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Announcements
Feb 16 – 23 Fr. Kuffel and Fredrick will be in Kotz
Feb 18 – 19 we will have a communion service at Nome Sat at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM
Lent begins March 1 Mass with Ashes at 7:00 PM. It is a time of fasting, prayer, and acts of charity. Also a time to confession our sins and being consoled of our sinfulness

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Stewardship is a combination of
 Time
 Talent
 Treasure

March 5 Religious Ed Sunday: All students are asked to come to Mass at 10:30 AM first then class and experience God's love.



Stewardship: Piece of the Pie

Give to the poor is a mantra that many preach. Does this mean we are to give all our wealth to the poor?

Some people see wealth as one single pie and each person gets their slice of the pie.

Some seem to have a larger slice of pie and others a very thin slice. What they think is that if someone gets a larger piece of the pie, there will not be enough left over for me.

This is just not true. It's a lie
 We believe so many false proverbial statements because we never take time to think them through.

God's resources are infinite. His will is to prosper us: to be fruitful and multiply and conquer the earth. He could not give us this command if He did not have the ability to satisfy every ones hunger for food, family and faith.

God created us to use the earthly resources not just for ourselves and our needs, but to share our resources with others.

Just as Jesus takes 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread and feeds 5000 so He will give us the ability to multiply our resources and feed everyone. BUT

We have to trust in God!

Not listen to the gloom and doom naysayers.

Sin: What is it?

*Human beings are marked by Original Sin
 Our first parents freely committed this sin!*

Sin is choosing to be less than your best. It is to choose a cheap imitation of what it means to be holy.

God tells Moses, Be Holy for I the Lord, your God am Holy. Jesus commands the same "Be Perfect! Just as your heavenly Father is perfect!"

- Sin ultimately is a sign of immaturity.
- It is an act of irresponsibility.
- It is being an imbecile

These are harsh words but factual. When we see, we destroy our own dignity and the dignity of another. That is we lose God's grace for we ought to know better.

Sin is a free choice which destroys justice. So to commit a sin we need three things:

- We have to have free choice;
- We have to know it is gravely wrong;
- We have full knowledge!

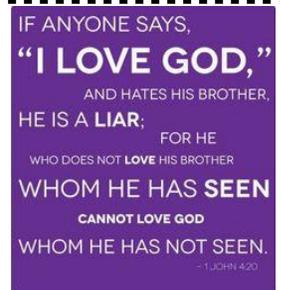
Because Adam and Eve freely choose to sin and knew that what they were doing was wrong for God told them not to eat of the tree of knowledge, their act damaged the rest of us to be able freely to choose God's will.

We are born without grace and with a strong tendency to sin and most importantly Satan knows our weakness and tempts us were we are most vulnerable.

Because of Original Sin, we suffer the consequences:

1. Physical and spiritual death
2. Physical and moral pain and suffering
3. Ignorance of God's will

To combat sin both Original and Personal, God gives us grace through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick to heal us of our sinfulness, restore us back to holiness, and to empower to confront the temptations of Satan and trials of life.



Read This:
"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am God!"



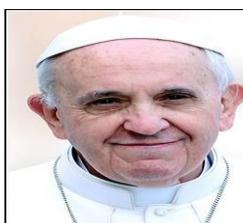
Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Feb 20	5:30 PM	Kotz			John Hayden	
Tue Feb 21	5:30 PM	Kotz	Peter Damian		Rev. R. Hayden	
Wed Feb 22	6:00 PM	Kotz	Peter Apostle		Simone Okeefe	
Thu Feb 23	8:00 AM	Kotz	Polycarp		Lisa Svoboda	Bible Study
Fri Feb 24	8:00 AM	Nome			Lisa Svoboda	
Sat Feb 25	6:00 PM	Nome	Ordinary Time		Tom Cabela	
Sun Feb 26	11:00 AM	Nome	Ordinary Time		St. Jude	



Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; This is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor.

— Mother Teresa —



To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person and face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church!"

Since early times, the Catholic Church has had a special commemoration of the primacy of St. Peter and his authority. On the feast of the Chair of Peter (Feb 22), we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us and his Church

The title Chair of Peter refers to the chair from which a bishop presides. The word Cathedra, Latin for Chair, is a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to Saint Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of Peter and his successors. It is from the chair, from the pastoral power given him by Jesus, that the pope shepherds Christ's flock.

Jesus bestowed to Peter primal place among the Apostles. The Lord said to Peter: *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* (Mt 16:17-19)

St. Peter's life is so important to the Church that he has more than one feast day during the year. Today's feast is another way the Church celebrates the importance of Peter and his inspired authority. Peter was one of the three Apostles who were with Christ on distinct occasions. Here are the extraordinary events of Peter: the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection, and Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts.

Later on he left Jerusalem and eventually went to Rome, where he preached during the last portion of his life. Tradition tells us that when St. Peter was martyred on Vatican Hill, he insisted that he be crucified upside down as he did not believe himself worth to be crucified in the manner of his Lord. The Pope, being the successor of Peter, employs the symbol of the upside down cross as a symbolic reminder of St. Peter's humility and heroic martyrdom.

Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica. This was again replaced in the 16th century with the basilica still standing today commonly known as the Vatican or the Basilica of St. Peter's.

In the apse of St. Peter's Basilica is found the monument to the Chair of the St. Peter, made in the shape of a great bronze throne encasing the ancient Chair, supported by the statues of four Doctors of the Church - St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Above the chair is an alabaster window invoking the Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict XVI addressed on the fest of the Chair of St. Peter in 2006: "so that Holy Spirit will always sustain with his light and strength my daily service to the whole Church"

Today we pray and reflect upon the love, presence and protection of Christ for us, the Church; and in a particular way for the ministry that God has entrusted to Pope Peter and now Pope Francis. We pray for all popes of the Church throughout all time that they may be holy leaders, leading people to holiness.

Have a blessed week ahead!
Fredrick Granheim

Parish Council: 2.8.2017

We will attach the parish council minutes to the bulletin so that parishioners can read them and see the concerns of the council.

We will hold off from having a family fun night till after Easter as there are so many events going on.

Religious Ed: it is frustrating that students come to Religious Ed. but do not come to Sunday Mass.

Fund raiser: Selling Coffee, Krispy Cream Donuts and Pizza during the Iditarod Week.

Parish Activity: We will have the Passion of Christ Movie Film with a Soup Dinner instead of a Fish Fry.

Mass Times: To resume the Quyanna Care Mass at 12:10 PM and change the daily mass. Any suggestions on Daily Mass Time?

Secretarial Assistance: This would be a paid position for a person with the right qualifications. Does not have to be a parishioner: Accounting/bookkeeping, Filing, Secretarial, and organizational skills.

Janitorial Services: Looking to have a cleaning day during Lent to for those who signed up to help clean. Holy Thursday April 13 is a possible date.

Coffee and Pastry after Mass: Need to have parishioners help with the set up and clean up.

Ash Wednesday Mass is at 7:00 PM. **Holy Week Schedule** will be the same: **Holy Thursday** 7:00 PM **Good Friday** 7:00 PM **Saturday Easter Vigil** 7:00 PM **Easter Sunday** 10:30 AM