

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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October 23, 2011. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

Until a few years ago, outsiders regarded Catholics as people who had to go to church on Sunday, did not eat meat on Friday, fasted during Lent and did not believe in divorce. With a grain of salt, that was the ordinary idea of a Catholic. And indeed, a good Catholic was seen as a law-abiding citizen in the City of God. Judaism of our Lord's time suffered from legalism. It was said that there were 613 precepts in the Law of Moses, and many interpretations on priority.

This danger of legalism exist also in our Church, though there is a shifting of opinions with some going to the extreme of doing away with laws entirely. Our Lord reacts against legalism by putting all laws in their proper framework: Love. Laws have reason to exist only insofar as they are explanations and adaptations of the great law of love of God and neighbor.

Christians should not see a law-abiding life as a tool for obtaining eternal salvation. It is love that makes the observance of laws compatible with human dignity.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

“If your neighbor cries out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate.”

- In which relationships have you best learned the old wisdom of getting what you give?

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers.

Consider five models in your life.

- What did they teach you, and what might you be passing on to the next generation?

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

- How do you love God with your heart?
- With your soul?
- With your mind?
- How is your neighbor involved in this love necessarily?

- “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”
- List three ways you will show your love for God through loving your neighbor today.

## **HOLY MASSES**

October 23, 2011. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:00AM Holy Mass for Jack Ferranti and Helen Karkosky req. by Eleanor Ferranti. For God`s blessings upon Joseph Zavatsky on his 90 th birthday req. by Sarnowski family.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

October 30, 2011. Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

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## **Events and activities**

***Responsorial Psalm for today is: I love you Lord, my strength.***

**S.O.C.L. classes started September 25, 2011. Please send your Children to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation.**

**Halloween Party sponsored by S.O.C.L. All are invited. Free will donation will be collected. Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00PM. Games, prizes, good food.**

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to all parishioners who are celebrating birthdays in October. May God bless you and grant you all a very happy birthday!

Gift Auction Sunday Nov.13th 2011. Set up Sat. Nov. 12th 1:00PM

Doors open 1:00PM. Auction starts 2:30PM. Table and dark horse gifts are needed. Please see Linda Zulkowski or Ray Bielski if you have any questions.

***October 30, 2011. East Ridge Lawn Cemetery, Service for our departed loved ones at 2:00PM.***

Let us pray... Holy God, you call us to become so much more than we are in the present moment. Give us the courage to step into the fullness of life, now and in the world to come. Amen!

*Please pray* for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Marian Sowa, Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, 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.*