

GOSPEL MEDITATION February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Near-Death Experiences

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways. On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called neardeath or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.



Liturgy of the Word and Ashes -9am & 7pm Mass and Ashes - Noon

Bury the Alleluia A very old tradition in the Church was to bury the Alleluia on the Sunday preceding Lent. A symbolic action reminding us that the Alleluia will not be recited throughout Lent. It's reappearance will be on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil when the ALLELUIA will be intoned in grand style. In old days (especially in France) this was a very solemn gesture involving a kind of funeral procession with holy water and incense, tapers—even a coffin... The Alleluia would be carried out to the church yard and actually buried! We've made the cover of this bulletin an Alleluia so that you too can 'bury' it aside somewhere until Easter Saturday!

- a poignant tradition which helps us usher in the Season of Repentance—



A wonderful Polish, Slavic, tradition of a rich dough filled with lemon, pruned, raspberry, or whatever sweet filling you desire. ...more than an ordinary jelly donut! The idea came from 'emptying the cupboard of all sweets before the holy Season of Lent. So too are pancakes a traditional Shrove Tuesday item as they also clear the kitchen of sweets so as to begin the Lenten Fast. Lent and Easter are filled with wonderful traditions—so many coming from Eastern Europe. If you have never kept these tradition of Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday/Mardi-Gras Tuesday, then consider introducing them to your Family. The Lenten Sacrifice comes full circle on Holy Saturday when the Church blesses the Baskets of Ham, Kielbasa, beets, paska bread and all kinds of assorted sweets! 40 days of remembering the Passion of the Lord leading us into the wonders of **Resurrection!**







Let's get together and talk about the Lamb of God!

n Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm, join with Fr. Krizner, as we ponder the Scriptures, celebrate Lent, and, together, look forward to the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus the Lamb of God! It will be an

informal setting, using the Atrium and the Church, Our get-together will last an hour which will include a closing prayer time and then a cup of decaf. All ages invited!

There is no charge, no books, no homework, no attendance taken! There are no quizzes or tests. Just a sharing of various Lenten Scriptures as we make that 40 day journey together from the Cross to the First

Alleluia of Easter!

Wednesday March 9, March 23, March 30, April 6 Please call the office to reserve your place! 330 273 5500

Note: Wednesday, March 16 is the Diocesan Evening of Confessions @ St. Ambrose.

Fish Fry Friday!

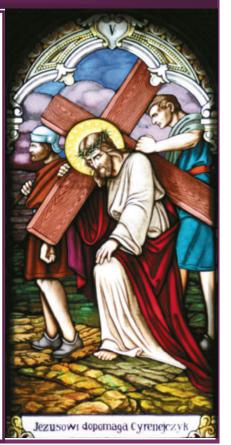
JOIN US on Fridays beginning at 4:00 for SIT-DOWN or Takeout. Our Fish Fry is famous for both the great food and the friendship that abounds in our parish!

Our Menu includes:

Baked Fish /Fried Fish/ Pierogi Dinner/ Mac and Cheese Dinner/ Clam Chowder and Fantastic Bakery!

Come Celebrate Lenten Friday!

he Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent. They will be led by members of our various Parish Groups. In consideration of the Fish Fry Crew, the **Stations will** begin at 7:30 pm. **Please consider** this Lenten Tradition.





I am a life long Catholic My Great Grandparents had 18 children. I was fortunate to have many relatives. They lived in Berea in the now known Polish Village Area, all belonged to St. Adalbert's Polish Church.

My parents were my primary teachers in my Faith and were very devoted. They taught me my prayers in Polish before I knew them in English before I was in 1st grade. Seeing we were only a few streets from Church and School, we were within walking distance. I thought everyone was Polish and Catholic and went to Church.

One set of Grandparents lived next door and Grandma would sometimes walk me to school as she went to daily Mass. She also took me to Lenten Sunday service "Gorzkie Zale". I attended St. Adalbert's Parochial school for 8 years. I was taught by Felician Nuns; Sr. Mary Pious, St. Mary Hospicia, Sr. Mary Valencia were they special to me. When they baked the Holy Communion bread. I would separate the wafers, place them in a special container. Living close to the church, I was close to the nuns and I felt honored. Fr. John Solinski was my Pastor throughout my life preparing for all my sacraments and was always kind to us when we did well and treated us to trips to Geauga Lake Park. I was a senior in high school and meet Elmer (my future husband to be) – wasn't Catholic, but was interested in joining me at church...so Fr. Solinski prepared him in his conversion. We married 4 years later, June 1, 1957. We moved to Brunswick. Began our life at St. Ambrose, (not built yet). We were founding members of the church. Fr. Lehner came to be our first Pastor, we were very close with the church and the Women's Guild.

I was a CCD teacher, worked bingo, playground/classroom monitor and on Parish Council.

