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 name of Jesus, our Lord  
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Third  
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# From the Pastor's Desk

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Continuing with the catechesis on the Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Word — on which I reflected in the past catechesis —, is followed by the other constitutive part of the Mass, which is the Eucharistic Liturgy. In it, through the holy signs, the Church renders continually present the Sacrifice of the new Covenant sealed by Jesus on the altar of the Cross (Cf. Second Ecumenical Vatican Council, Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, 47). The first Christian altar was the Cross, and when we come to the altar to celebrate Mass, our memory goes back to the altar of the Cross, where the first sacrifice was made. The priest, who represents Christ in the Mass, carries out what the Lord Himself did and entrusted to the disciples in the Last Supper: He took the bread and the chalice, rendered thanks, and gave them to the disciples, saying: "Take, eat . . . drink: this is my Body . . . this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of Me."

Obedient to Jesus' command, the Church ordered the Eucharistic Liturgy in moments that correspond to the words and gestures done by Him, on the vigil of his Passion. Thus, in the preparation of the gifts, the bread and wine are taken to the altar, namely, the elements that Jesus took in His hands. In the Eucharistic Prayer we give thanks to God for the work of Redemption and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It's followed by the breaking of the Bread and Communion, through which we relive the experience of the Apostles, who received the Eucharistic gifts from the hands of Christ Himself (Cf. Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano), 72).

The preparation of the gifts corresponds, then, to Jesus' first gesture: He took the bread and the chalice of wine. It's the first part of the Eucharistic Liturgy. It's good that it's the faithful that present the bread and wine to the priest, because they signify the spiritual offering of the Church, gathered there for the Eucharist. It's beautiful that it's in fact the faithful that bring the bread and wine to the altar. Although today, "the faithful no longer bring, as before, their own bread and wine destined to the Liturgy, yet the rite of the presentation of these gifts keeps its value and spiritual meaning" (Ibid., 73). And in this connection, it's significant that, in ordaining a new presbyter, the Bishop, when he gives him the bread and wine, says: "Receive the offerings of the holy people for the Eucharistic sacrifice," (Roman Pontifical – Ordination of Bishops, of presbyters and of deacons). It's the people of God that brings the offering, the bread and wine, the great offering for the Mass! Therefore, in the signs of the bread and wine the faithful people put their own offering in the priest's hands, who places it on the altar or table of the Lord, "which is the center of all the Eucharistic Liturgy" ((OGMR, 73). That is, the center of the Mass is the altar, and the altar is Christ. It's always necessary to look at the altar, which is the center of the Mass. Offered, therefore, in the "fruit of the earth and the work of man," is the commitment of the faithful to make of themselves, obedient to the divine Word, a "pleasing sacrifice to Almighty God the Father, for the good of all His Holy Church." Thus "the life of the faithful, their suffering, their prayer, their work, are united to those of Christ and to His total offering, and in this way they acquire a new value" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1368).

Our offering is certainly a small thing, but Christ is in need of this small thing. The Lord asks little of us, and He gives us so much. He asks little of us. He asks us for good will in ordinary life; He asks us for an open heart; He asks us for the will to be better to receive him who offers Himself to us in the Eucharist. He asks us for these symbolic offerings, which will then become His Body and His Blood. An image of this self-giving movement of prayer is represented by incense that, consumed in the fire, gives off a perfumed smoke that goes up on high: to incense the offerings, as is done on feast days, to incense the cross, the altar, the priest and the priestly people manifest visibly the offertory bond that unites all these realities to Christ's sacrifice (Cf. OGMR, 75). And don't forget: it's the altar that is Christ, but always in reference to the first altar, which is the Cross, and on the altar, which is Christ, we bring our little gifts, the bread and wine, which then will become so much: Jesus Himself who gives Himself to us.

And all this is what the prayer over the offerings expresses. In it the priest asks God to accept the gifts that the Church offers Him, invoking the fruit of the wonderful exchange between our poverty and His richness. In the bread and wine, we present our life to Him, so that it's transformed by the Holy Spirit into Christ's sacrifice and becomes, with Him, one spiritual offering pleasing to the Father. While the preparation of the gifts is thus concluded, it disposes us to the Eucharistic Prayer (Cf. Ibid, 77).

