



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 9th & 10th

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- CONVERSION-CONVERSATION

"By God's grace I am what I am." —1 Corinthians 15:10, our transl.

The purpose of life is to be converted to the Lord. For example, "in the year King Uzziah died," Isaiah "saw the Lord" in the temple (Is 6:1). Isaiah was converted. He saw God's glory, became painfully aware of his own sinfulness, was forgiven and purified, and accepted God's call to be a prophet (Is 6:1ff).

Saul (Paul) was also converted. He did not see but heard the risen Lord (Acts 9:4). He was struck blind for three days, during which he prayed (Acts 9:8, 12). Then Ananias laid his hands on Saul and healed him of his blindness (Acts 9:17-18). Saul was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17-18).

Simon Peter was converted when Jesus helped him have the best day at work that he had ever experienced (Lk 5:6ff). In his fishing business, he had never caught so many fish. Simon Peter knew it was a miracle. He became very aware of his sinfulness (Lk 5:8), "left everything," and became a disciple of Jesus (Lk 5:11). Have you been converted to Jesus? If so, are you living accordingly? Be and live converted.

Prayer: Abba, "send me" to lead others to conversion (Is 6:8).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Feb 10 - 8.30 a.m. + Sambo Katara By Bill and Linda Bohr

Monday, Feb 11 - 7:30 a.m. +Donna Burton By Bill and Linda Bohr

Wednesday, Feb 13 - 6:00p.m. +Marie Bohr By Bill and Linda Bohr

Thursday, Feb 14 - 7:30a.m. +Georgann Hinson By Bill and Linda Bohr

Friday, Feb 15 - 7:30a.m. +Ruth Swayze By Alice Kuehler

Saturday, Feb 16 - 5:30p.m. +Ruth Swayze By Loretta Britten

Church Cleaning for February

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, and Lynita Brown

Family Chalice Program

Feb 16/17 Keith Barkley Family
Feb 23/24 Michele & Rodney Bohr
March 2/3 Mike and Marla Britten
March 9/10 Rita and Mike Lister
March 16/17 Kay and Cobb Britten

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 14 Collins Koetting

*A-Feb13 Mike & Stephanie Friemel
Feb 14th Fabian & Tonda Torres*

Feb 15 Mary Kuehler

Stewardship Reports

02/03/19

Individual	\$1,695.00
Loose	\$ 266.00
Children	\$ 15.00
Total	\$1,976.00

02/03/19 Building Fund

Individual & Total	\$ 489.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Alex

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & Jan Britten

Sunday, Feb 10th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, and Susan Britten

Saturday, Feb 16th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Feb 17th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

Saturday, Feb 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Jan Britten

Sunday, Feb 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'leigh and Maci

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten and Melanie K Britten

Saturday, Mar 2nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Kevion Brown

Sunday, Mar 3rd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sandie Hickey and Susan Britten

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Feb 17th Campus Ministries

Christian Mothers Meetings:

Feb 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

Mar 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

RURAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of Amarillo is sponsoring a Youth Pilgrimage to Oklahoma City in honor of Blessed Stanley Rother, Farmer, Priest and Martyr. The retreat will take place March 30-31, 2019. The retreat, led by Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, will include an excursion to Okarche, OK, Fr. Rother's hometown. The cost per student is \$50.00. To register, contact Fr. Jim at St. John the Evangelist Church in Borger (806) 274-7064 by March 8th (A discount of ten dollars for registrations received by March 1st)

Announcements:

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes: Anyone who has made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes will not have missed the opportunity to pray at the Grotto where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on the 11th of February 1858. A mystical place, similar to the welcoming “bosom” of a mother, almost a baptismal font, in which to immerse ourselves and rediscover the unrivalled beauty of being Christians: having God as our Father and Mary as our Mother! Lourdes is one of the most important “places of grace” known to the Church. It is like a vast basin of purity where countless souls have removed the clothes of sin and put on the snow white garments of spiritual rebirth! Some, like the author, found the light necessary to embrace the call to the priesthood, others, the strength to remain faithful to this commitment. How can we deny that the Mother is the one who knows the Will of the Son better than anyone else and that turning to Her we understand better the mysterious plan God has for each one of us? No one better than Mary can convince us to “do whatever he tells you”! In Lourdes, like the servants at Cana, we too sincerely open our hearts to the presence of the Mother and, attentive to her words, we are captivated by the mystery of the Son. Then we see His Will for what it truly is: our path to happiness! Bernardette actually saw the Lady dressed in white, whereas we see her not with our eyes but with our heart, which is aware in faith of her presence on our journey. In front of the Grotto of Massabielle the pilgrim's interior vision is illuminated with a light typical of that place of grace: the light of the spiritual motherhood of Mary who gives Jesus to us as at Christmas, again and again. Those apparitions have sustained countless souls, encouraging them on the path of conversion and personal sanctification. And their change has helped improve the world because the whole world benefits from the conversion of even one heart. For us, pilgrims to Lourdes, Mary's universal motherhood is a mystery to discover again and again, so she may accompany us all through life. In Lourdes this Marian light is present everywhere: when we bathe in the waters, in the evening when we mingle with thousands of others to pray the rosary at the torchlight procession; in the afternoon when we join crowds of sick persons taking part in the Blessed Sacrament Procession. Her presence is a mystery to savor in our soul and to learn, with Mary, to honour her Son, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first to witness Our Lady's presence at Lourdes was little Bernardette Soubirous, who became her intrepid messenger. Although she is buried far away in Nevers in the north of France, her body totally incorrupt, as if she were asleep, you can “meet” Saint Bernadette everywhere in Lourdes. It is sweet to remember her and read the humble words she addressed to Our Lady: “Yes, gentle Mother, you lowered yourself, you came down to earth to appear to a helpless little girl... You, the Queen of Heaven and earth, deigned to make use of what was most humble for the world.”