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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Holy Family

Tuesday ... 8 AM

Wednesday ... 8 AM

Saturday.....4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the
Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

St Anne

Monday....8AM

Thursday....8AM

First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Expo-
sition of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8
AM

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM

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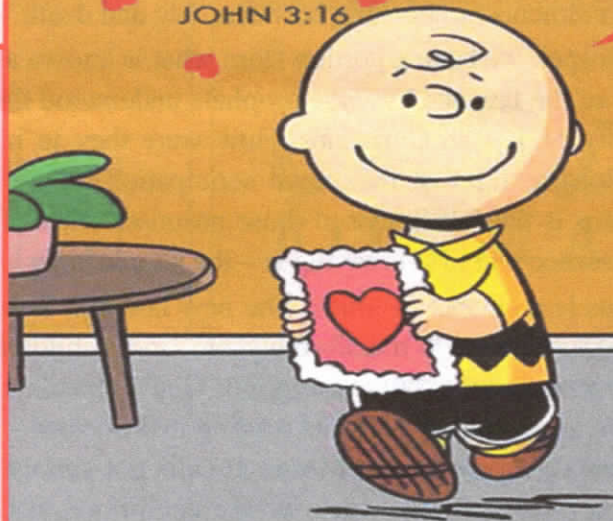
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FOR GOD
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
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THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
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LIFE
JOHN 3:16

THIS IS THE
BEST
VALENTINE
I'VE EVER
RECEIVED!!!



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FEBRUARY 12, 2023
THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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WORSHIP TOGETHER

Saints for this week - February 14—Ss Cyril & Methodius

St Cyril (827? - 869) He was born in Thessalonica and was educated in Constantinople. With his brother Methodius he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. They were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14 February 869.

St Methodius (826? - 885) He was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885.

Let us pray for the
Conversion of the
World & for Peace.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Matthew 5:17-18;

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901,

4:00 PM|Saturday
February 11

Lector: Hughes
Eucharistic Minister
Page

11:00 AM|Sunday
February 12

Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Keegan

4:00 PM|Saturday
February 18

Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
Balenovich

11:00 AM|Sunday
February 19

Lector:
Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister:
DeBlasio

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 2/11

For: Living & Deceased
Members of Holy Family

Sunday, 2/12

For: Stanley & Agnes
Minkus
From: Leonard & Jeanne

Tuesday, 2/14

For: RJ Kemmery
From: Family

Wednesday, 2/15

For: Living & Deceased
Members of Holy Family

Saturday, 2/18

For: Melvin & Pauline
Maleski
From: Son Ken

Sunday, 2/19

For: Frances Tekavec
1 yr Anniversary
From: Family

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sirach 15:15 - 20; 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10; Matthew 5: 17 - 37

We've all heard the saying – "Beauty is only skin deep." But most of us probably agree that simply being born beautiful or handsome is not enough to make a person attractive. For the most part, we inherit our looks from our parents. But there is also another beauty that is both – inherited from our parents, and modified by our environment and / or the company that we keep. Psychologists have done experiments to determine what it is that makes a person beautiful – or, at least, attractive. Over and above physical good looks, they have discovered certain highly significant features that contribute to a person's beauty. These include one's physical grace, their body language, how they walk and talk, their social skills and how good they are at expressing their emotions. All of these elements have been demonstrated to play a decisive part in making a person attractive. It then seems that our personality, and how we express our personality, can more than make up for any deficiency in the looks department.

And – since beauty is in the eye of the beholder, this means that we can learn to and discipline ourselves to be more attractive to others. We can train ourselves to increase our charisma by improving our social skills and our ability to express our positive emotions. And so, even though physical beauty plays a big part, our inner beauty is crucial in making us attractive – and this is something we all can learn.

In our Scriptural readings for this weekend, we have from the Old Testament book of Sirach a collection of moral maxims compiled by a sage in Jerusalem in the early 2nd Century BC. Sirach hoped to demonstrate the superiority of Israel's Scripture during a time of growing interest in Greek philosophy. Today's selection reminds us that we have choices. God gave to each of us a free will. And, whatever we decide to do – be it following God's commandments or choosing between "life and death" – we are given a choice.