We had 4 children that attended St. Ambrose Day School, and were very active and kept us busy. I was active with Isabella guild, helping the Knights of Columbus with touring many Shrine trips and partaking in the tv masses for the shut-ins. My life was centered around church life. The church was known as our Community Center. Elmer and our 4 children played guitar at masses, nursing homes, and the VA hospitals. I made a Cursillo in 1964, participated in follow up Cursillos; making Holy Hours, weekly prayer meetings and encouraged others to join in prayer life. I was selected in 1974 to be a lector and soon afterwards a Eucharist Minister, I was very honored and privileged. In the 1980's, I was participating in Christ Renews His Parish. This kept my faith alive. I was fortunate to have close relationships with Fr. Lehner, Fr. Hilkert, Fr. Carlin, Fr. Montavon, Fr. Krizner these Pastors as well as Fr. Beckerer and Fr. Benedict O.S.B. were instrumental in keeping my faith strong. I am grateful for my parents, grandparents and all my relatives and friends in helping keep my faith alive. I thank the Lord for sending me these good people. Sincerely. Louise Dubs



Repent and believe the Good News of Jesus!

The Lampstand – Barb Trcka

I was born in Chicago during the Depression to my Irish Mother and English Father. As a baby, I was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Flint, Michigan. Later, I sang in the Children's Choir. The song I loved the most was "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." and I believed it! When I was 18, my 48-year-old Father died of a heart attack sitting beside my mother in the car outside of church. The shock and profound loss prompted me to choose a nursing career to help others.

I met my husband, Jack, at a dance and he was devoutly Catholic. The era of the 1950's was when he couldn't come to "my church", so I started going with him to Novenas in "his church". I imagine he was praying for me, certainly his Mother was too. I took Catholic instructions, was rebaptized, gave confession, communion, and confirmation. I got my engagement ring, where else, but in the car of the church parking lot.

We were married in "our church" in 1957. We had four children in 6 short years and 7 years later we were surprisingly expecting our 5th. I felt overwhelmed, wondering how I could manage it all. Two boys and two girls sounded good plan to me, but the Lord had other, better plans. I remember crying out one day to Him and a supernatural Peace came over me. I just knew everything was going to be alright with Christ's help (Phil. 4:13). Our # 5, Julie is a joy!

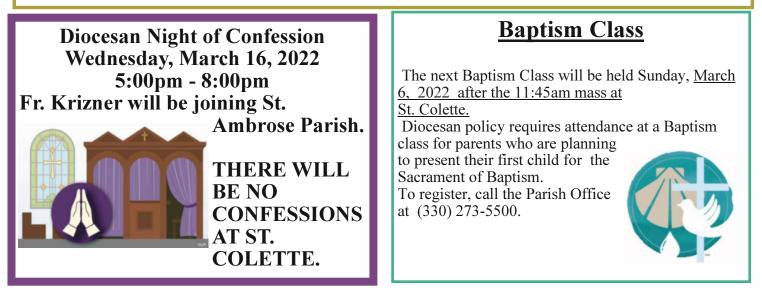
My only sibling, Mary Ann was the prayer warrior in my life. She was a saint, living with painful rheumatoid arthritis most of her adult life. She never complained and was always praying for me. When Vatican II Council happened in the 60's it was like a breath of fresh air.

The Priests faced the parishioners and spoke in English instead of Latin. Catholics could pray with other Christians/denominations and reading the Bible was encouraged.

The Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekends were so helpful in the 1970's. We learned how to communicate better by writing gratitude and love letters to each other. In the 80's while at St. Colette, we had home group Bible studies, making it a great way to get to know people personally and share our faith.

Some years after my husband passed, my mother, Ann, came to live with me from Michigan. At first, I took her to the Presbyterian Church in Medina and then she came to St. Colette, sitting in the front pew. After one month of this schedule, she said: "Barbara, you don't have to take me to the Presbyterian Church anymore, I don't know anyone there anyway." St. Colette became her home away from home. Everyone greeted her and became her friend, for which I am very grateful. Father Krizner took her under his wing, and she was able to receive communion before she passed at age 103, proclaiming daily: "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

As a widow, I have found when you help others, it helps you. That is why I enjoy working with Lisa in the Grief Support ministry "Journey of Hope". I told Father Krizner he can't retire until he celebrates at my funeral. "I'm ready Lord, but not ready Lord, but not today."



St. Colette web site http://www.stcolettecatholicchurch.com



WEDNESDAY	March 2 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
9:00 AM	Liturgical Services with Ashes (K)
NOON	+Bob Haney Mass with Ashes (K)
7:00 PM	Liturgical Services with Ashes (K)
FRIDAY	March 4 - <i>St. Casimir</i>
11:00 AM	+Theresa Connolly (A)
SATURDAY	March 5 - Weekday
4:00 PM	+Deacon Thomas Grasson (K)
<u>SUNDAY</u>	March 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM	+Steve, Mary, Edward & Patricia Kovach (A)
10:00 AM	+Richard Reusch & +James Ordowski (K)
11:45 AM	+Ryan & Nathan Przeslica (K)

Pray For ...

Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength.

