

Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Reynolds And St Jude's, Thompson

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One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Matt 4:4b

How often do we make a remark we wish we could take back? How often do we regret not doing something we should have done? In both these cases and many more we regret choices we have made. Temptations to speak and act in certain ways force us to make choices, even if simply a choice to think before we speak or act. We would like to imagine that we can walk away from temptations and protect ourselves from having to make choices, especially when the temptation is serious and the choice difficult. But even walking away from temptation is a choice. We cannot avoid temptations in our lives. Nor can we avoid choices. Even Jesus had to face temptations, as this Sunday's gospel indicates. What we learn from him is how to make faithful choices in face of temptations. We also learn from him what effect our choices have on us and on others.

Two of the ten commandments focus on concupiscence specifically: do not covet your neighbor's wife or goods. Covetousness is the inordinate desire to possess what you don't have a right to. It is a sin when the desire is consented to. This is why it can be a sin even if it is only in one's mind.

Concupiscence is that inordinate desire. It is our inclination to sin (CCC 1254).

Concupiscence comes from sin, leads to sin, is an evil, but is not itself a sin (CCC 2515).

It comes from sin because it is a consequence of the sin of Adam. It leads to sin because it tempts us to sin. It is an evil because it is not good for us to desire something that is wrong. And it is not itself a sin because to have a desire or impulse is not morally blameworthy without consent.

A most important thing in life actually is to be just—to give God and our neighbor what we owe them—but the disordered desire of concupiscence is constantly inclining us toward injustice.

John the Apostle identifies three kinds of concupiscence: "Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life" (CCC 2514). These refer to the "pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason" (CCC 377). Sensual pleasure is not bad but the desire to enjoy it can lead to adultery and murder (in the case of King David). Earthly goods are also not bad but the desire for them can lead to beating and robbing and nearly murdering an innocent person (as in the parable of the Good Samaritan). Being highly esteemed by others is also a good thing but it can lead to telling all kinds of lies about your exploits. While concupiscence is an evil we have to deal with every day of our lives (CCC 2516), "it cannot harm those who do not consent but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ" (CCC 1264).

Mark's version of the temptation in the desert is short and to the point. He does not relay the details of Jesus' experience of temptation, but he does show its outcome: Jesus boldly enters Galilee proclaiming, "This is the time . . . Repent, and believe." Temptations always force us to make a choice. Jesus' choice is to take up his saving mission. What is our temptation? What is our choice? These are the questions of Lent. They are the questions those of us who are baptized into Christ (see second reading) must constantly ask if we wish to participate in his saving mission, proclaiming by the choices we make that the Gospel determines who we are and how we act.

Confronting temptation and overcoming the sinfulness that keeps us from righteous Christian living is a necessary first step for faithful baptismal living. We must turn from sinfulness before we can do our part to continue Jesus' mission. Since repentance, forgiveness, and belief are so central to Christian living, proclaiming the Gospel at least means that we turn from our sinful ways, forgive others, and express our belief by saying yes to God's will for us. None of these is easy to do, which is why proclaiming the Gospel is a lifelong mission. The most eloquent proclamation of the Gospel is the witness of the way we live. Ultimately, what we witness to is the "time of fulfillment" brought about by believing in and living the Gospel.

Lent 1st Sunday



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls: Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from OLPH church entrance. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



Please consider donating one can of food, or other non-perishable food item for each day of the 40 days of Lent. Food collected will benefit local food pantries. Collection bins are located in the church of each parish, or have the children bring their cans up forward with the gifts of the people at Mass.



Reminder: Confessions are available on Saturday afternoon before the Vigil Mass at 5pm.

LENTEN JOURNEY

Sunday—18 8:30—SJ Mass 10:30—OLPH Mass	Monday—19 Feast St Joseph	Tuesday—20 5:45p—OLPH Mass	Wednesday—21 9:00—SJ Mass 530p—OLPH Mass 6p—OLPH Adoration 7p—OLPH Stations	Thursday—22 5:45p OLPH Mass	Friday—23 5:30p—SJ Mass 7p—SJ Stations	Saturday—24 4p—Confessions 5p—SJ Mass
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Offertory Feb 4, 2018
OLPH—\$1022.00 Online: \$133.89
ST JUDE—\$1067.00 Online: \$711.19

