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Second Sunday of Lent (Of the Paralyzed Man)

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Hebrews 1: 10 - 2:3* *Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12*
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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Evelyn Poleschuk
Sunday (10 a.m.): Larissa Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

MARCH 9/10

Envelopes: \$1,050.⁰⁰ Vigil Lights: \$124.⁵⁰
Mission Collection: \$89.⁸⁵ Special Projects: \$75.⁰⁰
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$160.⁰⁰
Flowers for the Tomb/Easter: \$85.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for March is designated for the **Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital**. Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illnesses using various strategies.

LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 a.m. ~ Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Panakhyda for the deceased

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 p.m. ~ **3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Veneration of the Cross**
Epistle Reader: Christopher Tennant
Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Tennant

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 a.m. ~ **3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Veneration of the Cross**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Stanley Myslicki

Words of Comfort & Wisdom

*Trust that God will put
the right people in your
life at the right time,
and for the right reasons.*



Parish News & Activities



Join us in the parish hall on Sunday morning for a **Pancake Breakfast and “Mini” Penny Auction** following the Divine Liturgy. Wear green and receive a special gift!

It's cabbage roll making time! Cabbage cleaning/de-ribbing will take place on **Monday, March 18 @ 9:30 a.m.** and rolling & packaging on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 10:30 a.m.** Help with any task is appreciated. Frozen product will be available for pick-up later in the week. Please expect a phone call.

Please join us for a Lenten Mission held in our church on **March 26, 27 & 28 at 6:30 p.m.**, led by Msgr. Pat Stilla of St. Patrick's Cathedral. A light snack with coffee/tea and snacks will be offered each evening in the parish hall afterwards.



Orders for pyrohy for **Monday, April 8** are now closed — we have reached our limit. *Thank you for your support.*

Those with a church entrance key are requested to print their name and number of the key on the designated sheet in the narthex at the earliest convenience.



In forgiving the paralytic man's sins, Jesus is not suggesting that a specific sin has directly led to the man's paralysis. Jesus is merely cutting through the surface to the humanity's heart problem that then shows itself in the brokenness of the world where some are paralyzed, and sickness, disease and natural disasters are all signs that things are broken and groaning, waiting for rescue and release. Jesus could have just healed the man and left him with his 'heart problem'. Jesus could have gone around fixing the surface issues of the world, providing bread, healing diseases, stopping storms, but not addressing the issue behind those surface manifestations. By forgiving the man's sins, Jesus highlights the greater need of you and me, and His ultimate destination — the cross, to deal with our sinful hearts. A reminder to our mistaken priorities that it is better to enter the kingdom and await a future physical wholeness, than to receive physical healing now and fail to enter the kingdom of God.

~ from a sermon by Christopher Howitz

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Members will be needed to help clean/de-rib cabbage on **Monday, March 18 @ 9:30 a.m.** and on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 11 a.m.** for clean-up and other tasks.

Our next monthly meeting will take place **Sunday, March 31 at 7 p.m.** The Executive will meet before then.

Our next bingo is an evening session on **Tuesday, April 9.** Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 5:45 p.m. in proper attire.

The next two training dates and times are as follows:



Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.

All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (it's only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Falls Prevention Program & Mild Exercise - Every **Tuesday & Thursday** afternoon starting at 2 p.m. at the Slovak Legion for approximately 45 to 60 minutes) until June 27, 2019. This event is geared for seniors, but is also good for all ages. For more information, call the office at 623-3354.

Spaghetti and Meatballs Takeout - At the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St., **Thursday, March 21, 2019.** *Take-out menu* (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.): spaghetti with sauce and six meatballs/\$11.50; ten meatballs in sauce/\$11.50; one litre of spaghetti sauce/\$10; chicken, perogies, salad and buns also available for purchase. *Bring your own containers!*

Two-Bit Auction - **Sunday, April 7** at the Slovak Legion Branch 129 Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue, sponsored by the RCL Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open @ **12 noon**; activities start at **1:00 p.m.** Great baskets, food and refreshments, and a lot of fun! Tickets: \$5.⁰⁰ each. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 to arrange for yours. *Everyone is invited!*

