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**7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS

Christ's coming is remembered at Advent and Christmas, but throughout the year his Incarnation through the Eucharist and in other ways can be recalled more vividly through subtle changes to the liturgy.

Christ comes to us; this is one of the hall-marks of the Advent season, which begins with the expectation of Christ coming in majesty and ends with the feast of Christ coming in humility, as the babe in the manger. A third, intermediate coming of Christ occurs in the liturgy.

Christ comes to us when his body and blood are brought from the altar to be shared; the faithful come forward in procession to the altar where they meet their Lord, the one coming. This double procession leads to an encounter in which the faithful become more fully who they are as the body of Christ.

Not only are gifts brought to the altar for the Church to use in its ministry to people in their need, but also when the faithful approach the altar and share in Communion, they are changed into Christ whom they receive; only then do they turn to walk away from the altar to return to their places, and at the end of the liturgy they turn and continue the procession from the altar past the baptismal font out of the door and back into the world. The faithful bear Christ to the world; they manifest Christ to others through their comportment and actions, their selfless service of neighbour, their personal, even bodily, presence to another.

Daniel McCarthy, OSB

Daniel McCarthy, OSB is a monk of St. Benedict's Abbey, Kansas.

SOURCE: *The Tablet*, December 17 and 24, 2011, page 29.

REFLECTION

The following are the scripture readings for next Sunday. We invite you to prepare for the Sunday Mass by reflecting upon these readings.

First Reading Genesis 9: 8-15

This reading only spells out God's promises to us. What about our promises to Him? You should not wait to see a rainbow before offering your life to the service of God. Keep in mind Lent is a good time to reflect on our relationship with our Creator. He will always be there for us. You be there for Him too.

Psalm 2

Do you feel you have a covenant with the Lord? Do you ever ask the Lord to, "Lead me in Your truth and teach me"? Remember He instructs sinners, and teaches the humble what is right and His ways.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-22

This Reading reminds us of the significance of our baptism. It speaks of Christ's suffering and His death for our sins. He died for our salvation. Think about the words, "He was put to death in the flesh". Try to get an honest appreciation of what Christ went through for us. This may help you to realize how much He loves us. How much He cares.

Gospel Mark 1: 12-15

Temptation is part of the epic struggle between good and evil, between God and Satan. We are tempted daily, however, remember even Jesus was tempted by the evil one too. What is really important is how we handle these temptations. Keep in mind prayer will always put the run to the devil.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sorrow melts away before a well-offered prayer
like snow before the sun. *Saint John Vianney*

SOURCE: *One Year of Experiencing the Psalms*,
Victor M. Parachin, page 59

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKENDS OF

February 4 and 5: \$3,333.01

February 11 and 12: \$3,867.69

Thank you for your continued generous support.

BASILICA - WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and continuing Monday to Friday through Lent, Mass will be celebrated in the *Basilica* at **12:10 pm**.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

"I am about to do a new thing." Are you discerning the inclination to do something new for the Lord, perhaps as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Ken Walsh - 437-6628, Fr. Steve Courtney, 279-1625 or email: vocations@nf.aibn.com.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES:

General Meeting

This meeting will be held on *Tuesday, February 21st* in the *Church Library* at **10 am** immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. Guest speaker is Molly Williams; Topic - Nutrition and Services Available. Social to follow.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning on Friday, February 24, the CWL will lead *Stations of the Cross* each *Friday after the 9:30 am Mass* (approximately 10 am) during the holy season of Lent.

READERS

The next schedule for Readers is now being prepared. If you want any changes made to the schedule, please contact *Garry Bambrick - 726-0126* or call the *Parish Office - 754-0170*.

FATHER JIM WEBB, SJ

Fr. Webb has had a recurrence of the prostate cancer for which he was treated a few years ago. He now has a leave of absence from his duties as Provincial in order to concentrate on treatment. His associate, Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, will be Acting Provincial for the next few months. Your prayers would be much appreciated for the health concerns of Fr. Webb, and for Fr. Bisson as he takes on these additional responsibilities.

2011 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2011 Income Tax receipts are available on the table at the back of the Church near the Choir area.

PARISH BAZAAR

From its inception until a few years, the Parish Bazaar was co-ordinated by the members of the Catholic Women's League who, now, find it difficult to continue in this role. For the last three years, Karen Power and her group have kept the Bazaar alive. To both groups, we offer our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the tremendous service they have given to St. Pius X Parish. Now, we are looking for a chair and committee members to organize the 2012 Bazaar. The Bazaar is not just a fundraiser but a time for parishioners and families of all ages to come together for an afternoon of fun. The goal, as always, is to involve as many parishioners as possible in preparing and supporting the Bazaar. The more parishioners involved, the lighter the load for each individual. St. Pius X Parish Council is extending an invitation to all parishioners who are willing to be chair or a member of the Bazaar 2012 Committee to contact the *Parish Office*, either by e-mail stpiusx@nl.rogers.com - or call **754-0170** and leave their name and phone number.