Future Events

God's Gift Education Weekend Feb 17-18
God's Gift Commitment Feb 24-25

Mar 2—Fish Fry—SJ 5-7pm

Mar 16—Fish Fry—SJ 5-7pm

Mar 24 OLPH First Confessions 10-1130am

Christm Mass - Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Apr 1—Easter Sunday

Apr 7—Redeemed 2018 at Scheels Arena, Fargo

Apr 21—OLPH First Communion/Confession Retreat

April 22 2018—Confirmation at 1pm (Mayville)

May 3-15—Pilgrimage Available to Holy Land and Jordan—see parish website

May 6—SJ Festival of Tables 12-2pm

Jun 29—Wedding of Jerrod Truax & Rachel Sobolik—OLPH 4pm

Sept 9—SJ Fall Dinner

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2017

- 17 SJ +John Storbakken by Mom & Dad
 18 SJ Mass for the people
 OLPH Zach & Meagen Kvidt by Granger's
 20 OLPH +Yvonne Tweten by R/L Schumacher
 21 SJ +Julia Weber by M Adams
 22 OLPH +Garrick Bilobran by Unterseher
 23 SJ +Romie Weber by J Weber
 24 SJ +Vernon Adams by L/D/R Knipping
 25 SJ Mass for the people
 OLPH Zach & Megan Kvidt by Granger's
 27 OLPH +Pauline Argenziano by F/S Argenziano
 28 SJ +Decease parents/brother/sister by Jim Weber

Breakfast Benefit for Kerri-Lynn Larimer to help offset expenses from Cancer. April 15, 2018 from 11 to 1 pm at the Thompson School.

SJ Festival of Tables - May 6th - 12 pm to 2 pm. Please contact:
 Rita West (701.231.7275),
 Cindy Hegg (701.740.0655)
 Kim Garman (218.779.6347),
 Sandy Riedemann(701.739.2727)

Sunday, February 18 OLPH 10:30 a.m.
 Lector: Phil Zubrod
 EMHC: Joyce Riske, Mary Knutson
 Collection: Lance Keller, Neil Breidenbach
 Gifts: Keller family
 Servers: Riley Sondrol, Arlan Vanesh
 Ring Bell: Lisa Lazur

Sunday, February 25 OLPH 10:30 a.m.
 Lector: Chandra Fischer
 EMHC: Beth Lemer, Jake Unterseher
 Collection: Ryan Sondrol, Bill Leddige
 Servers: Thomas Granger, Riley Sondrol
 Ring Bell: Troy Lazur

FEBRUARY 2017 - 5:00 & 8:30

Saturday- February 17th

Lector Rod Nett
 EM: Rod Nett

Gifts Rod Nett &
 & Tom Weber

Servers

Saturday-February 24th

Lector Carol Johnson
 EM: Carol Johnson

Gifts Rob & Angie Zafke

March 2017 - 10:30

Sunday - March 4th

Lector Phil Schettler
 EM: Rod & Mick Nett
 Gifts Shawn & Theresa Boltz
 Servers Luke Mager & Jesse Plain

Sunday - March 11th

Lector Theresa West
 EM Mary Franklund & Mary Krogstad
 Gifts Ross & Amy Callier
 Servers Thomas Schumacher & Jordan West



A trip to the Holy Land and Jordan is in the planning phase for May 3 to 15, 2018.

Information is on the parish website. It is a trip of a lifetime and a walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the church.

BINGO and CAKE WALK

Sun., **March 4** - 1 p.m.
 Reynolds City Hall
 Main Street Reynolds

Concessions will be available for sale.

Sponsored by Reynolds Community Betterment.

The Reynolds Knights of Columbus will have a meeting on the third Wednesday February 21st at 8:10 p.m.

Knights of Columbus of St Jude's are accepting scholarship applications. They are in the back of the church. If you are a high school senior please pick one up. It's the closest thing to free money you'll ever see. Good luck.

Footcare will be held Friday, March 2nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Reynolds KC Hall. Use back door.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets every Monday, 7pm, at St. Jude's. 3rd Monday is open meeting. Please use north entrance. Church is handicap accessible.

Al-Anon meets every Monday, 7pm, at St. Jude's Catholic Church. 3rd Monday is open meeting with AA. Please use north entrance.

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