

**Announcements
For the week of
February 14, 2016**

Happy Birthday and special shout-out to Dora Pickens who celebrated her 75th birthday on February 11.

Monsignor Kelly High School will have their Open House on February 25, 2016 at 6pm in the school cafeteria.

On Behalf of Bishop Guillory and the more than 110,000 individuals who are served by our diocesan ministries, I thank all those who have pledged to this year's Bishop's Faith Appeal. If you have not made a financial and prayer pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge envelopes and Spiritual Pledge/Intention cards are available in the pews.

The Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17 in Meeting Room 1 at 6pm. All are invited to attend.

The Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary will be recruiting new members after mass on Saturday, February 20 and all masses on Sunday February 21.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Fish Dinners on Friday during Lent until March 18 from 8am until 2pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

On behalf of Fr. Case, Fr. Aloysius and the Living The Eucharist Team, we would like to thank everyone who signed up as leaders and participants. We have over 100 participants including Adults, families and teens. If anyone would like to sign up, please contact Gloria Cobb. Again thank you for your participation.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. No impromptu announcements.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families .

February 14, 2016

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISTORS!
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. KINDLY TURN TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE 20 SEC-
ONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COL-
LECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MIS-
SIONS AND REDUCING PARISH DEBT.**

**REMEMBER, THE VESTIBULE IS A "*QUIET ZONE*" PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL
OF THOSE INSIDE WHO ARE QUIETLY IN PRAYER.**

**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS DURING COMMUNION. EVERY-
ONE IS ASKED TO USE THE AISLE OF THE CHURCH AND NOT TO CROSS
THROUGH THE PEWS.**

TODAY'S THEME:

**On this first Sunday of Lent, Jesus enters the desert and invites us to do the same. Dur-
ing the next forty days, let us clear our minds and recall who our God is and whose we
are. Beginning today, let us and our catechumens, our elect, prepare our hearts and souls
for the great initiatory celebration at the Easter Vigil, recalling that it is God who created
us, saved us, and made us whole through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case, Fr. Aloysius

4:30 P.M.- Fr.

7:00 A.M.-Fr.

9:00 A.M.-Fr.

11:30 A.M.-Fr.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

**In today's first reading we will hear Moses admonishing the Israelites to recall all that
God has done for them when they bring their offering to the Lord. Saint Paul adds that
"no one who believes in him will be put to shame." And Jesus, at the end of his desert ex-
perience, is ready to encounter the devil and his temptations. Let us now listen and allow
these scriptures to prepare us for our Lenten encounter with God this year.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 14, 2016

Priest: The Lord is with us when we are in trouble, and so we pray for all those in need

Response: Empower us, Lord.

- For Pope Francis and all the leaders of our Church as they accompany us through the desert during this Lenten season, we pray to the Lord...
- That leaders of nations resist the temptations of power and instead be of service to the people who have been entrusted to them, we pray to the Lord...
- For those preparing for the Easter sacraments, especially those whom we send to celebrate their election this day, as they seek to cleanse their hearts and be open to God's grace, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who lack the daily bread they need to live, we pray to the Lord...
- For strength against the Tempter and for forgiving hearts toward our sisters and brothers during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we pray to the Lord.....
- In silence, we pray through Jesus, who changes us to conform to Him, for our own needs and for the special intention of others...
[pause for ten seconds; the presider alone concludes ...], we pray to the Lord.....

Priest: O God, no one who believes in you will be put to shame. Graciously hear these our prayers and answer them in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Remember to use the white bags for the collections
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 11:30 Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collections
BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS
AND
REDUCING PARISH DEBT**