



Saint Hyacinth

Roman Catholic Parish
Parafia Świętego Jacka

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SAINT HYACINTH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Hyacinth Parish, while preserving and promoting our Polish heritage, welcome and serve all community members through prayer, example and good works. We seek to be a guiding light to all God's people through our spiritual and social activities.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - We know from Christ's teaching that the meaning of life can be summed up in one word: love. We were created to be loved, and to love. Without that, our lives burn out little by little, like a candle that can't get enough air. Pope John Paul II repeated this theme over and over again. He wrote in his first Encyclical: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it." (Redemptor Hominis, #10) We know that. We have all memorized the two Great Commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. We can say the words. But what is the meaning behind those words, especially the word "love"?

Saint Paul tries to answer that question in this famous chapter from his First Letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that love is the meaning of life, the "highest gift" and the "greatest" of virtues. Then he gives a description of what love really is. He lists fourteen great characteristics of Christ-like love, true love. These describe both how Christ loves us, and how we are called to love in return. What is most striking about this description is how different it is from the idea of love that's popular today. For the world we live in, love is a passive thing, a feeling that sweeps you off your feet and takes control of your life. For St Paul, and for Christ, and for us, love is not passive at all. And it is certainly not a feeling. Love is active self-giving. Sometimes nice feelings go along with it, but they are unessential accessories. We know this is the case because the pinnacle of love, Christ giving his life on the cross, had nothing to do with nice feelings.

Christ-like love, real love, the kind of love that lasts and gives meaning to life, is not a passive feeling; it is active self-giving. It is not self-centered, but other-centered.

*"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love."
- Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 31 - Volunteers are needed to help take down, package and store the Christmas decorations. We will begin immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Please consider staying after Mass to lend a hand.

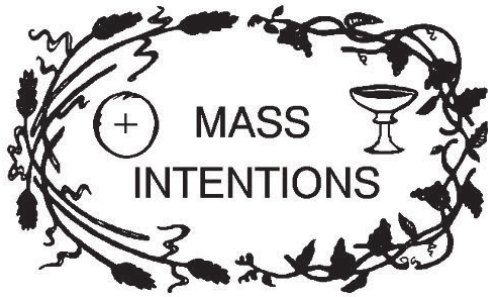
Friday, February 5 - First Friday Mass at 11:00 AM. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass.

Saturday and Sunday February 6 and 7 - Blessing of the throats for Saint Blaise Feast Day after all Masses.

Wednesday February 17 - Ash Wednesday and First Day of Lent

Saturday, February 20 - 3:30 PM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, February 21 - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

**Saturday, January 30, 2010****4:00 PM**

- † Genevieve Racki
Req. by her son Henry R. Racki
- † Henry J. Racki
Req. by his son Henry R. Racki
- † Joanne Thiel
Req. by Jerrold Marsh
- † Francis Bobowski
Req. by Janice Baczkowski

Sunday, January 31, 2010-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM**

- † Seraphine Dzieszko
Req. by her children
- † Wladyslaw Iwan & family
Req. by his brother Fr. Janusz
- † Helena Janusz
Req. by her daughter Theresa Ludwig

11:00 AM

- † Anna Kolasa
Req. by her family
- † Jane Florek
Req. by her family
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Monday, February 1, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Donald John Clarke
Req. by wife Bernice and family

Tuesday, February 2, 2010**9:00 AM**

- † Stanislaw (9th Anniv.) & Rosemarie Gajda
Req. by Marie Chudzian

Wednesday, February 3, 2010**Saint Blasé Blessing of the Throats****9:00 AM**

- † Poor souls in Purgatory

Thursday – February 4, 2010- Dantis**Friday, February 5, 2010 –****11:00 AM**

- † Cassie Schultz
- † Req. by son Fred and Mary

Saturday, February 6, 2010**4:00 PM**

- † Frank and Mary Sienkiewicz
Req. by their children Joan, Robert and Ronny
- † Richard J Ciupek
Req. by wife Bernice, son and family
- † Laura Muklewicz
Req. by Mr. and Mrs. S. Nicholas Frontczak
- † Jerome E. Thiel
Req. by Jerome and Debbie Thiel

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 - 5th Sunday in Ord. Time**9:00 AM**

- † Helen Schima
Req. by Genevieve Stoneberg
- † Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Taraskiewicz
Req. by Smolinski family
- † Sister Mary Laurene Smolinski
Req. by the Smolinski family

11:00 AM

- † Walter Brys
Req. by Delphine O'Dowd
- † O'Dowd family
Req. by Delphine O'Dowd
- † Josephine Arendoski
Req. by Fred and Mary Schultz
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
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*Life ...
It's precious in all its stages.*

**Pope Benedict's Monthly Prayer Intentions
For January 2010**

General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:

Father Francis Skalski	Willie Howard
Ann Bush	Frank Score
Joe Pelak	Father David Przedwiecki
Frank Szymanski	Marion Bobryk
Virginia Barnowski	Genevieve Stoneberg
Christine Storms	Tish Germain
Danny Mason	Sophie Koper
Arthur Wiczko	Joseph Konfara
Mrs. Bogunia	Adela Krajenka
Nancy Milewski	Kathleen Novak
Lorraine Koss	Jennifer Formella
Ester Wichlacz	Lillian Demska-Tylenda
Carol Miloser	Barbara Sokol
Mary Skalski	John Majewski
Elizabeth Posluszny	Ray Skalski
Cheryl Taranowski	Christine Wandas
Richard Ludwig	Dianne Zamojski
Lottie Machowski	Phyllis Kubicki
Dorothy Rzeppa	Larry Milobowski
Irene Stadnik	Allen Shooks
Ingrid Pilarowski	Jane Paterka
Rita Szczepaniak	Stella Shooks
Veronica Kuskowski	Raymond Noble
Charlotte Check	Matthew Moshe
Daniel and Susan Pietrous	Adnan Alshab
Tom Przybylinski	Jonathan Smith #79
Michael Fennelly	Paul Zamierowski
Mary Antoncew	Joan Bratto
Clara Tomaszycycki	Maxine Taylor
Kenny & Violet Tyminski	Lucia Matelonek
Ellen and Sharon Cassonte	Anne Wisniewski
Andrew Czajka	Gloria Arendoski
Dana Lynn Kaszubowski	Beverly Billotti
Austin Lowry	Laura Stannis
Ed Schapko	Stephen Hart
John Sosnowski	Billy Skinner
Bernadine Miesik	Marsha Podlasek
Sharon McEvoy	Judy Cerra
Elvera Koper	Phyllis Vymazal
Frank Jarzombek	Janice Nelson
Heather Delisle	Brenden Thomas Huizdos



If you know someone who is sick and wish to have them added to the sick list, please call the Rectory 313-922-1507. Help us keep the listing updated by notifying us when a requested prayer intention may be removed.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

God our Father, Shepherd and Guide, look with love on Pope Benedict XVI Your servant, the pastor of Your Church. May his word and example inspire and guide the Church, and may he, and all those entrusted to his care, come to the joy of everlasting life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Heating Fund - There will be a special collection next weekend for the Winter Fuel Offering. Please help us defray the high cost of heating our church and school. There will be a special envelope in your weekly envelopes you received.

Catholic Services Appeal - There will be a special collection for the Catholic Services Appeal on February 14, 2010. Every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit is required to make a yearly contribution to the CSA. We will have a monthly collection again this year to help spread out financial impact. Please consider giving every month by using the special envelope in you received or mark a plain envelope with "CSA".

Volunteers are Needed - Have some spare time and want to help out a worthy cause? There are many opportunities right here in the parish where your assistance would be welcomed. Help will soon be needed to dismantle and store the Christmas decorations; the church will need cleaning for Easter; organizers are needed to help plan the Marriage Vows Blessing in June and the Parish Picnic in the summer; volunteers are needed to plan the school reunion. Please consider taking an active role in our parish by volunteering for these or other activities. The more that pitch in, the more we can do.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Standing for the Common Good
The Manhattan Declaration.**

Christians, when they have lived up to the highest ideals of their faith, have defended the weak and vulnerable and worked tirelessly to protect and strengthen vital institutions of civil society, beginning with the family. That's why on November 20, 2009, Archbishop Allen Vigneron signed The Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience, which he called an "historic document (which) intends to speak to all citizens at a time when many important foundational decisions are being made concerning the sanctity of human life, the nature of marriage, and religious freedom." The goal of the Manhattan Declaration is to build a movement of Christians who will stand together alongside other men and women of goodwill to advance the sanctity of human life, rebuild and revitalize the marriage culture, and protect religious liberty. Read and sign the Declaration by visiting www.aodonline.org/manhattan.

Attention Saint Hyacinth Alumni

Plans are in the making for an All School Reunion in the fall of 2010. The year 2010 will mark the 20th anniversary of the closing of Saint Hyacinth Grade School. Because of this importance, we want to start planning now to ensure the reunion is a very memorable event. There will be plenty of opportunity to help out in planning, contacting old classmates, advertising, making arrangements for the Mass, school open house and possibly an Alumni Dinner.

If you are interested attending or helping organize the reunion, please let us know by calling the rectory 313-922-1507 or contacting Joe Jaczkowski 586-228-8460. The first meeting will be in early February. Organizing such an event will take plenty of effort. Your help is needed to make the fall reunion a success.

Forming a Saint Hyacinth Alumni Society is also being considered. If you are interested and would like to have increased opportunities to meet with your past classmates, please sign up and let us know.

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First Friday Mass and Benediction

First Fridays are a devotional practice honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus in which members of the Church observe the first Friday of each month by receiving Holy Communion. According to promises that Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, those who follow this practice for nine consecutive months will be granted special graces such as final perseverance in faith and the consolation of Christ's love in their final hour. Saint Hyacinth has Mass on the First Friday of every month at 11:00 AM. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the Mass. Please join us as we practice these devotions to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, Jesus.

Sick Calls - Are you or a loved one hospitalized or homebound and desire a visit by Father Janusz. If so, please call the rectory to make arrangements and schedule a visit. Father Janusz would be happy to visit you or your loved one.

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PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Jerry Sielagoski

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Polish) & 11:00 a.m. (English)

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m. (English)

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday*

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH: Mass at 11:00 AM*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday of the Year at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Evening Hours: By Appointment Only

SICK CALLS: Anytime.

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to be married at Saint Hyacinth are requested to contact the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.