



# Saint Hyacinth

*Roman Catholic Parish  
Parafia Świętego Jacka*

*3151 Farnsworth Avenue ~ Detroit, Poletown, Michigan 48211*

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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.*

**First Sunday of Lent** - The word "lent" comes from the Old English word for "spring". When Lent comes around, spring is soon to follow. One of the things the Church asks of us during Lent is to do spring cleaning in our souls. This week, the Church is reminding us of what we should look for as we get out our spiritual brooms and mops: we should look for sin. What is sin? It's one of those things we think we understand, but when we scratch beneath the surface, it gets fuzzy. But unless we really know what it is, we won't be able to clean it up.



Jesus' temptation in the desert, teaches us what sin is. Sin is disobeying God because we don't trust him. Each of the devil's temptations tries to get Jesus to veer off the path of God's will. God has given Jesus miraculous powers to convince people of God's love for them; the devil invites Jesus to use those powers for self-indulgence by turning stones into bread. God has sent Jesus to conquer the whole world through mercy and grace; the devil tries to get Jesus to take a shortcut by offering him incomparable political power and worldly glory. God has promised to support Jesus in his mission; the devil tries to get Jesus to use God's support for a different, self-centered mission, by doing a miraculous swan-dive off the top of the Temple.

But Jesus trusts his Father's wisdom, so he is able to resist these temptations to disobey God's will. Disobedience from lack of trust is at the core of every sin, no matter how big or small. The devil wants to separate us from God, the source of true happiness, so he weakens our trust and lures us onto other paths.

One of the most effective ways to advance on the path to salvation and self-knowledge is by going to confession regularly. Frequent, regular confession forces us to take stock of our sins and failings, to look honestly at all the manifestations of our selfishness, not just the big ones. Together with the guidance of the confessor, this self-examination gradually allows you to get at the roots of what is holding you back. Pope John Paul II used to go to confession every week. Pope Benedict does too. Mother Theresa of Calcutta used to go weekly as well. Do we really want to grow in our Christian lives, to become better followers of Jesus Christ, to become better witnesses of his Kingdom, wiser parents, more courageous professionals, more loving spouses and friends? To do so, we must examine our consciences, discover our weaknesses, pray to God for the strength to overcome these weaknesses and ask His forgiveness when we fail. There's no better way to do that than by making the commitment to come regularly to confession.

## Parish Calendar

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

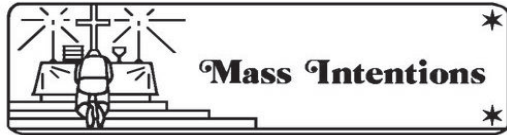
**Sunday, February 21** - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

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

**Sunday, March 14** - 11:00 AM Mass, 8th Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

**Monday, March 15** - Cleaning of the church for Easter beginning at 9:00 AM

**Sunday, March 21** - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner following the 11:00 AM Mass. Adult \$12.00, Child \$6.00.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 20, 2010

#### 4:00 PM

- † Christine Mitchell (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Req. by her parents Richard & Dolores
- † Joanne Thiel  
Req. by Jerome & Debbie Thiel
- † Genevieve Sielagoski  
Req. by Len & Diane Chapp

### Sunday, February 21, 2010-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 9:00 AM

- † Helen Szczepaniak  
Req. by her daughter Rita
- † Reinowski family  
Req. by Smolinski family
- † Eugenia Michalski  
Req. by her daughters Angie & Marie

#### 11:00 AM

- † Rita Gnaster  
Req. by Roni Kuskowski
- † Harry & Clara Bemke  
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

### Monday, February 22, 2010

#### 9:00 AM

- † Mary Ancerewicz  
Req. by her family & friends

### Tuesday, February 23, 2010

#### 9:00 AM

- † Joanne Theil  
Req. by Regina, Ken Delmotte, Sandra,  
Randy Higgins

### Wednesday, February 24, 2010

#### 9:00 AM

- † Constance Gutc  
Req. by the Rita Szczepaniak

### Thursday – February 25, 2010- Dantis

### Friday, February 26, 2010

#### 9:00 AM

- † Jane Florek  
Req. by her family
- † David Mijal  
Req. by the Mijal family

### Saturday, February 27, 2010

#### 4:00 PM

- † Joseph Thiel  
Req. by Jerome & Debbie Thiel
- † John Przeslica  
Req. by his wife Helen & family
- † Wladyslaw Iwan & family  
Req. by his brother Fr. Janusz Iwan
- † Victoria Szalecki  
Req. by Charlotte Check & Dorothy Rzeppa
- † Brenda Swarich  
Req. by her family & friends