May the spirituality of the gift of self, which this moment of the Mass teaches, be able to illumine our days, our relations with others, the things we do, the sufferings we meet, helping us to build the earthly city in the light of the Gospel.

Know you are Loved,

Father Peter

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, March 6th @ 9am**  
+ Fr. Mason Vaughn

**Wednesday, March 7th @ 6pm**  
Reg Hitchcock  
req. The Fitzpatrick Family

**Thursday, March 8th @ 9am**  
+ Evelyn Connors  
req. Bill Borrelle

**Friday, March 9th @ 9am**  
+ Jim Kloosterman

**Saturday, March 10th @ 5pm**  
Parish Volunteers

**Sunday, March 11th @ 10am**  
Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Paul



### Memorial Easter Lillies

Envelopes can be found in the vestibule. Lillies will again be \$10.00. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket or stop by the office.

### Readings for Week of Mar. 5th

**Mon: 2Kgs 5:1-15ab / LK 4:24-30**

**Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35**

**Wed: DT 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19**

**Thurs: Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23**

**Fri: Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34**

**Sat: Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14**

**Sun: 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21**

## Week at a Glance

**Tuesday, March 6th**  
Ladies Study Group 4:30pm  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

**Wednesday, March 7th**  
Soup Kitchen 2:30– 5:30pm  
Karate 6pm  
Knights Meeting 7:30pm

**Friday, March 8th**  
Fish Fry 4pm—7pm  
Stations of the Cross 4:30pm  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

**Sunday, March 11th**  
K-12 Faith Formation 11:30am  
Parish Penance Service 5pm



K—12 Faith Formation

Class March 3rd, 11th,  
Movie 18th, & class 25th

### Solanus Center Trip

Visit the Solanus Casey Center and Nourish Your Soul!  
Art...History...Culture...Spirituality  
Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The cost for the trip will be \$62.00 a person. This includes transportation, lunch and tip.



The Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 9th  
from 4pm—7pm

All you can eat cod, steamed or fried. Potato, Veggie, Mac & Cheese, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Punch and Homemade Desserts. Come join us for a super dinner and help support the Knights & all they do.

## Bless you for your Stewardship

**St. Paul: 2/25/18**

Reg. \$1,276.00 + Loose \$200.00  
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**St. Monica: 2/25/18**

Reg. \$95.00

### Financial Position

St. Paul  
Expenses \$105,300.24  
Income \$ 88,300.51  
Net Income \$16,999.73

St. Monica  
Expenses \$ 6,568.53  
Income \$ 5,895.40  
Net Loss \$673.13

**Flu Season**  
**If you are feeling ill,**  
**please do not receive**  
**from the Chalice,**  
**thank you.**

### PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 11th  
at 5pm

We invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing.



Thank you to all who brought items for our local food bank.

### Mark Your Calendar

Tues. Mar. 13th—Parish Council Mtg.

Fri. Mar. 16th—Stations of the Cross

- K of C Fish Fry

Sun. Mar. 18th—Parish Movie "Wonder"

### Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Jean Crawford	Martha Frost	Nancy Madison	Anya Pecova	Walter Szymoniak
Colleen Berry	Nick Crawford	Donna Giessinger	Mark Marx	David Riley	Dave Tesmer
Mary Bower	Adam Cripps	Vicki Giessinger	Brittany Maynard	Diana Rogers	Sue Tesmer
Bill Breed	Theresa Czajka	Vicki Gosinski	Dennis McGuire	Norma Schoolcraft	Shirley Trafflet
Sandra Bunk	Donna Diller	Catherine Green	Bob Merrick	Frank Sobieralski	Bob Turney
Abel Canales	Louise Dorton	Chuck Hart	Kathy Merrick	Karen Sobieralski	Lois Veihl
Gary J. Castonia	Richard Dowker	Jim Hayes	Carolyn Mousseau	Leaton Stevens	Randy Veihl
Bob Carter	Elvin Eagleson	Harry Hopkins	Patrick Mousseau	Ray Stiles	Randy Weber
Dorothy Connors	William Ellenberger	Starr Iltu	Ann Osantowski	Miriam Stoloque-Handtich	