

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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July 17, 2011. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In observing our fellow humans we should be careful not to think in just two categories: good and evil. No person is entirely good, neither is anyone entirely evil. Some people look harshly upon all who are not in perfect consonance with their opinions about what good people should be and do. They speak of “law and order” without considering the whole situation. Advocating and pleading for law and order without eliminating poverty and slum conditions, without promoting equal education and job opportunity, without furthering constructive family life programs and facilities, without efficient rehabilitation programs for prisoners to be paroled is shameless hypocrisy. Better than any physician, social worker, or psychologist, God knows the case history of a person who has failed, and he is patient! What can a Christian do as an individual and what can a congregation do as a group to give persons who are considered a failure a chance to prove themselves? Perhaps a project by the parish council might be begun and a concerted attempt to contact responsible politicians!

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

You taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind.

- How do you make the case for justice while standing in the shadow of the cross?

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray.

Take a moment to pray for the Spirit’s guidance.

- What might strengthen your regular commitment to prayer?

“Let the wheat and weeds grow together until harvest.”

- Have you ever misjudged someone on the basis of a first impression?
- Has an antagonist in your life ever become an ally?
- \* What percentage of the contents of your heart today would you prefer to hide from God?
- “Master did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?”
- Which of the Spirit’s fruits is the one you need to encourage the most at the time?
- Which of “the weeds” are most difficult for you to eradicate?

## **Faith Response**

Aim higher than fairness in your practice of justice. Seek to be merciful and give others the example of your mercy from which to learn, just as you learn from the example of Christ.

## **HOLY MASSES**

July 17, 2011. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for Jennie and William Corrigan req. by Linda Bielski and family. + Elmer Sherman req. by Doris Sherman.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

July 17, 2011. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

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## **Events and activities**

*Responsorial Psalm for today is: Lord you are good and forgiving.*

*Weeds among the wheat - Scripture note.*

Christ's parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ didn't agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgment, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil. Later the parable was applied to the problem of sinners in the Church. Like the Kingdom, the Church is also a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definitive separation must be left to the last judgment. In the meantime the Church must be patient; it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and leniency are an expression not of weakness but of strength.

A harvest prayer:

On the day of the harvest the straw is set aside, the chaff is blown away by the wind, and the weeds are consigned to the flames. But the wheat, like sacks of gold, is gathered into the barn. Lord on the day of death, the harvest of my life will be poured out before you, wheat and chaff and weeds together. Let your wise hand sift through it; then keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of your kindness, blow the rest away.

*Please pray* for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Marian Sowa, Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, Jean Manowiecki, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Catherin & Frank Kusniesz, Wanda and Andrew Closterman, and all in need of our prayers.

*Sacrament of Baptism:* Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

*Sacrament of Matrimony:* Arrangement should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

*Emergencies, Sickness and Death* should be reported to the rectory office immediately.

*Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass, please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.*