



Saint
LUKE
University Parish
7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

Allendale, Michigan

A cursory scan of social media reveals that in many ways Americans are becoming a deeply angry people. It seems that many people are defining themselves by whom or what they hate, and identifying themselves into groups based on common loathings. Each day, the media goads us into outrage at some offensive person or situation. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to go deep into the roots of anger and violence, in order to root them out and begin planting the seeds of love.

What is at the root of violence? Jesus encourages us to look into the anger in our hearts. How many silent resentments are carried around by parents, spouses, siblings, co-workers, neighbors, etc.? The violence rooted in this anger may eventually manifest itself physically, but more often it reveals itself through the subtle violence of criticism, defensiveness, stonewalling, contempt, calumny (slander), and gossip.

What is at the root of this anger? Quite often, irrational fear. Some fears are well founded. A small child should be afraid to play around electrical sockets and burners on the stove. We should be afraid to get into the car with someone under the influence of alcohol or other impairing drugs. However, upon reflection, many of our fears have little basis in reality. These kinds of fears need to be overcome through dialogue, thoughtfulness, courage, and passionate fortitude. We can only grow when perfect love casts out these fears within us (1 John 4:18).

Today's Gospel really challenges us as Americans in this time. Are we going to let our minds and hearts be ruled by our fear and our anger? Or are we going to live the kind of self-giving love that bears wrongs with dignified patience and strives to bring reconciliation and healing to the injustices and hatred of our world? Are we going to treat every issue, both personally and politically, with a "shoot first" mentality or with the peace that comes through sacrificial love?

We are fortunate as Americans to have a model in our history of Christians who lived the message of Jesus. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, when African-Americans were arrested, beaten, hosed down, attacked by dogs, for the crime of sitting at the wrong lunch counter; they responded with an attitude of "you can coerce and maim my body, take away my bodily freedom, but you can't make me not love you." The interior spiritual freedom of love is the ultimate freedom. That is the freedom Jesus offers us today. Not the false defenses of freedom that live in constant fear of violence and counter-violence, but the ultimate spiritual freedom of love, justice, and active peacemaking.

-John Graveline, Faith Formation

Readings for February 19 - 26

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18;
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
Mt 6:24-34



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Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (2/19) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Faith Formation

8:00 a.m.	Mass	For Our Parish (Pro Populo)	Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass	For Those Who Are Ill	Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass	For Vocations	Cook-DeWitt

Monday (2/20)

7:00 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration	Cook-DeWitt Greenroom
7:00	Reconciliation	Cook-DeWitt Rm 120
7:00	Finance Council Meeting	Rectory

Wednesday (2/22)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Peaceful Transition to New Church	Parish Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Trailer
6:00	Youth Group Outing (6-12)		Parish Parking Lot
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)		Cook-DeWitt
7:30	Parish Choir Rehearsal		Barb's House
8:00	RCIA Inquiry		Cook-DeWitt Rm 120

Thursday (2/23)

8:00 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration	Kirkhof Rm 2263
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Friday (2/24)

9:30 a.m.	Parish Breakfast Club	Grand Coney	
5:00 p.m.	Mass	For All Who Have Died	Parish Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Trailer

Sunday (2/26) 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass	Cook-DeWitt
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)	Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass	Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass	Cook-DeWitt

Ministries for Feb. 26

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	Yvonne Boon (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)
10:30	Patricia Roslund (1st), Rick Freehafer (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m.	Isaac Perry, Kalib Perry
10:30	Simon Morgan, Adelle Maksymowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m.	Tim Alt, Karyn Sagorski, Sub Requested
10:30	Ramona Baldrige, Barb & Bruce Grzegorzczak, Jon Noworyta, Carol Schoenborn

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Max Ainslie (lead), David Boon
10:30	Rich Conflitti (lead), Kevin Devos, Larry Flagg



This week's Altar Flowers

In Memory of

Terry Sandberg

by Wave Manning & Sue Sandberg



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Financial Update

January	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for Month	\$ 14,241	\$ 7,745	\$ 21,986	\$ 29,300	\$ (7,314)
Weekly Average for Jan.	\$ 2,848	\$ 1,549	\$ 4,397	\$ 5,860	\$ (1,463)
Feb. Month to date	\$ 5,620	\$ 3,120	\$ 8,740	\$ 11,720	\$ (2,980)

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Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

SCRIP

Spring Break is fast approaching! If your plans include traveling, please consider purchasing all your travel needs through St. Luke's Scrip. You can purchase prepaid cards for fuel, hotels, restaurants, even airline or cruise tickets. Have your trip paid for before you leave home. Staying home? We can help with that as well....prepaid cards for movie theatres, itunes, amazon.com, and much more. Stop by the scrip table and check it out. Bonus companies this week are Chili's (14% rebate), On The Border (14% rebate), and Under Armour (13% rebate). Need something right away? Many stores have e-certificates. Order, pay on-line, and have your certificate in minutes. Great for those last minute shopping or dining trips.

Hiking in the City

Holy Redeemer Parish has a group that goes to the Heartside neighborhood (this is the neighborhood near God's Kitchen and the Cathedral), on the third Sunday of each month, to distribute socks, snacks, and other necessities for those who live in shelters or on the street. They will meet at Holy Redeemer at 12:45 p.m. and returns by 3 p.m. Families/children (with adults) are welcome to join. If you have any questions, contact Barb Grzegorzcyk at 616-240-1783 or Barbgrz@outlook.com.

Pray for our Paulist & Diocesan Seminarians

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Paolo Puccini
Seminarian
Home Town:
Houston, TX



Johnathan Johnson
First Year Theology
Home Town:
Portland, MI

Details for Lent

Ash Wednesday Liturgies, March 1

NEW Parish Church

- 9 a.m. – Mass, with distribution of ashes
- 7 p.m. – Mass, with distribution of ashes
- 9 p.m. – Mass, with distribution of ashes

ON CAMPUS Cook-DeWitt auditorium

- 12:10 p.m. – Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls for this year are now available to take home for Lent. Feel free to pick one up after Mass.



The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance

Mark Your Calendars! As we prepare for the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance", Thursday, March 16 5-8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese.

Social Justice Gathering

Please join us for Catholic Charities West Michigan's Social Justice Gathering, Thursday, March 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cathedral Square, 360 Division South. We have the special privilege of being part of the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Tour. The head of the CRS India office, Kirtymaya Mishra, will be our speaker. Ms. Mishra has seen her community and country become transformed through the work of Catholic Relief Services. Come and learn more about the transformative work of CRS. Lunch is provided. A free will offering to cover lunch would be appreciated. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 27 to jbirney@ccwestmi.org or call 616-340-1824. This talk will also be hosted at the Dominican Center at Marywood on the evening of March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Soup's on Along the Lakeshore!

Tickets are available for Catholic Charities West Michigan's food pantry fundraiser in Muskegon. The event is *Soup's On Along The Lakeshore!* and will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Trillium Event Center, 17246 Van Wagoner Road in Spring Lake. Enjoy soups donated by local restaurants along with live entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets are \$40 and are available at CCWM's Muskegon office, 1095 Third Street (231-726-4735) or at soupsonforall.org. Event sponsorships are available by calling 616-551-5663.