rev. Vreeland (from TK Gorman) beginning at 1:00pm, ending at the 5:00pm Mass.

No one has stepped forward, we are still in need of a historian for our parish.

The historian would talk to our parishioners that have been here for many years regarding the history of our church, so that the heritage will be preserved and can be honored and remembered in the future. By understanding the past, the historian will help the parishioners envision and prepare for the future. Please call Bridget Rich @ 903-769-3235 for more details.

2017 Annual Contribution Statements: If you signed up to receive your statement they are in alphabetical order in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATES APRIL 26th—28th
PARISHIONERS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN
FOR OUR DIRECTORY
Watch the bulletin for more detailed information.

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland wants to begin taking precautions during the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this flu season.

Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.

And, Fr. Mike would like to temporary suspend the Sign of Peace during this time.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Fri., Feb. 2nd: Groundhog Day

Sat., Feb. 3rd & Sun., Feb. 4th: Blessing of the Throats after each Mass

Sun., Feb. 4th: K of C Breakfast after 9:30am Mass

Feb. 5th—9th: Fr. Mike will be attending the Annual Priests' Retreat at Montserrat in Dallas
No morning Masses this week

Sun., Feb. 11th: Family Faith Formation after 9:30am Mass

Wed., Feb. 14th: ASH WEDNESDAY. In order to make it convenient for those wishing ashes only will be distributed at 7:15am. We will have two Masses @ 7:45am and 5:30pm with ashes.

Fri., Feb. 16th: K of C Fish Fry 5:30pm—7:00pm
Vespers (evening prayers) beginning @ 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:45pm

Fri., Feb. 23rd: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:45pm following up with "Soup Supper" in Parish Hall

Wed, Feb. 28th: Fr. Mike attending the Deanery Mtg. in Jefferson. No Mass today.

We need your help now! In preparation for our spring fundraiser, Casino/Dinner/Raffle, Sat. April 14, 2018. Can you help us for jobs such as: Passing out raffle tickets/selling dinner casino tickets before or after Mass for a weekend or two? Come to a mtg. and help us plan our dinner, help in the kitchen the night of event, help decorate the tables the day before event, donate a prize in the amount of \$25.00 (gift cards, restaurant certificates or gifts), help clean up after event. **Please remember.....every parishioner is a member of our fundraising committee. Questions, call Bridget Rich 903-769-3235 or email: holy.spirit2@yahoo.com**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the 15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit a huge success. It was wonderful to have so many faithful gather together to celebrate our beautiful church. Also, due to illness copies of the DVDs will not be available until early February.