

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**February 7, 2021**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. Jesus spent his days in Capernaum healing. Last week we read in the Gospel that, while in the synagogue, he freed a man from an unclean spirit. In today's first reading, Job laments, "My days ...come to an end without hope." Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation of despair? What sustains your family through challenging times? Where do you turn for healing and strength? In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus rises early and goes off "to a deserted place" to pray. Where and when do you find silence and solitude to be with God?

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES. With the holy and penitential season of Lent fast approaching, we wish to share with you the protocol for receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday during this time of COVID. After ashes are blessed, the priest says one time for all in attendance "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Instead of marking the forehead with ashes, as is the custom in the United States, ashes will silently be sprinkled on the head of those who wish to receive them. This is the common way to distribute ashes in many countries of the world. Even in Slovenia it is the custom to receive ashes sprinkled on the head, which in Jewish tradition was a well known way of showing a spirit of repentance and sorrow for sin.

KEEPING THE FAITH: THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, is the name of a new initiative in our Diocese of Cleveland to keep Catholic schools strong. Bishop Malesic reminds us that the education and Christian formation of our youth is the responsibility of all of us, and this includes our common support for our Catholic Schools. The bishop has assembled a task force to present a strategic plan that allows our schools to be viable, accessible and vibrant, while examining multiple models of education, parental choice, innovation and both parish and diocesan support. The hope is to implement this plan in the 2022-2023 school year. We will keep you posted of developments in strengthening Catholic education.

ROOTED IN FAITH — FORWARD IN HOPE. We received a distribution check in the amount of \$500 from the Catholic Community Foundation from donations made to St. Mary's as part of the Rooted in Faith Campaign. 100% of pledges that are still being fulfilled by parishioners will remain in the parish, since the Campaign has concluded.

Today's Psalm Response:**"Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted."****Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,239**

Church Needs: \$1,000 from the American Mutual Life Association (AMLA); \$200 from Brian and Danielle Brown on the occasion of their wedding; \$50 in memory of Dorothy Hodnichak from Bob & Sue Frederico; \$25 in memory of Walter Majer from Marjanca Tominc; \$50 in memory of Marica Lavrishka from Antonia Lamovec; \$20 from Christine & Judy Grozdanik; \$25 in memory of Mary Kruse from Marie Giuffre; \$50 in memory of Marica Lavrishka from Claudia & Romano Vitulich; \$20 in memory of Marica Lavrishka from Louis & Jennie Antloga.

The following in memory of Ivanka Volčjak: \$50 from Bob & Sue Frederico, \$25 from Mary Tominc, \$50 from Michael & Barbara Rowane, \$20 from Ana Mihelich, \$20 from Julie Drobnick, \$20 from M/M Paul Hren, \$20 from Marija Hočevar, \$20 from Tone & Ani Medved, \$50 from Milena Gobetz, \$20 from Matt & Agnes Golobič, \$20 from Rezi Ferkulj.

Blessed Mother Teresa Society: \$150 in memory of Walter Majer, Dušan Maršič and Ivana Volčjak from Jim & Madeline Debevec.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. Many countries continue to transition from life under communist regimes and the poverty that resulted from their socialist economies and persecution of religion from repressive government control. Countries like Albania, Armenia, Ukraine and many others are in need of our help to rebuild the Church and supports its charitable and educational work. Next Sunday, February 14th, we will have a special second collection to support the Church in Eastern Europe. Please use the designated envelope in your envelope packet and be generous with your offering.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM WESTSIDE CATHOLIC CENTER. "Dear Friends, We knew Christmas would look different this year, but we never could have imagined how amazing it would be. We were overwhelmed by your kindness in collecting beautiful new warm clothing, hygiene products, toys and more. Thank you for remembering the folks who visit Westside Catholic Center each day. Thank you for giving them the gift of Christmas and reminding them that they are worthy of dignity and respect. Thank you for your support that allows us to put in the work of Christmas year round."

50/50 SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE. Just a little over a week until the drawing, which will be on Tuesday, February 16th. Donation per ticket is \$5. We still have quite a few unsold tickets. Take as many as you can to either buy or sell to your friends and acquaintances. The value of the pot is \$4,040.

Masses for the Week of February 8-14, 2021

Monday:	(2/8) ST. JEROME EMILIANI and ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Kutnar (30 Day)
Tuesday:	(2/9) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Christine Sustarsic (Family)
Wednesday:	(2/10) ST. SCHOLISTICA (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Pavsek
Thursday:	(2/11) OUR LADY OF LOURDES
7:45 a.m.	Poor Sous
Friday:	(2/12) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Anton & Anna Tomsic (Daughter, Mary Podlogar)
Saturday:	(2/13) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:00 p.m.	Lojze & Mici Mohar (M/M Ed Zalar)
Sunday:	(2/14) SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Anton Bobič & Frank Ferkulj (Terezija Ferkulj)
12:00 noon	Martina Simičak (Ana Klepec)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Terezija Zelko, Robert Menart, Tom McNulty, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Zdravko Novak, Brenda Prebevsek.