EASTER TREE OF LIFE

Once again this Lent we will have our *Easter Tree of Life*, similar to our Advent Giving Tree. Each week the children are encouraged to place a food item under the Tree and then place a special symbol on the tree, representing their gift of life to those in need. Once again, our symbols will reflect the Paschal Mystery - the death and resurrection of Jesus leading to new life for all.

SHOWER FOR THE GATHERING PLACE

Many needy people come to The Gathering Place on a daily basis for meals, friendship and support.

Some parishioners are sponsoring a shower in aid of The Gathering Place. This will take place *Sunday, February 26 from 2 – 4 pm* in the *Parish Hall*.

The Sisters in charge of the administration of The Gathering Place will be giving a presentation on the ministries of the Centre.

A *donation of sandwiches and cookies* would be appreciated and can be *dropped off to the Parish Hall after 1 pm on February 26*. We would also appreciate a *donation of prizes* at the shower and can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at the same time.

We look forward to your donation as we reach out to people who are in need. Suggested donations: toiletries (small sizes); men and women's clothing and winter wear (all sizes); linens and towels. If you are unable to attend, we would appreciate you dropping a donation in the box provided at the Church and Chapel entrances next weekend, February 25th and 26th.

For more information, contact *Mary Barry – 739-6333* or *Esther Costello – 722-8467*.

FOREVER ANGELS

Forever Angels is an orphanage in the city of Mwanza, Tanzania that cares for children aged 0-5 years old who have either been abandoned, their mothers died in childbirth or other circumstances beyond a family's control. Emily Felix has been in contact with Amy Hathaway, the Manager and Founder of Forever Angels and will be visiting the Baby Home in April as a volunteer. While the needs for even the most basic essentials are enormous, baby formula milk, in particular, is critically needed. Emily will be available after each Mass on March 3rd and 4th to accept any financial donations towards this important initiative. Donations envelopes will be available for this cause. Unfortunately, we are unable to include this donation in your charitable donations as this is an organization outside of Canada.

To learn more about the work of Amy Hathaway and Forever Angels Baby Home, please go to www.foreverangels.org.

Emily Felix is a high school student and is one of our Parish Lectors.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

FLOW OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The Basic Elements)

Opening Dialogue: between congregation and celebrant.

Preface: priest gives thanks and praise to God.

Acclamation: all sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Epiciclesis: Holy Spirit is asked to come down upon the bread and wine, to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Institution Narrative and Consecration: from the Gospels.

Anamnesis: proclaiming the death and resurrection until He comes again.

Offering: priest offers to God the consecrated bread and wine.

Intercessions: for the living and the dead, for Christians and for all people.

Final Doxology: praise to the Father, through Christ the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Did you know?

Father Charles Greene of the Basilica Parish staff was the first administrator of St. Pius X, a mission of the Basilica until 1962. St. Pius X School opened on September 19, 1955, under the administration of the Sisters of Mercy with one hundred twelve pupils registered. Mother M. Benignus was the first principal of the school. *(Source: St. Pius X Website)*

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 9:30 and 7:30 pm.

As followers of Christ we must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue. Privileged forms of penance, especially during Lent, are a) fasting and abstinence from meat, b) prayer, c) almsgiving and works of mercy. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Fridays throughout the year, are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics in Canada may substitute special acts of charity or piety on these days.

SOURCE: *Ordo: Liturgical Calendar 2011-2012*, Note 29, page 51

LENTEN SPEAKERS

Father Leo English, C.Ss.R. - February 29 at 7 pm

Father Leo will help us understand how *The Mass* is the ultimate act of reconciliation and how our mission is to bring that reconciliation to the world outside.

Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM - March 7 at 7 pm

Sister Elizabeth will examine the Liturgy of the Word. She will explore how the Old Testament and New Testament readings are used and will compare their ways of presenting the image of God to us.

Father Len Altilia, SJ - March 20 at 8 pm

Father Len will discuss the *Liturgy of Eucharist* and what we mean by the *“Real Presence”* of Christ.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Feb. 19	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Feb. 20	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass	Leonard Murphy Patricia and Stan Carew; Carew and McCarthy Families
Tues.	Feb. 21	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mass CWL General Meeting - Church Library Mass	Thistle and Hannaford Families Val McNiven
Wed.	Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Mass	George Davis Paul Collins
Thurs.	Feb. 23	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Choir Practice - Church	Frank and Anne Coady
Fri.	Feb. 24	9:30 am 10:00 am	Mass Stations of the Cross - Church	Hanlon and Humphries Families
Sat.	Feb. 25	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Priest's Intention 1 st Sunday of Lent
Sun.	Feb. 26	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Mass Mass Gathering Place Shower - Parish Hall	1 st Sunday of Lent 1 st Sunday of Lent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: *Second Sunday* of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.
Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: *Call the Parish Office for more details.*

MARRIAGES: By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance
Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

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