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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 8, 2026

## Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 8, 2026

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Entrance Hymn: V. My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. **R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.** 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.**

First reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Tract: V. However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," **R. you are doing well.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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### Today's Music

- Entrance: R258, When I Survey.
- Litany: Sung Ordinaries pg. 9.
- Word of God: B100, I Have No Fear.
- Offertory: R217, Jesus Walked.
- Communion: Jerusalem My Destiny (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B155, Hallowed Be Forever.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

### +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **Thank You!!!** For everyone's attendance, participation, and thoughtful ideas at our annual meeting last Sunday. It was truly wonderful. Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Committee, Synod delegates, Jurors, Audit and Nominations committees.
- **Other reminders**: Chalk and incense were blessed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. They are available for you to take home. If you wish to schedule a house blessing, please see Fr. Jim. **Official Announcement: Our Annual Financial / Budget Meeting will be held March 1st. There will be only one Holy Mass that day.**
- **YMSofR Dues for 2026 are now due. Please see Paul with your \$12 payment if you have not done so already.**
- **Today continues our Pre-Lenten journey** which leads us in a gradual preparation for Lent. There is no more Gloria or Alleluia, the Alleluia verse is replaced with a Tract. Consider what you seek to accomplish in this and the Lenten season.
- Holy Name of Jesus has been officially designated a **Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation (VMFC)**. If you would like to help with this effort, please see Fr. Jim or Paul.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

*--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---*

*“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father”*

As we continue in our Pre-Lenten journey of preparation let us today focus on drawing distinctions.

It is in distinctions that we enter the process of focusing on differences. He or she is not like me. They are different! From there it becomes easier to see and use distinctions as reason for eventually making the other our enemy.

Jesus came on the scene amidst a people who were innately tribal in their mentality. Israel’s tribalism was represented throughout its social, political, and religious structures. Loyalty to one’s tribe took precedence over centralized authority. Thus, why Israel’s kings and conquerors had such difficulty

in ruling and coalescing the people. The tribe resisted that kind of control.

In Israel’s society religious exclusivity and tribe/family survival was of utmost importance.

As such, outsiders, if not viewed with utter disdain and hatred were nevertheless suspect. They were different, they were distinct from the tribe.

Here comes Jesus Who by his very travels and encounters with Gentiles and Samaritans as well as His teachings calls for a much broader application of the Royal Law which we heard in our first reading from Leviticus: *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”*

This way of life, rule, and Law is called "royal" because it comes from the King of Kings, Jesus. This supreme rule governing relationships prioritizes selfless love over distinction.

St. Paul tells the Corinthians: *If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.*

If indeed in Christ there is no distinction, we must use great care not to destroy that which is holy, either ourselves or the other.

Consider in the week ahead how we might set aside distinction this Lent, go the extra mile, and see the way clear to loving as Jesus does.

### Memory Verse

*I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.*

**Romans 16:17**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:3-6  
MONDAY: Proverbs 6:16-19  
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 1:22-25  
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 2:9  
THURSDAY: Acts 10:34  
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 1:10  
SATURDAY: John 17:21

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, Grant me clear sight so I may not invent distinctions and differences but rather see Your presence in all and so implement and follow Your Royal Law of love. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Michael the Archangel parish, Cedar Lake, IN.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjęgosław im, O Boże!

### Upcoming

- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- February 9: Food Pantry from 3pm until 6pm.
- February 10 – 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 14: Commemoration of St. Valentine, Martyr.
- **February 15: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- February 16: President's Day. 73rd Anniversary of the Death of Bl. Francis Hodur. No Food Pantry.
- February 17: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **February 18: Ash Wednesday. Great and Holy Lent Begins. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at Noon and 7pm.**
- February 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- February 20: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- **February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations at 3pm.**