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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 8, 2026

Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC Św. Zorganizowania PNKK

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Entrance Hymn: V. I The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name. **R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.** 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: Wisdom 5:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 9:1-2,4-5,7-8,9-10

Response: **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling pay homage to him.**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: For all members of our Holy Church

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
- Word of God: R155, Spirit Of The Living God.
- Offertory: B92, Holy Cross.
- Communion: Seek The Lord (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R287, Were You There.
- Hymn of the PNCC: B2, Tyle Lat (1-v Polish, Last-v English)
- 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.**
- **It is here!!! Lent has arrived.** Our Lenten devotions include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3pm and Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale on Sundays at 3pm. Your newsletter includes suggestions for Directed Giving of foods for Lent. Leave your donations by the Mary Altar. Remember that Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat – beef, pork, chicken).
- **Thank You:** To all who attended and participated actively in our Annual Financial / Budget Meeting last Sunday.
- **Thank You** to all who attended our Soup Sale and worked on making 24 dozen pierogi. Great job!!! The next session will be March 28th.
- **Reminder:** Next Saturday is our Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross/Sacred Heart parish in New York Mills. The retreat starts at 11am.
- Are you Veteran? Do you have questions about services and benefits? Let us know, we can help.

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 ---

Abide in Me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Today we take a brief break from Lent to celebrate the Institution of our Holy Church 129 years ago.

The organization of our Church was fraught with dangers, risks at every level of those faithful people's lives. They risked jobs, homes, financial security, friends, even family all for Christ and His Holy Church.

Those people and the clergy in union with them lived sacrificially and covenantally. They sought the depth and breadth of deeper union with God found through found through life in Jesus.

Jesus illustrates the relationship we must have with Him by pointing to what people well

understood – the Vine and Branches. The Vine and Branches is not just an illustration of relationship, but also of dependence.

To be dependent means we must surrender our vaunted independence. That is hard to do. We were all taught to stand strong, be independent. In fact, we were warned against dependence. Yet Jesus calls us to dependence upon Him. That requires us to change our mindset.

Just as branches must remain connected to and dependent on the vine to bear fruit, so we must abide in Christ to experience the spiritual growth that leads us to be the very image of Christ in the world, the fruit Jesus asks us to deliver.

Being in union with Christ, remaining connected to and

dependent upon Him nourishes us and continues our growth. We find in Jesus both vitality (life) and productivity (the bearing of fruit).

What is required of us is the bearing of good fruit from our union with Jesus.

To accomplish this Christ must be central in our lives, not in some second or third place, not on a shelf to be taken out Sunday morning. If there are things in our lives that push Jesus to the periphery, we must get rid of those things.

Let us pay close attention to where we live. Otherwise, what Paul told Timothy, renunciation of the faith, listening to deceit, and the barrenness of hypocrisy will take true life from us, and we will produce no good thing.

Memory Verse

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

Isaiah 5:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 27:2-3
MONDAY: Isaiah 27:12-13
TUESDAY: Colossians 3:23
WEDNESDAY: John 15:1
THURSDAY: Psalm 107:37
FRIDAY: Ecclesiastes 2:4
SATURDAY: Galatians 5:13

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You have grafted me unto Yourself. Grant me the grace to remain in You, producing abundant fruit both in and out of season. Allow the light of Your face to shine on me so I may grow into perfect union with You. 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, Jacqueline Lawrence, Don Carpenter, 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 Holy Cross Mission Parish, Pulaski, WI.

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

Upcoming

- **March 8: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 9: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- March 10 – 12: Holy Mass at Noon.
- March 13: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- March 14: Lenten Retreat, 11am at Holy Cross/Sacred Heart Parish, 206 Main Street, New York Mills.
- **March 15: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- March 16: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- March 17 – 19: Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- March 19: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- March 20: Decoration for Passiontide at 1pm.
- **March 22: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**