From Matthew's Gospel, we have a portion from what is known as *The Sermon on the Mount*. In this particular section, the role of the law and how the prophets understood the Scriptures was particularly important for Matthew's community of Jewish Christians. How were they to interpret the Christ event (ie: His passion, death, and resurrection) in light of their own anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promises? Matthew demonstrates that Jesus is the fulfillment of those promises when He says: "I have not come to abolish but to fulfill the Law." In essence what He is saying is – the people have lost the reason behind the laws.

The Gospel of Jesus is a Gospel of grace. The new law that Jesus gives is not a written code, but it is the Holy Spirit Who works within us to transform us into God's children who have been adopted into God's family – not because of our own merits but rather out of God's abundant love. This does not mean that the Gospel places no demands on us. As today's Gospel reading makes clear – if anything, the new law of Christ is more stringent in its demands than the law of Moses. It calls not simply for outward conformity, but rather for an inward transformation (metanoia) in which we are conformed to God's Spirit, the Spirit Who, as Paul says "scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." We all know that it is easier to go through the motions and grudgingly obey a rule than it is to truly grasp the reason for the rule and thereby let it become part of the fabric of our lives. A child might simply follow a rule to avoid punishment or to obtain a reward, but with maturity and life experience comes an appreciation for the reason behind the rule. The fulfillment of the Law that Jesus brings about requires the hard work of inner transformation, by which we grow into the wisdom and spiritual maturity of which St Paul speaks.

In our daily lives, our faith – our virtue, justice and righteousness – is to be more than skin-deep, it is to go to the very core of our being. Faith that is authentic is faith that is lived out. And just as it is possible to increase our attractiveness by improving our social skills, so we can learn to be more virtuous, more just and righteous. As we hear from the Book of Sirach – "If you wish, you can keep the commandments." We do this by our willingness to forgive and to reconcile; by our commitment to justice in our dealings with others, respecting the dignity of every person we meet; and by living lives of integrity, in which we try to express outwardly – in acts of forgiveness, compassion and honesty – the faith that we hold. If our faith is truly rooted in God – the God of mercy, love and truth – then it is God—beauty that ultimately shines through our lives.

FEBRUARY

Upcoming

2/11 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake sale after Mass
 2/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
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 2/15 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 2/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
 2/22 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8 AM
 2/22 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 2/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
 3/1 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 3/4 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
 3/5 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
 3/8 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 3/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
 3/15 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 3/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
 3/22 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 3/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
 3/29 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 4/8 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM
 4/9 Easter Mass 11 AM
 4/12 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 4/19 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 4/26 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 5/3 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 5/6 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
 5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
 5/10 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
 5/14 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall

Financial Report from 2/7/2023

Offertory: \$ 2,412.00 Loose: \$ 98.00
 Candle: \$ 97.00 Monthly: \$ 505.00
 First Offering: \$ 10.00
 Ash Wednesday: \$ 15.00

Parish Income: \$ 3,137.00

Accent: \$ 6.00 Eastern European: \$ 268.00
 Home Mission: \$ 15.00

Total Offertory: \$ 3,426.00

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Holy Family: 2/22 at 8 AM

St Anne: 2/22 at 7 PM

Every Wednesday after Ash Wednesday

stations
of the
CROSS



Holy Family
Wednesday:
12 PM

St Anne
Wednesday:
6:30 PMt



2/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 2/26 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 2/27 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
 3/4 First Communion Workshop – 9-12:00
 3/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 3/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 3/13 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
 3/19 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 3/26 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 3/27 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
 4/2 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 (First Communion Practice during class)
 4/3 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
 4/15 **First Communion 10 AM Saturday**
 (Will be at St. Anne)
 4/16 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
 4/17 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
 4/23 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

No one does He command to act unjustly, to none does He give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mt 5:20)

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In Christian charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Vertacnik, who was a parishioner of our Church who passed away on February 6, 2023. Please keep his friends and family in your prayers.

THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make t Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL – BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell.

Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg:

Full-time Housekeeper

Daylight weekday hours (and occasional weekends) at the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home. Apply to HR@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

American Red Cross seeks blood donors

The American Red Cross is seeking donors to help keep blood products stocked all season long. Anyone who donates in February will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card and be entered to win a trip for two to Florida. To make an appointment to donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)

Super Bowl 'Souper' Feb. 12 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie

Will be held from 11:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m. In addition to an all-you-can-eat sampling of more than 20 different homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Leftover soup can be purchased for \$5. For information, call 724-446-5197.