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SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

As we approach the beginning of Lent, we sit at the feet of Jesus, disciples eager to learn. This Sunday's Lesson: Love your enemies.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 SAMUEL

26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David, ancient hero of the people of God, stands as an emblem of the practical meaning of 'love of enemy'.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

Because of Jesus, we now straddle two worlds: the earth that is our origin, and the kingdom that is our destination.

LUKE 6:27-38

In this sermon to his disciples, Jesus turns into Johnny-One-Note: "Love," he says, and again, "love." To make sure he gets his point across, he repeats the same message in other words.

ENTRANCE RITE: Romans 12:20-21

V. "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head."

R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TRACT : Matthew 5:44 (recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. But I say to you, love your enemies,

R. and pray for those who persecute you.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Feb. 23rd

**2nd Sunday of Pre-Lent
Sexagesima**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul
of Stanley Sub offered
by Fr. Sr. Donald.

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul
of Frank Grossman offered
by Joe Grossman.

SUNDAY – March 2nd

**3rd Sunday of Pre-Lent
Quinquagesima**

*Please welcome Father Tom Basta
as Father Senior Donald
will be out of town.*

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – March 5th

**ASH WEDNESDAY
GREAT LENT BEGINS**

*Blessing and distribution
of ashes to the faithful*

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – March 9th

1st Sunday of Lent

*Anniversary
of the Institution of the Polish
National Catholic Church*

**Daylight Saving
Time Begins!**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

WED. – March 12th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Free Lenten Meal Before

@ 6:00 PM

**Sponsored by the ANS
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
and Tomato Soup!**

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont and Dan Chujko. For the repose of the souls of Frank Grossman and Stanley Sub. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 5th; Ash Wednesday. Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 12th; Free Lenten Meals preceding Stations of the Cross begin each Wednesday of Lent. Church Organizations or individuals or families are needed to volunteer to sponsor these meals. There is a signup sheet on the table in the vestibule or see Tom Schalata for more information. Meals at 6:00 PM and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, March 23rd; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Saturday, April 5th; Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, April 6th; YMS of R Egg Sandwich sale after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic, folding tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about twenty new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made Payable to "St. Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They are as follows: March 14 & 15, March 28 & 29 (Potato); April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 (Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule for volunteers.

YMS OF R ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The PNCC/WMS of R will hold its annual Bowling Tournament on May 16 – 18, 2025 in Hamtramck, Michigan. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule. For details on how to sign up, please contact Father Senior Donald.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.