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Dear Saints of Grace,

We've made it through January which means we're a good part of the way through the season of Epiphany. In fact, being that we are using the Historic One-year Lectionary for our Sunday readings, we are in the season of "Pre-Lent," those weird "*gesima*" Sundays. The last Sunday of January being "*Septuagesima*," means "about seventy days" before Easter. Then will be "*Sexagesima*" ("about sixty days") and "*Quinquagesima*" ("about fifty days"). After that, on February 17th, we'll have Ash Wednesday.

As weird as things are this year, that might lead to the question if we'll have the imposition of ashes as we have for the past couple of years. As a pastor friend of mine pointed out, ashes have been used for ages in conjunction with lye as cleansing agents. His statement (with humor) was that there should be more ashes this year and not less 😊! In any case, we will have the imposition at 6:45pm on Ash Wednesday as we have had in the past.

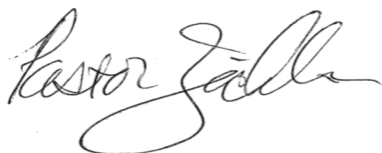
That said, we will also have our usual 7:00pm Wednesday Evening services on the Wednesdays of Lent. One of the professors at the Fort Wayne Seminary organized a study of Christ as the High Priest of God in the letter to the Hebrews. That will serve as our theme as it seemed fitting in light of our Wednesday morning study on that epistle right now. The professor's introduction to the series also noted well the pertinence of this as he pointed out the promise of Jesus in the letter as being "the same yesterday, today, and forever." How much that comfort of the unchanging love of our God is needed in our day!

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In view of that topics relating to this priesthood of Jesus will include things such as our comfort in knowing that Jesus relieves us from fear and shame, cleanses us, perfects us, and makes us holy in the midst of this broken and fallen world. Likewise, in that priestly role, He still intercedes and pleads for our care before our Father in Heaven. The study of this book for Wednesday Morning has been most edifying for me and I look forward to being able to bring some of that out as we hear the preaching on it this Lent.

With that set forth, we'll look forward to beginning this season of preparation for celebrating the Lord's Resurrection. As we do so, I pray the Lord grant us to increasingly approach Him in that penitence that our sin requires, that we may see all the more clearly the joy that is ours in His resurrection. After all, it is that joy that sustains us in this world. Even more so, it is that joy that gives us the endurance to continue in the midst of the trials associated with the pandemic, the sorrows that come with it, and the uncertainty that we always have for the future when we look away from Christ who promises His ever-present love, care, compassion, and provision.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Zickler".

Pastor Zickler

SCRIP

SCRIP orders are taken on Sunday,
February 14th after the Service.

Questions?

Please call Sara Fitzgerald
 708-822-8094

REPORT OF RECEIPTS

Budget to Actual Comparisons

DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 17,489.17	\$ 209,870.00
Actual	\$ 49,153.00	\$ 209,728.00
Over (Under)	\$ 31,663.83	(\$142.00)

DECEMBER 2019

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 17,362.50	\$ 208,350.00
Actual	\$ 41,542.22	\$ 231,391.22
Over (Under)	\$ 24,179.72	\$ 23,041.22



Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers

Lesley Arca

Garry Atkins, friend of the Blessman family

Peggy Barbieri, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton

CJ Brown

Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec

Jennifer Cinelli, niece of John Huebner

Isaac Defee, friend of the Claster family

Richard Dominguez, friend of Pat Schlueter

Blake Donegan, grandson of John & Lois Flood

John Donegan, friend of John & Lois Flood

Tim Eggert

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

Phyllis Floyd

Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer

Jim Gallaher, friend of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak

Horwath Family, friend of Carolina St. Charles

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Mary Jane Kowal, family member of Peggy Keeler

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Jack Lapice, cousin of Doris Svec

Steve Latman

Gail Loos, friend of Karen Hayes

Sonny Mansor, friend of Joey Keeler

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Debra Muir, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Lisa Mullarkey

Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman family

Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Joyce Oberst, sister of Sue Napolitano

Col. Carol Ann O'Donnell, Ret. VFW

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Leah Picek

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Realie Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Sandoval Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Kurt Seehofer, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Adam Skelton, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler

Shirron Reid, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid

Sharon Riordan

Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Don & Gayle Steele

Noah (Picek) Tovar, great-granddaughter of the Floods

Jennifer Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski

Lillian Winkelman

Addison Wille

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Karla Bergenthal - Eleanor Kulaga - Lorraine Moller - Suzette Olszewski

February Birthdays!

Matthew Briscoe	2/2
Donna Perkowski	2/2
Joel Holcombe	2/4
Jack Sheldon	2/6
Nancy Harris	2/9
Don Steele	2/15
Owen Fitzgerald	2/16
Christine Sulak	2/16
Irene Rohde	2/25
Peter Hayes	2/26
Lesley Arca	2/27
Natalie Fuller	2/27
Nancy Kolar	2/28

February Anniversaries!

Arnie & Doris Svec 02/23/1963

