



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.*

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Why did Christ heal the paralytic in today's Gospel? St Mark tells us that it was because he "saw their faith." This group of friends believed in Christ's power to heal, to make whole, to right what is wrong. And they showed the sincerity of that faith by putting it into action, by their ingenious, determined efforts to meet him. How easy it would have been for them not to take the first step of lugging the paralytic all the way over to the place where Jesus was preaching! How easy it would have been for them to become discouraged when they realized that the crowd was impenetrable! And yet, their faith was alive and active, and it propelled them forward in spite of the difficulties. Their faith found a way. And it was this faith - clearly authentic because it had produced real action - that Jesus latched onto in order to grant peace to the suffering man's soul.

In our day and age, when Christ is only a stone's throw away, right there in the tabernacle of the nearest Catholic chapel; when confession is available upon request down the street at the local parish; when the revealed Word of God and the magnificent teachings of the Church can fit into a handheld computer; in such an age we need to relearn this lesson of faith. What we can easily take for granted - the presence of the Living God among us - these men struggled, sacrificed, and risked their reputations to find. That's the kind of living, active faith that unleashes God's power in our lives.

A vibrant and active faith in Christ will release his power in our lives. And so, today we can ask ourselves, how can we develop a more vibrant and active faith? Pope John Paul II frequently spoke and wrote about one sure way to grow in our faith. He put it clearly and concisely at the beginning of his Encyclical Letter The Mission of the Redeemer: "Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" (Redemptoris missio, #2) If we share with others the precious faith that God in his providence has given to us, even if we think that faith is small or weak, it will grow.

The reason behind this is simple. Every follower of Christ, every Catholic, is by nature a missionary; building up Christ's Kingdom is our natural element. Take a plant out of the sun, uproot it from the soil, isolate it from moisture, and it will wither and die. That's because sunlight, soil, and water are its natural element - they are what make it flourish. The natural element for every Christian is building up the Church, introducing other people to Christ, sharing with them the light and strength of God's mercy. We do this by words, actions, and example. As we continue with this holy Mass, let's ask Jesus to show us how he wants each one of us to spread the faith this week. Maybe we need to invite a fallen-away Catholic back to Mass. Maybe we need to defend moral truth at work or at school. Maybe we need to invite a friend to our prayer group or Catechism study. The stronger our faith, the more we will experience the transforming power of God's grace in our lives. And to strengthen our faith, there is no better method than giving it to others.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, February 25 - 11:00 AM Mass for Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent

Monday, March 2 - Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

Friday, March 6 - First Friday Mass at 11:00 AM. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass.

Sunday, March 22 - 11:00 AM Mass. Seventh Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Please help support our parish and join us!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21, 2009

4:00 PM

- † Joseph Zontek (4th anniv.)
Req. by the Zontek family
- † Donald Clarke
Req. by his wife Bernice & family
- † Mary Ancerewicz
Req. by her family & friends

Sunday, February 22, 2009- 7th Sunday in O.T.

9:00 AM

- † Helen Szczepaniak
Req. by her daughter Rita Szczepaniak
- † John Przeslica
Req. by Hedy Gaskey
- † Leocadia Mackiewicz
Req. by her family

11:00 AM

- † Eugene Ochylski
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † Joanne Thiel
Req. by her family
- † Genevieve Sielagoski
Req. by Frances Szymanski
- Safe return home for 1st Lt. Grant Gillary from Iraq
Req. by Busia Roni Kuskowski
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Monday, February 23, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Marilyn Fox
Req. by her Aunt Dolores Stockton
- † Charlotte & Walter Zamojski
Req. by Ted & Diane Zamojski
- † For all the poor souls in purgatory

The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions for February 2009

General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Rita Cynowa
Req. by her sister-in-law Dolores Stockton
- † Edward Cynowa
Req. by his sister-in-law Dolores Stockton

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday - 11:00 AM

- † Arnold Osborne
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † Wanda Zwolinski
Req. by her family



Thursday – February 26, 2009 - Dantis

Friday, February 27, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Rita Gnaster
Req. by Dave & Darlene Zabrzenski
- † Bob Taylor
Req. by Marsha Maksymiw
- † Ferdinand Grobbel
Req. by Chris Piebiak



Saturday, February 28, 2009

4:00 PM

- † Joann Timmerman
Req. by the Smolinski family
- † Donald Clarke
Req. by his wife Bernice & family
- † Laurel Obodzinski
Req. by her mother Lorraine Koss

Sunday, March 1, 2009- 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM

- † Fr. Valentine Kaznowski
Req. by Christine Fischer
- † Frank & Dorothy Kupczak
Req. by their family
- † David Mijal
Req. by the Mijal family

11:00 AM

- † Kyle Campbell
Req. by Grandma & Grandpa
- † John Felczak
Req. by Fred & Mary Schultz
- † Richard Coles
Req. by the Smigielski family
- Continued health of Don Samull
Req. by his friends
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:

Fr. Francis Skalski	Willie Howard
Ann Bush	Frank Score
Joe Pelak	Fr. David Przedwiecki
Frank Szymanski	Marion Bobryk
Virginia Barnowski	Genevieve Stoneberg
Christine Storms	Tish Germain
Emily Pakos	Sophie Koper
Laura Muklewicz	Joseph Konfara
Danny Mason	Adela Krajenka
Arthur Wiczko	Kathleen Novak
Mrs. Bogunia	Nancy Milewski
Jessie Osmialowski	Lorraine Koss
Nicholas Frontczak	Carol Miloser
Ester Wichlacz	Jennifer Formella
Lillian Demska-Tylenda	John Majewski
Mary Skalski	Barbara Sokol
Elizabeth Posluszny	Christine Wandas
Sylvia Russell	Ray Skalski
Richard Ludwig	Cheryl Taranowski
Ronald Sienkiewicz	Charlotte Check
Nancy and Frank Davis	Dianne Zamojski
Dorothy Rzeppa	Lottie Machowski
John Lesneskie	Phyllis Kubicki
Irene Stadnik	Larry Milobowski
Ingrid Pilarowski	Almond Cormier
Rita Szczepaniak	Allen Shooks
Veronica Kuskowski	Jane Paterka
Daniel and Susan Pietrous	Arthur Tomaszycycki
Tom Przybylinski	Don Samull
Christine Jarzombek	Stella Shooks
Genevieve Pielack	Raymond Noble
Michael Fennelly	Theresa Mander
Mary Antoncew	Matthew Moshe
Clara Tomaszycycki	Jonathan Smith #79
Andrew Czajka	Adnan Alshab
Barbara VanAssche	Emily Wiklanski
Kenny & Violet Tyminski	Lorraine Klekotka
Lucia Matelonek	Joseph Troszak
Joan Bratto	Gloria Arendoski
Maxine Taylor	



We will be happy to include the name of the those whom you wish to pray for. Also please help us keep the listing up to date by notifying us when a requested prayer intention may be removed. If you have someone to add to the sicklist, or have an update, please call the Rectory at 313-922-1507. Thank you.

Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You.
 Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Don Samull - Don Samull, a noted member of Detroit Polonia, has been very sick for a number of months. Don is currently in hospice and in need of prayers. A Mass to pray for Don has been scheduled by as number of his friends. The Mass is on March 1st at 11:00 AM at Saint Hyacinth. All members of Polonia are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles

The seventh annual blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles will take place on Sunday March 22, 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.

Poletown Church Pilgrimage: Saint Hyacinth will once again be included in the Pilgrimage of Poletown Churches. The American Polish Assistance Association (APAA) will host the 2009 Holy Thursday Pilgrimage of Poletown Churches on Thursday, April 9th. This year, the pilgrimage will include St. Hyacinth, St. Albertus, Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Florian, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, and Holy Cross P.N.C.C. Bus transportation will be available from Eastpointe, and possibly other Macomb county locations depending upon interest. The first stop for the pilgrimage will be Saint Hyacinth to attend the 6:00 PM Mass.

The pilgrims will enjoy dinner in the school hall following the Mass. Advanced reservations are necessary. Please call the APAA office in Eastpointe for reservations and additional information at (586) 778-9766. Office hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

The Call of St. Paul: Evangelizing and Building Communities of Disciples

Walk with Saint Paul on his missionary journey and reflect on the words and themes of his Letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. Delve into the culture of St. Paul's time and understand how his message speaks to us today. This series is presented at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on March 21, April 18, and May 16, by the Department of Parish Life and Services, Office for Evangelization. The series is free; however, there will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of refreshments. No registration is required. For more information, call 313-237-5762.

Prayer to Saint Hyacinth - O holy St. Hyacinth, patron of our parish, we ask you to intercede for us and win God's Blessings for our parish.

We come together as family to bring praise and worship to the Father. May we live lives that are holy and worthy of the name Christian.

Bless us with your devotion to Mary the Mother of God and with an ardent faith in Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Win for us the graces to continue to live according to gospel values and the teachings of the church.

Intercede for us and protect us as we place ourselves under your patronage and care. Amen

Saint Hyacinth's Detroit Tiger Outing - Please join parishioners and friends as the Detroit Tigers play the Oakland Athletics on Saturday, May 16th. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include a pregame all you can eat buffet (hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad baked beans, chips, pop and bottled water). The buffet opens at 5:30 PM. Game time is 7:05 PM. The Tigers are sure to be an exciting team and tickets for this outing will go fast. Take advantage of this opportunity and order yours early by calling Tom Baranski at (586) 739-7771. Tickets are on sale now.

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Ash Wednesday and Lent - Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Please note the Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 11:00 AM, not 9:00 AM. Ashes will be distributed at 11:00 AM on Wednesday and again during the weekend Masses for February 28th and March 1st. Please remember Lenten Observances of Fasting and Abstinence begin with Ash Wednesday. 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.

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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.