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer

Mary Annibale, Ken B., Mary Alice Baker, Fr. Larry Bayer, Larry Bender, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Birschl family, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Kristen Brell, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, Jeff Burroughs, David Cinerra, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Arlene DeFazio, Barb Deimling, Barb DelVecchio, Gloria & Len Demko, Elizabeth Derov, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Delores Fiffick, Sharon Fisher, John Gibboney, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Jeannine Grimm, Carolyn H., Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Nancy Hopkins, Tom Hunt, Rita Jamison, John Kole, John & Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Frank Kupetz, Gail Lipinski, Lincoln Lester, Pete Lovejoy, Molly McLaughlin, Mark Magda, Ron Meister, Mary Celine O'Leary, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlik, Paisley Palmer, Sally Panek, Ralph Parente, Kathy Petretti, Beverly Phillippe, Ronald Powell, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kelly Rico, Darlene Riggs, Tanya Ronsko Kasparek, Angela Schurger, Greg Shandor, David Shepley, John Siba, Antonella Sirna, Diane Soboslay, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Gerald Steinbrick, Norma Sutter, Lisa Szymanski, Bill & Carol Thompson, Joseph Tonderski, Fred Townsend, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Becca Vickery, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard, Sam Zummo, Fran Zvara & family

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022						
Sunday: Sir 27:4	-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-					
58/Lk 6:39-45						
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17					
-27	, ,					
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-					
31	, ,					
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2					
Cor 5:20-6:2/	, , , ,					
	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18					
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25					
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15					
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32					
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf.					
15b]/Rom 10:8-1	, , , L					

Observances for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Friday: St. Casimir Saturday: Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent ©LPi

LENTEN FAST & Abstinence "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age <u>18 until age 59</u>. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age <u>14</u> <u>onwards."</u>

From usccb.org

Let's remember St. Anthony Parish and School in our prayers. Recite the Divine Praises in atonement for the blasphemy that exists in our turbulent world today.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of

Jack Cross



Sr. Christian Travelers \checkmark Invites all seniors to come together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 16th at noon in Joseph Adams the Parish hall. MJR Sylvester Azap Enjoy Food, Entertainment & Friendship SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF GySgt. John Burrell Reservation forms are available in the Parish office E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN and need to be mailed to the address on the form. S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson Foreign Service Officer Cynthia Carlson-Cook S/SGT Stephen Coughlan Daughters of St. Colette SPC Kristen Coughlan MJR Jason Cross Join us at CPL Michael C. Dadaian USMC Michael Forlini the 11:45 HA Margaret Gasbarri USN Mass on CPL Peter Grasso Sunday, SPC David Greenfelder Jr. March 13th LCpl Michael Grzybowski USMC Come as a stranger, leave as a friend." Major Rick Hanrahan USAF This Mass will be celebrated for the SGT Jeremy Hlavaty 1LT Zachary Hollister USMC Daughters of St. Colette and their families M/SGT Melissa Hunt -CPL Zack Hunter USMC Our next meeting is AMN 1st Class Joe Isabella THURS., March 17th Capt. Julianne Jamison USAF 11 am - Church Hall AA Bridget Kerr USN with guest speaker PVT Nathan Kerr Army LISA RADEY Lt. Kris Klaiber whose topic will be SGT Kevin Lessman "Reflections for Lent" S/SGT Sam Lupica Col. Andrew W. Mack N-Z please bring St. Patrick's theme snacks Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas USAF LENTEN BOOKLETS Booklets are available at the Lilly Ann Grace Gift Shop for \$1.00 each for any non-members who would like one SOCIETY Friday, March 18th Brothers in Faith Meets every Saturday In the Atrium 8 am **But!** want to stay for Mass!" Come join us

Please pray for those serving in the Military



PVT Rylee McIlvain Army CDR Robin Murphy S/SGT Daniel Novak 1LT Mark Oswald Army 1LT Gwen Oswald Army Nat. Guard Corp. Daniel Peterra Col. Rick Pierce S/SGT Brian Ponge CWO2 Kevin Porter E2 Lawrence Prochko, Jr. USN Chief David Sams Chief George J. Sattelmaier SGT Scott Sauls M/SGT Rvan Shaw PV2 Andrew Shephard PFC Taylor Sibits MJR Eric Wilder, MD USAF CPL Daniel Williford USMC S/SGT Robert Zebrowski S/Sgt. Kevin Zisko LTJG Matthew Zweifel PO3 Joseph Zweife



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pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45 Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am Holv Dav Vigil: 7:00pm Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm



SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

Matrimony -Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, February 13, 2022	\$11,856.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,634.00
Children's.	
Project Endeavor	\$2,226.00
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness	& generosity!

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

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Ushers - Glen Stout	440-773-9183
Lectors - Christina Dinklocker	330-273-4434
Servers - Renate Elber	330-273-1567

LILY ANN GRACE ~ THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm and Sunday 8:30am - 1pm Kathy Pellegrin-330-273-5500

Ministers for the Weekend of March 5 & 6, 2022						
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM		
LECTORS	J Thornberry	K Warren	M Titterington	K & J Musat		
SERVERS	E. Sanders M Ptak	V & H Armstrong E Sanders	M McIntire / A Tymann E Dolan	L Saunders N Hovancsek		
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