



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Rev. Charles A. Mosley, *Pastor*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Evening before Holy Day	5:30 p.m.
Holy Day	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday (or by special arrangement)	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
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BAPTISMS

Baptism classes will be held on the First Sunday of each month at 3pm at the Pastoral Center. Baptism will take place on the last weekend of the month. Note: No Baptisms will take place during the Advent or Lenten Season. For more information, please call Fr. Mosley at 844-3438 X224.

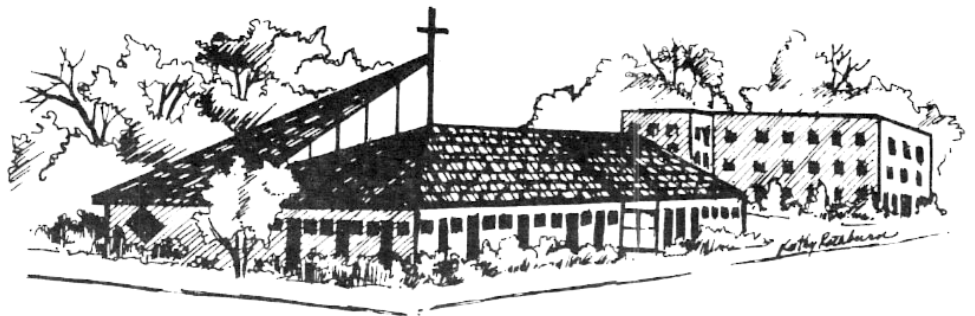
WEDDINGS

Arrangements with the pastor should be made at least nine months before the event. For more information, please call Fr. Mosley at 844-3438.

The Pastoral Center general office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and again 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please call the Pastoral Center for assistance at 219-844-3438, X 221.

Mari Smelko	(x221)	<i>Receptionist / General Information</i>
Father Mosley	(x224)	<i>Pastor & Baptism Information</i>
Alfredo Flores	(x228)	<i>Adult and Family Faith Formation & RCIA</i>
Dorothy Callahan	(x229)	<i>Administration</i>
Mary Jameyfield	(x231)	<i>Director of Music</i>

We, the community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, desire to grow in the love of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; united in faith and nourished by the Eucharist as stewards of the Roman Catholic Church, we share our time, talent and treasure by striving to live our gospel values through faithful service and witness of Christ's love to our community and one another.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY—November 11 [33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]

8am For Our Parishioners

10am Mary Ann Kozlowski by Daughter, Mari

MONDAY, November 12

7am Keith Whiddon by Laramie Family

TUESDAY, November 13

7am Mil Tokoly by Daughter, Theresa

WEDNESDAY, November 14

7am Mary Rose Longawa by The Paquins

THURSDAY, November 15

7am Alice & Eugene Graban by Family

FRIDAY, November 16

7am Nicholas Johnson by Smelko Family

SATURDAY, November 17

4:30pm Gorgonia Torres by Ernesto Torres Family

SUNDAY—November 18 [32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]

8am For Our Parishioners

10am Jaqueline Fogarty by Mary Ellis Ziesenhene

PREVIEW OF THE WEEK

Sunday—11/11 [32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time]

Mass 8am

Youth Mass 10am

Rosary Raffle

TRUTH

Monday—11/12 Veterans Day

Bingo 4:30

NO Faith Formation

Parish Pastoral Council 7:30pm

Tuesday — 11/13

Quilting 9am

Scripture Study 1pm

Choir 6pm

St. Vincent de Paul 7pm

Wednesday —11/14

Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament 11am

Bell Choir 6:30pm

Scripture Study 7pm

Thursday — 11/15

Mustard Seed Prayer Group 7pm

Friday— 11/16**Saturday — 11/17**

Confessions 3:30-4pm

Mass 4:30pm

Rosary Raffle

Sunday—11/18 [33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time]

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

Rosary Raffle

PARISH OFFERING NOVEMBER 4, 2018
176 out of 509 Envelopes Used

Regular Collection:	\$5,363.50
Loose Collection:	\$105.00
Second Collection (utilities):	\$1,120.00
Hall Income	\$2,121.00
Total Income:	\$8,709.00

CSA 2018 Goal: \$28,050.00
95 pledges: \$21,769.33 Payments to date: \$19,619.33

89 pledges out of 509 Parishioners

FAITH FORMATION NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Monday, November 12, 2018 Veteran's Day - **NO** Class

Monday, November 19, 2018 Harvest Mass –meet in Church at 6pm. Bring can goods or monetary donations for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Monday, November 26, 2018, class as usual 6pm.