Sprinkle of Spring Tea - sponsored by St. Dominic CWL, **Sunday, April 7** from **12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in St. Dominic Parish Hall, 130 W. Redwood Avenue. Draws, Bake Table, Penny Auction, Sewing Table, sandwiches & dainties. Ticket prices: Adults: \$6.⁰⁰/person; children (5-12): \$4.⁰⁰; (4 and under): free. *Tutti sono benvenuti!*



Support Ukrainian Culture - Chaban Ukrainian Dancers present "**Vasyi and the Varenky Factory**" ~ their annual concert at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. An evening of colour, energy and traditional music! To get your tickets, visit the Box Office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at www.tbca.com. *This fun, family-friendly evening will have something for everyone! Don't miss it!*

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14 - 5: 6

(Jesus the Great High Priest)

Gospel: Mark 8: 34 - 9:1

(Jesus Speaks about His Suffering and Death)



As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions:
"What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?"
and "What are the connections between them?"

This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

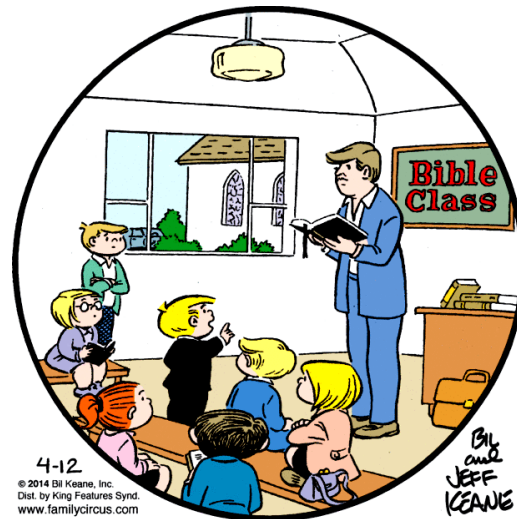
HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular Thursday afternoon activities start at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon), and new members are still welcome to join up anytime. Membership is only \$10/year and well worth it. Come check us out this Thursday!

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 20 @ 3:45 p.m.** and will return @ 10:00 p.m. the same evening. Those who are 18 years and up with valid passports are welcome to come along (you do not have to be a member). To book your free seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006). The more, the merrier!

*"Do not regret growing older.
It's a privilege denied to many."*

SMILE
beginners



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"It would've been quicker if Paul just posted his letters to the Corinthians on his Facebook page."

Why Do We Give Up Something For Lent?

Lent is a season of conversion: we acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives, and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might "give up" a bad habit, such as smoking, as a way of positively turning our life back toward what God wants for us.

~ Neela Kale



Let's Do Our Part to Bring Others to Jesus

Everyone knows what a blanket is and the many things it can be used for, such as a cover on a bed, something to sit on at a picnic, and even as a comfort object for small children – like Linus in the Peanuts comic strip. A blanket can also be used to carry someone to a hospital when he or she has been injured, especially if an ambulance is unavailable. Four people are needed to each grab a corner of the blanket that the injured person is on — and off they go!



In today's Gospel story, this is almost exactly what happened when a group of men wanted to take a friend to Jesus. The Bible tells us that four men were carrying a paralyzed man (he was unable to walk) to Jesus. They knew that if they could just get him to Jesus that Jesus could heal him, but they couldn't get to where Jesus

was because of the large crowd. The four men carried their friend up to the roof and made an opening in the roof. Then they lowered the man down through the roof to where Jesus was. When Jesus saw how much faith these four men had, He not only healed the paralyzed man, He even forgave him of all his sins. Wow!

Now, it may seem unthinkable, but all of us have friends (and perhaps family members) who need to come to Jesus. It may not be easy, but if each of us will do our part, together we can succeed. We may meet obstacles, but we must never give up. We must hold on to our corner of the blanket and carry on until we bring them to Jesus, especially during Lent.

Dear Jesus, we all have friends who need Your healing and Your forgiveness. May we be faithful to grab a corner of the blanket and bring them to You. Amen.

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