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Solemnity – The Word of God

ENTRANCE RITE: Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 15:1-2

V. Indeed, the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. O Lord, who shall abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? Whoever walks without blame doing what is right, speaking truth from the heart.

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.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 25:10

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. All the paths of the Lord are faithful love toward those who honor the covenant demands.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 8:4-15

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.' "This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance. **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

A Festival Thought

The Word of God is essential to our spiritual wellbeing. It feeds and nourishes our souls and prepares us for entry into the eternal Kingdom.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 55:6-11

The Word from the mouth of the Lord will not return empty, but will do what pleases Him.

Responsorial Psalm: 19:17, 8, 9, 10

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:10-13

Paul emphasizes that the Word we have received is not of human origin, but from the mouth of God.

LUKE 8:4-15

Christ Jesus is the Word of God, existing before time itself began. This parable shows that properly fed and nourished, it will spring forth eternal.

Worship Services

TODAY – June 29th

Solemnity

The Word of God

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – July 6th

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – July 13th

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Ordinary twenty four is used to not repeat the parable of the Good Samaritan used on the Solemnity of Brotherly Love.

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – July 20th

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – July 20th

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

PICNIC FLYERS

Flyers are available on the table in the Vestibule for the Picnic in August. Please take a couple and post them where you can, your super market, hairdressers, barber, where ever there is a bulletin board with permission. And talk about it, tell your friends. Thank you.

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

Your Picnic Raffle Tickets are available on the table in the vestibule in envelopes ordered alphabetically. Please pick yours up today and return them as soon as possible. Thanks and good luck!

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, Janice Elaine Casperson, 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, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, Judy Mawson, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Dan Chujko, John DeHart, Bob Price, Joseph Dowd, Judi Mawson, David Faust, Randy Simcox, Iris Diaz, Bob Hoffmaster, Fran Golembeski and Tim Dulin and family. For the repose of the soul of Sandy Pfennig. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, July 11-12th; Pierogi making in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM until ?. Sauerkraut Pierogis this time.

Sunday, July 13th; Picnic Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. All are encouraged to attend and help plan for the picnic.

Sunday, July 20th; Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00AM.

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

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: July 11-12 (Sauerkraut). Sign Up Sheet for Pierogi Making is on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. Thank you and God bless. And thanks to all who have helped.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the door and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The Picnic Table Drive was an overwhelming success! Twenty four new, lightweight plastic folding tables have been purchased and delivered, ready for use at the Annual Picnic in August. Heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who so generously donated towards this project of the YMS of R. God bless you all.

