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21 JANUARY, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### What A Storm.

The winter storm last week reminded me of many of the blizzards that I experienced as a young man. There is an expression that we walked to school in a blizzard uphill both ways. As I recall we did walk to school in a big snow storm quite often. I don't ever remember that we had school canceled because of a snow storm. The reason for my reflection is that this blizzard has a tremendous impact on our parish. As many of you know we did have masses this past weekend. We did not have a very large attendance which I can understand with the weather as it was.

What I am asking is that you please keep current on your tithing. We had a wonderful collection at Christmas but the surplus that we have will be used up very quickly in the coming months. Thank you for your generosity to Saint Peters.

### Please Be Careful.

The parking lot will be snow packed and under the snow pack is ice. The first snow storm left a mess that froze so please be careful. If it is difficult for you to walk on the parking lot it is okay, especially for us elderly, to watch mass on television until the weather is better and the parking lot is clean.

### A Great Lady of Faith.

I don't write very often about the funerals that we celebrate. Maxine Gotto passed away this past week. She was 95 years old and served this parish in many magnificent ways. She was an usher at 4:00 p.m. mass in all of my years here and served on the parish life committee for many years. The 4:00 p.m. mass will never be the same without her wonderful greeting to those who came to 4:00 p.m. mass. We have all been blest by Maxine Gotto, a wonderful lady of faith.

### Catholic School Week Breakfast.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, next Sunday for the Catholic Schools week. The monies raised from the breakfast will be used for scholarships for students from our parish who wish to attend Saint Albert.

### A Reminder!!!!

All of the ministries, lector, usher, server will be staffed by students who attend Saint Albert. These masses are very special and they are a wonderful way for us to celebrate the great gift that our Catholic School education was a blessing for all of us. I will hopefully be able to contact all of the ministers to inform them of this change. I will need adult ushers at all the masses so those of you assigned I will need you to help with ushering.

### Lent.

Lent begins on Valentines day, February 14th. We have soup suppers on Tuesdays and always have a program at the soup suppers. This will be my last Lent with you and I ask that if you have any topics that you would like presented at the soup suppers please let me know by calling me at the office.

### Church Attendance.

I have been asked many times this week about the church attendance last weekend. We had about 50 people at every mass which was a great crowd when I consider the weather. I didn't know that the bishop had given a dispensation to skip mass. I am very pleased to share with you that I had altar servers at every mass this past weekend and four servers at most of the masses.

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Readings for January 28, 2024  
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/23	8:00 am	Berndine Nicholson
Wed	1/24	8:00 am	Virginia Carberry
Thur	1/25	5:30 pm	Dennis Kirlin
Fri	1/26	8:00 am	Tom Olson
Sat	1/27	4:00 pm	Shirley McConnell
Sun	1/28	8:00 am	Clara Stewart
Sun		10:00 am	Sharon Kluding
Sun		Noon	Jacque Rallis

SATURDAY, 4PM January 27, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Jim Beck, Nicolas Moses, Rowan Jackson  
LECTORS: Jim Svajgl, Amber Svajgl-Jackson  
EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, January 28, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Oliver Juranek, Owen Juranek, George Garst  
LECTORS: Genette Wirtz, Peter Finn  
EUCH MINISTER: Patti Ford  
USHERS: Sue Brownlee, Keith Wirtz, Russ Goeser, Andy Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM January 28, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Alyssa Brockelsby, Kyla Brockelsby, Nathaniel Biederman  
LECTORS: Chris Fink, Ed Fink  
EUCH MINISTER: Patty Gantt  
USHERS: Jill Clevenger, Zach Clevenger, Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe

SUNDAY, NOON January 28, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, Nolan Duitsman, Mason Olson  
LECTORS: Michelle Oswald, Terry Oswald  
EUCH MINISTER: Anne Rohling  
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich

### FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Sunday's gospel John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God. This symbol of the Lamb of God was a powerful symbol for all the Jewish people and they all understood what the meaning of this symbol was. My thought for the day is this: If you were to think of one symbol that all Catholics could identify with as the sign of God what would it be? I would love to hear your response.

The RCIA Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 9:15am thru 4:00pm Mass. It is open to any parishioner who would like to attend. There is no cost and morning coffee and lunch is served. Contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, March 3, 2pm-4pm. Contact Dan Lighthipe 402-968-7577 for info.

### LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- There are a couple ways to argue with a woman. But they don't work.
- My favorite thing about winter is when it's over.
- Just got off the treadmill. I got so inspired, tomorrow I might actually turn it on.
- You can tell your husband exactly where to go in your purse and he'll bring the entire purse back.
- Iowa weather forecast this week: Expect 0-100 inches of snow starting Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, we're not sure but it's going to be a big one.
- I tried behaving once...Total boredom.
- My favorite winter sport is walking to the coffee maker.
- Sometimes I wish I were a nicer person, but then I laugh and continue my day,
- This is no longer winter. This is harassment.
- Welcome to winter driving where lanes are made up and stop signs are optional.
- The only blizzard conditions I'm interested in are from the Dairy Queen.
- Apparently there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get and the "near death" version that men get.
- Snow is not a word, but an acronym for S-tuff, N-o, O-ne W-ants.
- I heard the more colorful your salad is, the better it is for you so I swapped my croutons for M & M's.
- Every man thinks that every woman's dream is to find the perfect man...Please! Every woman's dream is to eat without getting fat.
- I believe in eating several servings of fruit each day. In pie form.
- There's a strange voice in my head saying: "Vacuum the floor, clean the house, wash the windows." Good thing my Mom taught me never to listen to strangers.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 21-Grade mass 10am for 2nd, 6th, & 9th Grades.  
Monday, January 22-Knights of Columbus Meeting-6pm Hall  
Tuesday, January 23-Women's Prayer Group-6:30pm Hall  
Wednesday-January 24-Rel Ed 6:15pm WC-9th & 10th Grade Confirmation 6:15pm Hall 11th Grade Confirmation-7:15pm Hall.  
Saturday, January 27-1st Reconciliation 8:30am Church  
Sunday, January 28-Catholic Schools Week Brunch after 8 and 10 masses.

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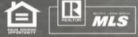
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