

Announcements
For the week of September 11, 2016

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to George and Dora Pickens celebrating 55 years of marriage on September 12, 2016.

CCD Classes will start September 19, 2016. Registration forms are in the Vestibule of the Church.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on September 18, 2016 at 4:00pm in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of our diocese at Ford Park.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements is 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families. Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements.

September 11, 2016

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

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

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF
WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S
COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS
IN LOUISIANA AND REDUCING PARISH DEBT**

TODAY'S THEME:

The theme for this Jubilee Year of Mercy is "Merciful like the Father." It is inspired by stories like today's reading from Exodus and the Gospel parable of the prodigal son. This is the God whom Jesus wants us to know better, whom Pope Francis wants revealed to the whole world. As we gather today, let us make a prayer of thanksgiving for our merciful God and Father.

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:

"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." This criticism of Jesus is actually unintentional praise. If we are honest, we know that we are among sinners with whom Jesus breaks bread. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us hear these stories of God's mercy and love in all three readings, and think of the times in our own lives when we were in need of such mercy. Then let us give thanks for our merciful God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Priest: Knowing that the Lord treasures even the lost among us, we have the faith to seek his help for ourselves and our world.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

- ◆ For this household of faith ... May we welcome all people, opening our banquet table to saints and sinners alike, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For our brothers and sisters who are still suffering or recovering from the recent floods, may we continue to discern the will of God to give or receive aid, solace, and prayers in this time of trial, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For more of our Catholic brothers and sisters to take advantage of God's love and mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For those who are lost and unable to see their path of life clearly... May they awaken to the knowledge that God lovingly searches for them, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For the grace to forgive as God forgives us, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For an end to jealousy and greed so that we may rejoice in each other's triumphs and share in one another's sadness, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For protection from storms, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ In silence, we lift up our personal intentions.
(*pause for 10 seconds*; the presider alone concludes), we pray to the Lord.

Presider: Compassionate and loving Father, who never gives up on us. Hear the prayers that we place before you today and answer them according to your will. We ask this and all things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

September 10-11, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
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 11:30AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**Second Collections
Reducing Parish Debt
And
Flood Victims in Louisiana**