

**February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**ST. JOSEPH, Lankin ~ STs. PETER & PAUL, Bechyne**  
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**Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek**

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

02/16 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Gary Pecka – Tim Zikmund Family  
 02/17 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Joe Mayer – Pat & Karen Restad  
 02/17 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members

**MASS INTENTIONS (February 18 – February 24)**

02/18 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
 02/19 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – † Betty Denault – Joe & Lorraine Zikmund  
 02/20 – Wednesday – **NO DAILY MASS** – Fr. Lefor hosts Real Presence Radio  
 02/21 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – † Rita Yaggie – Colleen Samson  
 02/22 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – † Ben Greicar – Tim Zikmund Family  
 02/23 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members  
 02/24 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Joe Mayer – Pat & Karen Restad  
 02/24 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Frank & † Stella Lovcik – Dennis & Elaine Lovcik

**Reconciliation** – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

**Adoration** – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday  
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

**Morning Prayer** – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.  
**Evening Prayer** – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Baptism** – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

**Wedding** – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

**New to Parish** – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

**FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE**

**March 2019**

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**April 2019**

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**May 2019**

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	<b>February 24 – 10:30 am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe & Ashleigh Miller
<b>Read</b>	Joe Miller

**ST. JOSEPH  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	<b>February 23 – 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Usher</b>	John & Heidi Gustafson
<b>Read</b>	Judy Bosh
<b>Clean</b>	John & Heidi Gustafson

**S.S. PETER & PAUL  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

	<b>February 24 – 8:30 am</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Jacob Karas & John Miller
<b>Read</b>	Albin
<b>Serve</b>	Brooke & Lily
<b>Clean</b>	Bonnie Zahradka Erika Miller

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor,  
 Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,  
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Human Trafficking:** For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

**FAITH FORMATION**

(See [www.plbtriparish.org](http://www.plbtriparish.org) for full schedule)

02/20/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 02/24/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
 02/27/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 03/03/19 – Gr. K-6 – 8:45 am – Pisek  
 03/06/19 – Ash Wednesday – TBA

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's "Magnificat." There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55 also 16:19–31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

## WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

02/17/19	02/18/19	02/19/19	02/20/19	02/21/19	02/22/19	02/23/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u><i>Sixth Ordinary</i></u> <u>Seven Founders of the Servite Order</u></p> <p>Pisek - Pork &amp; Dumpling Dinner Fundraiser - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm</p> <p>Emma Grabanski</p>	<p><u>Bl. John Fiesole</u></p> <p>Real Presence Radio Banquet</p>	<p><u>St. Conrad of Piacenza</u></p> <p>Deanery Meeting</p> <p>Bernadette Jelinek Gavin Lamont</p>	<p><u>Sts. Jacinta &amp; Francisco Marto</u></p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> Gr 7-9 - 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 - 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>St. Peter Damian</u></p> <p>Ministerial Meeting</p>	<p><u>Chair of St. Peter</u></p>	<p><u>St. Polycarp</u></p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

Sunday, March 3  
Parish Potluck  
Following 10:30 am Mass

### PETER'S PENCE

Thank you to all who have donated to our Holy Father's Missions. If you would still like to donate, please get them to your church by Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH CENSUS** – There are a large number of families that have not yet returned an up-dated form to the parish office. These are needed for a number of reasons, so please if you haven't yet filled out a form, please do so as soon as you can.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5055

Tuesday, February 26 ~ 7:00 pm  
St. Mary's – Park River  
Hope to see you there.

**BOTTLES FOR LIFE** – Please return your donation (Baby Bottle) by Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank You to all who have been so generous with their donations by returning their bottles.

### REDEEMED 2019 "MADE FOR GREATNESS" MEN'S CONFERENCE

Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, March 30 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men's Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men's Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. Early registration is only \$40 through March 10. For more information or to register visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen> or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

### RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally April 26-28, 2019 in Fargo with additional dates regionally in February and March. Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.

### DECORA – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – FARGO ~ MARCH 2

A day to discover you feminine genius/mind, body, spirit! High School and older invited. High School students 15-16 will need to bring a mentor along. This could be mother, aunt, grandmother, other female she is comfortable talking to. The mentor must be 21 and older. See flyer for further information. To register go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/decora](http://www.fargodiocese.org/decora)