

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

*Every tree is known by its own fruit.*

*For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.*

— Luke 6:44

### WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,926.00	\$1,863.00
Number of Families contributing	119	101
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (8 Weeks)	\$25,788.00	\$26,152.00
Received to Date	\$17,895.00	\$14,959.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,893.00	\$11,193.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$92.00	\$910.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$8,930.00	\$26,060.00

Seventeen people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$76.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$53.00.

**BAA** totaled \$357.00

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Usually, the students from Omaha's Catholic high schools are in heated competition, either for sports, drama or speech.

But each Christmas season they act as one, collecting turkeys and other foods to feed some 1,600 area families in need.

For the past 40 years, the student-run program, Operation Others, has helped teens tap into our God-centered call to love our neighbor. "It helps you refocus," says teen Justine Sacco.

High school senior Jason Passarelli says, "Delivering the food is probably the coolest thing of all. To see the smiles on people's faces is something you can't really describe."

In reaching out to lift up others, we renew God's love in our own hearts and lives.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:38)

Enable us to hear and answer those in need.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pete Mike, Allison, Luxe and Seve in loving memory of Ned Sherlock on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Mary Martha and Family in loving memory of Kate Hunn on her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. the Family of Big Joe in loving memory of him on his 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BISHOP OF CHARLESTON** Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Jaques Fabre, CS, as the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Charleston. Bishop-elect Fabre will be ordained and installed on April 29, 2022.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be celebrated at 12:00 NOON. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 6 ½ weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. The ashes are symbols of being sorry for things we have done and want to get rid of them forever. This is also a reminder to us that we all come from ashes and to ashes we return.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER** Thanks to the Legion of Mary, we will have Morning and Evening Prayer in the Church during Lent. All are requested to make use of this golden opportunity to join in the worldwide praise of God at the beginning and the close of each day. Morning and Evening Prayer will begin Next Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 6:30 p.m.

**MASS ON FRIDAYS** during Lent will be at 7 P.M.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

- Mar. 4: Legion – O.L. of Presentation
- Mar. 11: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany
- Mar. 18: Religious Education Teachers
- Mar. 25: Lectors
- Apr. 1: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
- Apr. 8: Society of Mary Immaculate
- Apr. 15: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

**DIVINE MERCY** Beginning Ash Wednesday, the Divine Mercy Novena will be held daily at 3:00 P.M. in the Church during Lent. Betty Jo, Cathy Ann, Sherlock's Mary Theresa, Tina Johnson, Cathy Carroll, and Melissa Gallon will be leading the Novena.

**TUESDAY MASS** will be at 12:00 Noon each week until further notice.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; a member in thanks to the Holy Family, St. Theresa, St. Expedite and St. Dymphna for prayers answered and for prayers needed; and two members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Two students were talking about cooking.  
"I got a cookbook a couple of years back," said one, "but I could never do anything with it."  
"Was it too demanding?" asked his friend.  
"Absolutely. Every one of the recipes began the same way –  
"Take a clean dish."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
- Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
- Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer
- Saturday: First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday: For the forgotten souls and all the sick.
- Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Kate Hun on her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Wednesday: For Matt Edward on his Birthday.
- Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Betty Costello on her Birthday.
- Friday: For Monroe Carroll on her 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**LIFE BRAND NEW**

*Let not your heart be troubled  
Nor laden with despair  
For God sent His only Son, Jesus,  
And gave us his Kingdom to share.*

*For if we keep His promises  
And have faith that His word is true,  
He will unfold His mercy  
And give us life brand new.*

**READERS**

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| Sat. Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Christina & Julie Ann | Sat. Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.<br>Dayna & Leah   |
| Sun. Feb. 27 <sup>h</sup> , 10:00 A.M.                          | Jersey & Bridgette Anna                                  |
| Sat. Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Cathy Lisa & Reed      | Sat. Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.<br>Ritz & Savannah |
| Sun. Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 A.M.                          | Jersey & Bridgette Anna                                  |

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| Monday    | - | Ashley Carroll |
| Tuesday   | - | Ritz           |
| Wednesday | - | Ivana          |
| Thursday  | - | Katsyn         |
| Friday    | - | Graclynn       |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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| Monday    | - | Kim Gallon    |
| Tuesday   | - | Nora          |
| Wednesday | - | Catherine Ann |
| Thursday  | - | Mary Cat      |
| Friday    | - | Rosie Cat     |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

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| <b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b> | <b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Front                     | Winnie Ann                      |
| Right                     | Cathy Pole                      |
| Left                      | Catherine Ann                   |
| <b>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</b> | <b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Right                     | Rosie Cat                       |
| Left                      | Cathy Jap                       |

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| <b>Sunday</b>             | <b>Sunday</b> |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | March 6       |
| Rose Marie                | Rose Marie    |

**WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN**

*Truth must be sought at all costs, but separate isolated truths will not do. Truth is like life; it has to be taken on its entirety or not at all...We must welcome truth even if it reproaches and inconveniences us – even if it appears in the place where we thought it could not be found.*

**TRUE RICHNESS**

*Whenever you want to know how rich you are...  
Don't count your money, drop a tear...  
And count how many hands reach out to wipe it...  
That's TRUE RICHNESS.*

**PRAYER CORNER**

**PRAYER FOR EASING OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES**

Dear Lord, I have been taught that money is not what is most important, yet money is often a problem in my life. These latest financial difficulties are hard. Help me to use money wisely – to resist buying what I do not need and to stop comparing my possessions with those of others. Grant me what I need in this life, so that I may care for myself and those dear to me, with enough to share with those less fortunate. Amen.