

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

It is no accident that Jesus presented his beatitudes on a mountain. God delivered the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Those commandments were laws written on stone tablets. Jesus' beatitudes are ideals that are to be written on human hearts. With the beatitudes, Jesus wanted to shift the focus from external laws to be obeyed to laws of love to be lived in the kingdom he came to reveal.

The beatitudes turn this world's standards upside down. Happiness in being poor in spirit? "Nonsense!" the worldly tell us. The road to happiness is found in aggressiveness, ambition and success in competition.

Happiness, Jesus tells us, is given to us by God. We don't win it, achieve it, merit it or buy it. Everyone can have it. When it comes to happiness, everyone can be a winner. Happiness and fulfillment, Jesus teaches, will come to people with open hands, humble hearts and receptive spirits. The kingdom is God's gift; it's not ours to fashion as we wish.

Blessedness for the sorrowing? The poor? The meek? The persecuted? You won't find them on TV talk shows.

Who are the meek? They are those who have harnessed their talents and abilities to serve God's interests, not their own interests. They find happiness in serving others.

The hungry and thirsty? They continually seek a better, deeper, and richer relationship with God. They hunger for a better world in which we care for each other. The merciful? They are centered on others. They are willing to forgive and to seek reconciliation.

Saint Paul reminds us that when we put our faith in Christ, we cannot be deterred. As we heard in today's reading: *God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm. Please join us.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped take down Christmas decorations.

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Florence Cybulski**, mother of Marlene Shulist. May her soul rest in peace.

We **welcome Ava Therese Sullivan**, daughter of Patrick and Kyla Sullivan, who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of the church. God Bless!

Word Among Us—Lent 2023 are available for **free** in the church and mailbox.

Mass on Wed, Feb 1st will be at **9:30 am** and there will be a Mass on **Thurs, Feb 2nd at 7:00 pm**. There will be **blessing of candles** at this Mass and on **Fri, Feb 3rd** there will be **blessing of throats** during Mass.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Feb 3rd**. If you wish to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for **Lent**, we invite you to join our six week Bible study that looks at the last days of Jesus. Taught by our very own Patrick Sullivan, Catholic Evangelist, the study promises to bring you closer to Christ and His passion than ever before. We hope to see you there.

When? 7:30 p.m. [following Wednesday evening Mass]

Where? St. Mary's Parish boardroom

What do I bring? A Bible!

Start Date: Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

For a full list of dates please see the poster in the parish vestibule.

Some **2022 income tax receipts** are being returned to the church because of **improper mailing addresses**. If you have **not** received your copy and wish to, please email or call the office with the proper mailing address.

If you were a **reader or eucharistic minister** before Covid, and would like to be put back on the list, please call the parish office or send an email.

Rosary Society meeting on Mon, Feb 13th at 6:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

The parish bulletin has an empty space available on the back. If you wish to **advertise your business or organization**, call the office 613-756-2344, or email us at stmaryswilno@gmail.com Continue to support our bulletin advertisers.

The Knights intend to have another **Yard Sale** this year so after your Spring cleaning call Delmar 613-756-1785 or Ed 613-756-6535 for pick up anytime.

If you're looking for a religious article that is not on display, please drop off suggestion in the box located near the guest book and we will try our best to find something.

Pancake Breakfast

February 19, 2023

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wilno
Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Homemade Pancakes (including Potato Pancakes)



With all the fixings
Sausages/Baloney
Homemade Beans
Fruit and Juice
Coffee or Tea

\$15.00

10 & under \$8.00

Proceeds to go to Parish and Community Projects

Funeral homes are not accepting donations at this time in their office. We will have envelopes with *In Memory Pamphlet* available for pick up there, for **St. Mary's Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary's and St. Stanislaus Koska cemeteries or Mass Offering**. If you wish to make a donation, kindly pick a pamphlet up. Pamphlets are also available in church office and at the back of the church at a later date. Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sat, Jan 14—70	Sun, Jan 15— 71
Sat, Jan 21—67	Sun, Jan 22— 93

DIOCESAN NEWS

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS: Online registration is available at <https://pembrokediocese.com/young-adult/marriage-and-family/>. Registration Fee is **\$100.00/couple**. E-Transfer is now available via donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com or a cheque can be mailed to: Diocese of Pembroke – FLYMO – P.O Box 7, Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1 along with this form filled out. Questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 585-6301 or email at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com. Forms available at back of church. Course dates are as follows:

LOCATIONS	1 st Saturday	2 nd Saturday
WINTER: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew <i>(Deadline: Feb. 11)</i>	Sat, Feb. 25 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	Sat, Feb. Mar. 11 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.
SPRING: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pembroke <i>(Deadline: Mar. 16)</i>	Sat, Apr 1 - 2023 9- 4:00 p.m.	Sat, Apr 15 - 2023 9-4:00 p.m.