There are still weekdays in December available for Masses. Please call the pastoral center at 844-3438. We ask a donation of \$10.00.



Rose Adams, Elizabeth Bardoczi, James Barrick, Pat Hauer, Ann Hudzik, Kay Kwiatkowski, Ann Matolin, Virginia Rakos & Lillian Wojno

MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENTS

What You Need To Know

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7pm
St. James the Less in Highland.

Fr. Brian Chadwick, long time member of the Tribunal, will speak on the annulment process.

Bring you questions and receive informative answers. Refreshments will be provided.

To register call Deacon Michael W. Halas,
 Workshop host at
 219-924-4220 or mhalas@stjameshighland.org

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

In the first Book of Kings we read: "For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" This is what the prophet Elijah told the widow of Zarephath when he asked her for some food. She was asked to take a leap of faith to believe that the Lord would provide for her and her son. We too are asked to take a leap of faith. God the Father has called you to be a steward of His grace in the world around us. We are called to be a vessel of God's love to dispel the darkness of sin and hopelessness and replace it with the Light of Christ. Is it easy, no, but with the grace of the Holy Spirit we can make it happen.

PRAY FOR PEACE

"Peace I give to you; My peace I leave with you." If you will recall that I asked you to join me in a year of prayer for peace. The violence continues in the city of Chicago. The murder rate in the city of Gary is at a seventeen year high and continues to rise. A child is abused. The mass shootings seem to increase every week. This must come to an end!! So today I would like to invite you to join me every Friday on a permanent basis to take some time and pray for peace. It can be five minutes or half an hour or an hour, whatever time you may have, let us spend it in prayer for peace. You do not have to be in church, although the church is always available to you. Prayer can happen anywhere you are. You can be alone or get together with some friends. Let us just do this and use this great tool that the Lord has given us and make our world a place of love and peace. When good people come together in prayer wonderful things will happen. Let us lift our prayers for peace. Remember the Lord says I will hear the prayer of the faithful person.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Let us use these Biblical passages to help us celebrate the Lord in our lives and relationships

Ordinary Time 2018

Mark 4: 1-20 "Do you not understand this parable"

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"If I But Touch His Clothes."

This is what the woman who suffered for twelve years said to herself. She believes that simply to touch the clothes of Jesus would cause her to be healed. There are many people who want to be healed. Healed from hunger, healed from pain, healed from loneliness, healed from despair. You are the hands of Jesus who can make this healing happen. You can be the vessel through which the love of Jesus can flow. The Lord is asking you to be His hand and His vessel. How will you respond? Be a good steward!!!

Catholic Services Appeal:

We are "A Church of Living Stones."

Your sacrificial gift does make a difference. I am most grateful to those who have responded so generously to the 2018 Catholic Service Appeal. We are however, far behind in meeting our goal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, please return your envelope to the Diocese of Gary. For your convenience, they accept both checks and credit card payments.

Please support the 2018 CSA Campaign

We currently have \$40,021.59 in our building fund. This money is part of our Roof Fund. We need \$100,000.00 for a new roof on our Faith Formation and Social Center building. The patch that we have on the roof has reached the end of its warranty. It could fail at any moment, so we really need to get this roof fixed.

I am your humble servant,

Rev. Charles A. Mosley

WHAT ARE THEY ASKING ABOUT THE CHURCH TODAY

In this Column I will answer questions about the Church or the parish; so whatever you want to know about the Church or the parish, please just ask. In addition we will sometimes look at issues that affect our Church or our members. Today will start our series on Reconciliation.

Session Two: BROKEN WINDOWS

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! -- Psalm 51:1-2—

One day back in my youth while playing in the front yard I broke the front window. It was a huge one. I had to go to my parents and tell what happened.

Perhaps you have had a similar experience. Breaking a window, or breaking anything, is something you can not run from. People may not always know if you are lying or being dishonest, but if you crash a friend's car, they are going to find out.

Sin, too, breaks something. It causes real damage, both eternally and in the "right now." In order to make things right, we need to go through a process.

