



## St. Libory's Catholic Church

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### **Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M.

### **Weekday Mass Times:**

Wednesday: 5:45 P.M.

Thursday: 6:00 P.M.

Friday: 6:45 A.M.

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: After 5:45 P.M. Mass until 7:30.

Saturday: 3:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday - Tuesday: No Daily Mass**

**Wednesday (March 24): 5:45 P.M.**

Dorothy Bogus t by Rod & Kim Placke

**Thursday (March 25): 6:00 P.M.**

Jim Mamot by Jim & Vi Mamot

**Friday (March 26): 6:45 A.M.**

Jim Kasson t by Gene & Sheila Horak

**Saturday (March 27): 4:30 P.M.**

Pat Placke t by Shannon and Jamie Placke Family

**Sunday (March 28): 9:00 A.M.**

For All Parishioners

### **MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR**

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 P.M.**

**Lector:** Cate Wieck

**Servers:** Kunze's, Kinren Etherton

**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M.**

**Lector:** Tony Placke

**Servers:** Logan & Cameron Placke

### **OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE**

**(March 13 & 14)**

Offering: \$2,447.00

Easter Flowers: \$520.00

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*Every Wednesday, Religious Education Class at 6:30 P.M.

\*Every Thursday during Lent - Mass at 6:00 P.M. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 P.M.

\*June 27 – July 2 – Totus Tuus.

## **THE PASTORS DESK**

One of the great weaknesses in the Church right now is the loss of faith in the Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Anointing, Marriage and Holy Orders. For many years now this has been almost universally blamed on poor teaching to the Catholic faithful. It is true that when all the religious deserted 50 years ago that the Catholic mandate to pass on the Faith fell on very hard times. Parents had to step in and take over a duty they were not prepared for and received very little assistance from the Church. This was also coupled with an influx of distorted teachings about the Sacraments that did much damage to the “believing” dimension as related to the Deposit of Faith, that which is universally held by the faithful to be true.

This brings me to the false contention that I want to take issue with. It is summarized by something I read in our Lenten meditations based on the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta. “Faith is not a matter of knowing, it’s a matter of believing!” The faith spoken of here is not the doctrinal composition of stated beliefs, but rather the faith lived out in our day to day lives.

So, we say we believe in the Sacraments, but do we? This might best be tested by two questions of evaluation. One, do I regularly participate in those offered on a repeated basis, such as Confession and the Eucharist (Mass)? Two, do I consciously expect God’s Grace to be actively working in me through the Sacraments, therefore experiencing real power at work within me?

If the answer is “no” or “not sure”, I am probably not dealing with a matter of sufficient knowledge of the subject material, but rather a matter of unbelief, not believing what knowledge we already have. Remember what Jesus said, “To him who has, more will be given. But he who has not even what he has will be taken away from him.” To him who has what we ask? Faith, believing! It’s not the conclusion just based on convincing evidence. Faith is a **decision to believe** someone we trust as being truthful.

Jesus, I trust in you! I believe in what you have done, said, and revealed!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Sid.

**RECONCILIATION** – See Reconciliation times on first page for extended times during Lent.

**NE CHURCH GUYS** – The Nebraska church guys, Ron Sack & Chase Becker, both of Omaha, will be in Howard & Sherman counties March 20 & 21. They will be recording history of all the parishes in Nebraska (past & present) for an upcoming book. They need your help. If you have any photos, stories, artifacts, history, etc. of churches, schools, & convents in these counties or others please contact them before they arrive to set up an appointment. They can be reached at: Ron Sack, 402-440-0823, [sttronn@gmail.com](mailto:sttronn@gmail.com); Chase Becker, 402-363-2982, [chasembecker@gmail.com](mailto:chasembecker@gmail.com). Sack grew up in St. Paul and has relatives in St. Paul, St. Libory, Farwell, Rockville, Ashton, and Paplin.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – The Easter egg hunt is Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 A.M. at the St. Libory Fire Station.

### **HOLY WEEK/EASTER MASS SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday: 6:30 P.M.

Good Friday: 6:30 P.M.

Easter Vigil: 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday: 9:00 A.M.

**TOTUS TUUS** – The dates for Totus Tuus are Sun, June 27-Thursday, July 1 for High School and Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> for elementary. Registration materials will be mailed at a later date.

**BEST CHOICE LABELS** – We are still saving Best Choice labels. If you have any, please place them in the designated folder in the foyer of church. Note: Super Saver has Best Choice brand.

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** – We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our visitors. Registration forms for all new members may be found at the back of the church or contact Fr. Sid.

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**EASTER MEMORIALS** – I would like to donate towards a plant that will decorate the church during the Easter season.

Enclosed is my donation. Please Print.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Remembered by \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by **March 28<sup>th</sup>** either through the mail or place in the collection basket.