



### **Finances for January 26/27, 2008**

Loose \$ 99.00 White Offering \$ 2186.00

Total: \$ 2285.00

Last Year: 2064.03

Thank you

*Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.*

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Monday, February 4, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Edward Lukashewski, requested by  
Hank and Dorothy Novicki

#### **Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Alexandria Gleba, requested by  
Estate of Anne Krawchak

#### **Wednesday, February 6, 2008**

##### **Ash Wednesday, Fast and Abstinence**

8:00 A.M. - Bernard Bartchak, Jr., requested by  
John & Mary Wawrzyn

#### **Thursday, February 7, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Martha Stec, requested by  
Wanda & Louis Aisteci

#### **Friday, February 8, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - John Stec, requested by  
Sister, Celia Stec

#### **Saturday, February 9, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Donna Keifer, requested by  
Bob and Elaine Stevens

#### **Sunday, February 10, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Mary Hanko, requested by  
Edward Hanko, Rita and Dan  
10:30 A.M. - Parishioners



### **Altar Servers Schedule**

#### **Saturday, February 9, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Julianna Bodek, Charlie Bodek

#### **Sunday, February 10, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Joshua Phillips, Jeffrey Phillips,  
Jaeson Phillips

10:30 A.M. - Curt Yenchik, Cole Rosner

### **Lector Schedule**

#### **Saturday, February 9, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Patricia Lavan, Rob Rosner

#### **Sunday, February 10, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - William Magnotta, Terry Miller

10:30 A.M. - Patti Heller, Joan Davenport

### **Knights of Columbus**

K of C meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 P.M. in the social hall.

### **Altar and Rosary Society**

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary will be on Monday, February 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

### **St. Theresa Guild**

St. Theresa's Guild will be selling Lottery tickets for the month of April before and after the Masses. Please support the Guild by purchasing a lottery. Thank you.

### **CCD Program**

The following children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and will be accepted as candidates for First Eucharist this weekend:

*Erica Baab, Santina Cardoni, Cassandra Cooper,  
Kyle Dotzel, Julia Filchak, Owen Grigas,  
Michael Macri, Julia Makowski, David Mazur,  
Paul Mikolajczyk, JoAnna Samec,  
Sydney Sobolewski, Jenna Viverios, and David Wint.*

Please congratulate them and offer them words of encouragement.

### **Looking for a Valentine's Gift?**

Buy your Sweet Heart a Horse!!!

For only \$10 you can buy your Sweet Heart a Horse, possibly the \$10 will turn into \$50, you may name your horse and if you'd like, and you would have admission to enjoy a Nite Out at the Races on March 1 @ St. Mary's Church, Dorrance! Doors Open at 7pm, Includes Food & Beverage, Must be 21 years of age, not necessary to be present to win. Please contact Elaine at 868-5855 to purchase a horse or for more information.

### Military Prayer List

The following Military people are now serving in a dangerous place.

Michael Boothe	Derek Jankowski
Ryan Curry	Christopher Kenney
Jonathan Cupina	Andrew Lukashewski
Charles Dixon	Brian Lukashewski
Peter Dolan	Joseph Lukashewski
John Folmar	Adam Wendalski
Michael Janosov	

### Parish Sick List

*Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer:*

Christopher Badman	Donald Myers, Sr.
Emma Kate Badman	Dorothy Novicki
Thomas Bodek	John Paul Magauran
Dianne Burick	Wayne Justin Parks
Jennifer Haydt	Peggy Perry
Diane Kovaleski	Michael Popiak
Donna Lynn Myers	Helen Sherksnas
Betty Ann Levy	Donald Taney, Sr.
Adrienne Wanyo	Marie Zajac

*Please remember to pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially, **Jack Kania**. May his soul and all souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please remember in your prayers and thoughtfulness his family.*

### Thank you

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all who contributed gifts for the Luzerne County Children and Youth Services. Many parishioners expressed wishes that this activity can be extend next year. God Bless You!

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after 8:00 a.m. Mass, Noon and 7:00 P.M.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7:00 P.M. beginning on February 8 in our Church.

### Gertrude Hawk Fund Raiser

Gertrude Hawk fund raiser pre paid orders are due in by Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders maybe dropped in the basket during Mass or given to a CCD teacher. Extra books are in the back of the church.

### Fish Fry

Holy Redeemer High School will hold its Annual Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday with take outs from 3 to 5 PM and dinner served in the Cafeteria from 5 to 7 PM. Dinners include fried

fish or shrimp, baked potato, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. Donation is \$10 (\$8 for seniors 60+ and students). Call 829-2424 to purchase tickets in advance. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger... consider your own situation... ‘How blessed are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.’”

We join the first disciples, listening to Jesus on the mountainside. Surrounded by the beauty of the hills, circling down to the Sea of Galilee, feeling the soft breeze and observing the blue sky, Matthew provides a summary of the teaching of Jesus. The eight statements of the Beatitudes become for Jesus’ followers the norm of conduct, the measure we use to look at our Christian lives, as we often used the ten commandments under the old law.

The prophet tells us today to seek the Lord, seek justice, seek humility, to take action. As we begin the season of Lent this week, may we look at a different Beatitude each week, as we live this time of spiritual renewal, calling us to closer union with the Lord, being sheltered by Him. We become seekers of the Lord.

The poor in spirit speaks of acknowledging that God comes first in my life. I begin Lent expressing my dependence upon Him for forgiveness, for the gift of health, life and family, the gift of grace. I am aware that other, less important things get in my way. I will try to eliminate and erase them. All that I have comes from Him. The way I live is directed toward Him, so that one day the fullness of the reign will be mine. I claim to be a disciple, but need to live as one. This week I begin to seek the Lord while He can be found.

Poverty of spirit is an attitude of assurance that as I open myself to God’s grace this Lent, through my prayer, sacrifices and good works, I will be drawn to Him, shed whatever keeps me from closer union with Him and enjoy my life in Him.

I enter the desert of Lent with nothing except myself and desire to live a more active, meaningful Christian life. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, the reign of God is theirs.” (May we suggest using this first beatitude as a reminder or mantra each day this week. Repeat it, reflect on it.)