### Sunday, February 28, 2010-2nd Sunday of Lent

#### 9:00 AM

- † Helen Janusz  
Req. by her friends
- † Anna Kolasa  
Req. by her family
- † Sr. Mary Laurene Smolinski  
Req. by Nick Frontczak & family

#### 11:00 AM

- † Stanislaw & Rosemarie Gajda  
Req. by Maria Chudzian
- † Jane Florek  
Req. by her family
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,  
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### **Pope Benedict's Monthly Prayer Intentions For February 2010**

General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

Missionary: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

**Prayer for Lent** - God of times and seasons, you have brought us again to Lent for the study of Your Word, for the remembrance of the temptation of Your Son, and for the contemplation of His cross. The birds know their seasons; forbid that we be blind to our times. Grant us a Lenten blessing, and may no one miss this time of growth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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
Frank Jarzombek	Maxine Taylor
Kenny 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	Irene Gardula
Elvera Koper	Phyllis Vymazal
Clara & Chester Tomaszycycki	Janice Nelson
Heather Delisle	Brenden Thomas Huizdos



**Prayer for the Sick** - Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

**Polish American Dance Ensembles  
Blessing Mass**



The Eighth Annual Blessing Mass will take place on Sunday March 14th, at the 11:00 AM Mass. This annual event is sure to please your heart and soul as Saint Hyacinth will host hundreds of Detroit area Polish dancers. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this beautiful Mass and tribute to these dancers who work so hard to perpetuate our beautiful heritage. Social hour will follow the Mass.

**Bunny Breakfast** - Please join us and your fellow parishioners for breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 28th. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, roll and butter and a beverage. Adult meals will be \$6.50 and children's meals will be \$3.00 There will also be games for the children, a bake sale and raffles.

**Donations Are Needed** - Donations to support the bunny breakfast are welcome. Items that would help include candy, children's prizes, Easter Baskets and baked goods. Financial support is also welcome. Please contact the rectory if you can help.

**Church Cleaning** - We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church in preparation for the Easter season. It is a big job and the more helping hands the better. The cleaning will be 9:00 AM on Monday, March 15. Please help make our church clean and beautiful for the Easter celebration.

**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 clean and decorate the church 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.

**All School All Year Reunion** - The first meeting to plan the All School- All Year Reunion was held on Monday, February 15. A dozen volunteers attended and began laying the groundwork for the fall reunion. The date is set, Sunday September 19, 2010. More details to follow. Interested in helping out with the reunion, then please join us at the next meeting which will be held on Monday, March 22 at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar now to join us for the meeting and also for the reunion. We can use your help. Call the rectory or Joe Jaczkowski at 586-228-8460. Spread the word!

**Stations of the Cross** - Telling the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people began making pilgrimages to the Holy Land, where they would follow the path that Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when outbreaks of war made it impossible for people to travel to the Holy Land, people created a Via Dolorosa, or "Sorrowful Way," in their towns and villages. They erected paintings or sculptures depicting the Passion of Christ along a processional route or inside a church. By the middle of the 18th century, the number of stations was fixed at 14 and the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross, also called the Way of the Cross, became widespread.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. There is no devotion more richly endowed with indulgences than the Way of the Cross, and none which enables us more literally to obey Christ's injunction to take up our cross and follow Him. This is why we practice this devotion on a regular basis during Lent at Saint Hyacinth.

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**Ash Wednesday and Lent** - Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Along with Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Observances of Fasting and Abstinence. The below guidelines on Lenten Observances are provided to help you sacrifice during Lent:

- Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- The law of fasting binds persons from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday.
- The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing – as far as quantity and quality are concerned – approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e., the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of at midday. The quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.
- The law of abstinence binds person from the day after their 14th birthday throughout life.
- The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.
- In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

— Office for Christian Worship, Archdiocese of Detroit

**LENTEN PENANCE = FORGIVENESS**

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Janusz Iwan

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Darlene Zabrzanski

**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.