May He Rest in God's Peace:

Dorothy Hodnichak

Rev. Joseph Mecir, retired Pastor of
Our Lady of Grace, Hinckley

OHRANJANJE VERE: BODOČNOST KATOLIŠKIH ŠOL, je ime nove pobude v naši Clevelandski škofiji ohraniti Katoliške šole močne. Škof Malesic nas opomni, da, izobrazba in krščanska sestava naše mladine je odgovornost vseh nas in to vključi našo skupno podporo za naše Katoliške šole. Škof je zbral skupino, da izvrši strateški načrt da dopusti naše šole da so sposobne življenja dostopne in močne, medtem preiskati mnoge vzore izobrazbe, staršev izbira, prenovitev in podpora obeh, župnije in škofije. Upanje je, da se izvede ta načrt za šolsko leto 2022-2023. Mi vam bomo poročali v bodoče o razvoju okrepiti katoliško izobrazbo.

Kakor je otrok naravno povezan s svojimi starši in navezan nanje, tako pristrčno moramo biti mi povezani s svojim Bogom in navezani nanj, saj je naš Stvarnik. (Janez Zupet)

**ODPEV DANAŠNJGA PSALMA JE:
GOSPOD OZDRAVLJA POTRTE V SRCU.**

DANES JE 5. NAVADNA NEDELJA.

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. Jezus je preživel svoje dneve v Kafarnaumu in ozdravljajal. Zadnji teden smo brali v Evangeliju, da ko je bil v shodnici je izganjal nečistega duha. V današnjem prvem berilu Job toži, "Moji dnevi... minevajo brez upanja." Ste se vi kdaj našli v podobni situaciji obupa? Kaj podpira vaše družinsko življenje skozi dvomljive čase? Kam se obrnete za ozdravljenje in moč? V Evangeliju slišimo kako Jezus zgodaj vstane in gre "v samotni kraj" in tam moli. Kje in kdaj vi najdete tišino in samoto, da ste z Bogom?

RAZDELITEV PEPELA. Z našim svetim in spokornim časom Posta, ki se hitro bliža želimo deliti z vami protokol za prejem pepela na pepelnično sredo med tem časom Covida. Po blagoslovu pepela bo duhovnik rekel enkrat za vse v cerkvi "Pomni človek da si prah in da se v prah povrneš" ali "Spreobrne se, in veruj Evangeliju." Namesto pepela na čelo, kot je navada v Združenih Državah, pepel bo tiho posujen na glavo tistim, ki ga želijo prejeti. To je navaden način deljenja pepela v mnogih državah na svetu. Tudi v Sloveniji je navada prejeti pepel posujen na glavo, kar v Judovski tradiciji je bila dobro poznana običaj pokazati duh kesanja in obžalovanja za grehe.

NABIRKA ZA CERKEV SREDNJE IN VZHODNE EVROPE. Veliko držav nadaljuje prehod od življenja pod komunističnim režimom in revščino kar je posledica od njihove socialistične ekonomije in preganjanja vere od zatiranja državne kontrole. Države kot Albanija, Armenija, Ukrajina in še veliko drugih, ki potrebujejo našo pomoč da obnovijo Cerkev in podprejo svoje dobrodelno in vzgojitveno delo. Naslednjo nedeljo 14. februarja bomo imeli drugo nabirko za podporo Cerkvi v Vzhodni Evropi. Prosimo porabite kuverto, ki je v vašem zavitku kuvert.

ZAHVALA OD WESTSIDE CATHOLIC CENTRA. Dragi prijatelji, mi smo vedeli, da bo Božič letos drugačen, toda nikoli nismo pričakovali kako presenetljiv bo. Bili smo prevzeti od vaše dobrote v zbiranju novih toplih oblačil, higienskih potrebščin, igrač in še več. Hvala vam spomniti se ljudi ki obiščejo Westside Catholic Center vsak dan. Hvala, da ste jim dali darilo za Božič in jih spomnili, da so vredni dostojanstva in spoštovanja. Hvala vam za vašo podporo, to dopusti da damo v delo Božiča vse leto.

50/50 ZIMSKO ŽREBANJE. Samo še dober teden je do žrebanja, ki bo na Pustni torek 16. februarja. Dar za srečko je \$5. Še vedno imamo precej neprodanih srečk. Vzemite jih kolikor morete, da jih sami kupite ali prodaste vašim prijateljem in znancem. Vsota do sedaj je \$4,040.

ROOTED IN FAITH-FORWARD IN HOPE. Prejeli smo ček v vsoti \$500 od Catholic Community Foundation prispevek narejen Mariji vnebovzeti kot del od Rooted in Faith kampanje. 100% obljub ki župljani še vedno plačujejo, bodo ostale v župniji, ker kampanja je zaključena.