The **2023 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference will be held on Sat, Feb 25th at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario**. Join youth from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. This year's theme is "Level Up - Find Your Purpose!" Registration fee is only \$20 and includes all meals! The Conference runs from 10am – 8pm, and overnight accommodations are available for travellers. **All young people aged 13-19** are invited to register online at www.holynamestalphonsus.com/levelup. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Earlier this week, the Vatican released ***Pope Francis' message for the 31st World Day of the Sick***, celebrated each year on February 11, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father's message is entitled: ***"Take care of him" - Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing***. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us "to reflect on the fact that it is precisely through the experience of fragility and illness that we can learn to walk together according to God's style of closeness, compassion and tenderness." Message from Pope Francis is posted on the bulletin board.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College & The Don Bosco Drama Club present live theatre once again with **"Candida"**, a comedy by George Bernard Shaw. Showtimes: Fri, Feb 10th—7 pm, Sat, Feb 11th—7 pm, Sun (matinee), Feb 12th—1 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 406, Barry's Bay, Ont. **TICKETS** at the door: **ADULT: \$20, STUDENTS/SENIORS: \$12** (cash, cheque, etransfer only), **ADVANCE: \$15.35** (adult) / **\$11.70** (student); etransfer-only; Children under 6: Free, Family rate: \$50

In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * Our deceased family & friends.

We expect that a good number of parishioners will continue to wear masks, especially as attendance increases at our Masses. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so as their comfort is very important to all of us. Please self-monitor for any signs of illness, and to continue to avoid circumstances where you could transmit COVID-19 to others. **Masses will still be transmitted through the radio station 88.3 FM.**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—Jan 29th to Feb 12th

Sunday, January 29—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Gildas*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Janina Holub (Joanna i Andrzej Ropego)

Monday, January 30—*St. Martina*
10:00 am (Polish) Za +Krystyna Suska (1st Anniv) (maz z rodzina)

Tuesday, January 31—No Mass—*St. John Bosco*

Wednesday, February 1—*St. Brigid of Ireland*
9:30 am (English / Polish) For living & deceased family members of Alfie & Jean Stamplecoskie
(Stamplecoskie Family)
Healing for Logan Martin (Linda Shulist)

Thursday, February 2—*Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)*
7:00 pm +Florence Cybulski (Andrew, Marlene & three sons)
+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

Friday, February 3—FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH—*St. Blaise, St. Ansgar*
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm +Sylvester Recoskie (Florence Mask)
God's Blessing for Lorraine Weir (Monique Perry)

Saturday, February 4—*St. Andrew Corsini*
5:00 pm (English) +Agnes & Anthony Laturski (Laturski Family)

Sunday, February 5—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Agatha*
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

Monday, February 6—*St. Paul Miki & Companions, St. Pedro Bautista*
10:00 am (Polish) +Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)

Tuesday, February 7—No Mass—*St. Paul Romuald, St. Richard*

Wednesday, February 8—*St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita*
7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Mildred Petroskie (Michael & Catherine Bloskie)
+Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)

Thursday, February 9—No Mass—*St. Apollonia, St. Teilo, St. Maroun*

Friday, February 10—*St. Scholastica*
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm +Nicholas Stamplecoskie (Jacqueline Stoppa)
+Andrew Blank (Susan Coulas & Family)

Saturday, February 11—*Our Lady of Lourdes*
5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, February 12—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Eulalia*
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Alex Trebinskie (Florence Trebinskie & Family)

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Please use stmaryswilno@gmail.com when you are making an etransfer from your bank account. It will be directly deposited and the church will be notified. There is a section to make a note, **please indicate if donation is regular Sunday collection, building fund or In Memory Of (with name).** Also, if you are **not** a parishioner, please provide mailing address there. All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

2023 Envelopes can still be picked up at the back of the church, near elevator. If you would like to receive a set, please fill our a registration form and submit to the office. For income tax purposes, please indicate your **mailing address** on the first envelope you use for **2023**.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, Jan 28—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Jan 29—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Feb 4—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Feb 5—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Feb 6 to Sun, Feb 19</i>	<i>Lillian Shulist & Helpers</i>
Sat, Feb 11—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Feb 12—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Feb 18—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Feb 19—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Feb 20 to Sun, Mar 5</i>	<i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>

