

Notes from Barb

- † Next week after Mass we will be changing decorations for Lent. Your help is appreciated.
- † Today's second collection is for the Galvin Fund.
- † Next week's second collection is for the church in Central & Eastern Europe.
- † I will be gone from Friday, Feb. 17 through Thursday, Feb. 24. I will be out of contact the 18th through the 22nd. Please remember the Emergency Chain of Command: **Financial** matters will need approval of Kevin Scully or Caleb Fleschner. Bonnie Warn, Kelly Stafford and Jeannette Wrin can write checks. **Mass** matters will be handled by MaryLu Thralls. **Maintenance** issues will be dealt with by Steve Norris.
- † We will be having **Lenten Scripture and Supper** on the Thursdays of Lent beginning March 2. Bring a dish to share and join us for worship in church at 6.
- † At Easter we will begin offering the Precious Blood. If you would like to be an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, please let me know.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

Making Choices

You have probably said this before: "I had no choice." You may have said it about a decision you did not want to make, one that made you unpopular, or one that felt wrong. If you have no choice, you have no blame. We can more easily accept a difficult decision if we feel as though it were the only one.

However, we almost always have choices. Some of them are not very good. We reject them without much thinking about them. They are even worse than the choice we make. Or they are more difficult to enact. Our brains process some choices so quickly, that it feels right to say, "I had no choice." But we usually do.

God gives us free will to make choices. "If you choose you can keep the commandments," says the Book of Sirach. "God has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." Many choices stand before us: "life and death, good and evil." We get whichever one we choose.

God does not command us to act unjustly. We are free. But our freedom is not a license to sin. Our freedom is the environment in which we make choices. And God is hoping—as each of us hopes—that we will only choose what is good. Some of our choices may not feel right, but if we pick the best choice, it is right.

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February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation


Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.


Ministries		
Date	February 12	February 19
Lector	Chris Mangia	Patty Curley
Gift Bearers	Dan Kane Family	Klotz Family
Ushers	Steve Norris & Waylon Robertson	Bob Curley & Nick Savant
Counters	Tom McKinney & Kay Jatczak	Bob & Patty Kane
Cleaners	Off week	Chris & Marlene Smithson

Birthday Blessing to:



Jim Holbert 2-16
 Dave Wegner 2-17
 Kay Jatczak 2-18
 Mandee Thralls 2-18

Happy Anniversary to:
 Davis & Lisa Marrs 2-12



Mass Intentions:


Feb. 12 Shirley Rogier
 Feb. 19 John Arnold Jr.

If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00. We are now scheduling masses for April, May and June

Prayers Please for:

Barbara Hofmann, Louise Arnold, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whal-lon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell.

If you have people on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb to update her on their conditions.



Finance Report					
February 5, 2023	Actual	Budgeted	Additional Donations	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$2468	2308	Church in Latin America	\$65	
Galvin Fund Donations	\$360	115	Criterion	\$68	
Cemetery	\$0		Coffee & Donuts	196	

Social Committee
 Thanks to all who attended and helped with the Super Bowl Bingo! A great time was had by all!

Fundraising Committee
 Just a reminder that we continue to sell SCRIP throughout the year. Check with Sarah Wyrick to get your gift cards for shopping and gift giving.

Did You Know:

The Ten Commandments can be found in two places in the Bible: Exodus 20:2-17 and Deut. 5:6-21 .

The first three commandments have to do with our relationship with God. The last 7 have to do with our relationship with our neighbor. Along with the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments help guide us to right relationship with God and our neighbors.

1. I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