We call Confession the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a reason. Reconciliation is a process, and we go through it to restore a relationship. If we do something that hurts or breaks a relationship, the only way to really restore it is through the process of reconciliation.

There are five movements to the process of reconciliation. To get more concrete, let us look at my broken window. While the breaking of the window was not intentional and therefore not a sin, it still required reconciliation.

1. A wrong is committed. (A window was broken.)
2. We feel bad about the thing we did.
(The window breaker, me, felt guilty)
3. An apology is offered to the person we hurt.
(I told my parents.)
4. The person we hurt forgives us.
(My Father said things happen.)
5. We make restitution for any harm done.
(I worked to pay for the window with extra chores)

When we make restitution for our wrongs, we sometimes think that we have made things "right" and can bypass the whole reconciliation process. We might buy a gift for someone we have hurt but never apologize. Thus, we hope to "make it up to them." But the relationship never really heals, because we are not reconciled.

Some people believe that they "just need to tell God" or that "God already knows what I have done; I just need to make it right."

If we want the healing that comes from being reconciled with God, we need to follow the process that happens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is why Jesus gives us the sacrament: it walks us through the five steps and allows us to really be reconciled with God.

We cannot do this on our own. Jesus gives bishops and priest special authority to act on His behalf to forgive our sins and reconcile us to Him and the Church. We say that they act in *persona Christi capitis*, a Latin phrase that translates as "in the person of Christ, the head." Jesus is the head of the body of Christ, the Church (Colossians 1:18), and the only one with the authority to forgive sins. (Mark 2:10). -

With a priest acting in *persona Christi capitis*, we walk through the Sacrament of Reconciliation the same way that we reconcile with another person in our lives.

1. We commit a sin.
Probably a few of them--some minor and some major.
2. We feel bad about our sins and seek forgiveness.
When we walk into the confessional, we say "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." We need to name our sins explicitly, because this allows us to take ownership of our actions. We do not want to risk becoming complacent and comfortable with our sins or justify them and make excuses for them. Instead of blaming someone else, we blame ourselves and acknowledge that we fell short in specific ways. By naming our sins, we take away the power that silence and ignorance give to them.

3. We ask forgiveness.
After we name our sins, we ask for forgiveness in a formal way. We call this "making an act of contrition." There are several such prayers you can memorize, or you can read from a card. Or simply state that you are sorrow and make a desire not to sin again.

This is not an empty ritual; in an act of contrition, we do three things. First, we express sorrow for our sins because they have hurt God and others. Second, we ask for forgiveness for our sins, confident that we are going to receive it. Finally, we make a commitment to avoid sin and to ask for God's grace and help in doing so.

4. Jesus forgives us.
The priest responds to our act of contrition with a prayer absolving us of our sins. Jesus has forgiven us through His death on the Cross; He paid the price for our sins and took on the punishment for us. We do not need to pay for the broken window; He buys a new one for us.

This prayer is an affirmation that we are receiving the grace that, poured forth from the cross. As the priest prays it, our sins are erased, and we are set free from their eternal consequences. Remember, this is not the priest acting on his power. It is Jesus Christ telling us that, through His death and resurrection, we are forgiven. This is a powerful moment, when we can be assured that we have been truly forgiven.

5. We make restitution.

We call this part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation penance. Our sin has an effect on the world around us, even if we do not see it.

The penance the priest assigns us is not a punishment; it is an opportunity to ask God to make things right. We offer up our penance for people we have hurt, we ask for even more grace to avoid sin, and we pray for healing of any lingering effects of sin in our lives.

This is not a part of the process to skip or forget. A great way to make sure you pray your penance is to offer it up right after Confession. If it is a penance you need to do more than once, set yourself a reminder to do it.

Reconciliation is a process that brings real healing and restoration to what is broken in our relationship with God and others, as well as, what is broken within us. Jesus knows we need reconciliation, so He gave us a way to encounter Him in a profound and real way through Confession.

Healing exists for the broken windows in our lives. Jesus not only pays the price, but He gives us new windows, He makes all things new.

Next week: What is Normal?

TITHING

"With generosity comes a joy and peace that money cannot buy."

BECOME A BUSINESS WITH GOD



*William Grimmer
James Szepanski
Lucille Klein*