

**Christ Child Catholic Church**  
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the  
Challenges of Loving Service***

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 3, 2017**

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control ("Deny yourself"), the willingness to suffer ("take up your cross"), the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God ("to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God" **Romans 12:1**).

**"There is no Poland without a cross."**

Years ago, when Poland was still under Communist control, the Prime Minister ordered the crucifixes removed from classroom walls. Catholic Bishops attacked the ban, which had stirred waves of anger and resentment all across Poland. Ultimately the government relented, insisting that the law remain on the books, but agreeing not to press for removal of the crucifixes, particularly in the schoolrooms. But one zealous Communist school administrator, the director of the Mietnow agricultural college, Ryszard Dobrynski, took the crosses down

from his seven lecture halls where they had hung since the school's founding in the twenties. Days later, a group of parents entered the school and hung more crosses. The administrator promptly had these taken down as well. The next day, two-thirds of the school's six hundred students staged a sit-in. When heavily armed riot police arrived, the students were forced into the streets. Then they marched, crucifixes held high, to a nearby Church where they were joined by twenty-five hundred other students from nearby schools for a morning of prayer in support of the protest. Soldiers surrounded the Church. But the press was there as well, and pictures from inside of students holding crosses high above their heads flashed around the world. So did the words of the priest who delivered the message of the weeping congregation that morning. "There is no Poland without a cross."

Perhaps the cross has come to symbolize comfort to us because we have had to sacrifice little in our lives. The more we are called upon to carry our own crosses, the more we will understand the one our Savior carried outside the city gates to the crosses and follow Jesus.

**Life messages:** We need to be "extremophiles" for Christ. True disciples of Christ are: truly compassionate: they are willing to visit the infected and the sick, in hospitals, the incontinent elderly, the handicapped and those who suffer dementia in nursing homes, and AIDS patients in hospices; truly humble: they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that His gifts to us of time, personal talents and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; truly forgiving: they are willing to

forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God has forgiven them again and again...

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Call the office for an appointment

**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call for an appointment

**For Pregnancy Support:**

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**Pray Group in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am - All Women and All Men

**MASS INTENTIONS September 2 - 8**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Martina Durham**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Sobrak-Seaton

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The De Pangher FAM

Friday 8:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly

**Men's Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 PM. **September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM.**

**Please come to pray for the families & Country!**

**WONDERFUL WOMEN'S WEEKEND**

The St. Clare Retreat Center is putting on a special silent retreat **September 15 - 17, 2017**. **The guest speaker is Father Serge Propst O.P.**

The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday lunch. The cost for this three day retreat is \$140 and single rooms are available on request for \$150.00

Please consider attending this wonderful weekend.

For reservations and/or questions, please contact

**Jeanette Roberts 353-1880.**

**Thank you**

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH HERVEST  
PARTY & DANCE**

**LIVE BAND - DANCING, FOOD &  
DRINKS!!!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,  
2017 STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK**

**TICKETS SALES AFTER MASS**

For information see Don Boisvert

408.828.2035

**PLEASE SUPPORT!!!**

*Saturday masses now have music with John Grassadonia to enjoy and pray more better and full participation! If you sing you pray twice!!!*

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