

HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH - SINCE 1924 -

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SEXAGESIMA -
SUNDAY of PRE-LENT
February 8, 2026

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Mass Intention this Sunday: for † Virginia Pawlowski &
† Richard Charles Pawlowski; Upon the request of Dorothy Derouin.



The Courage to Love Beyond Fairness

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges one of our most natural instincts: to return hurt for hurt. "You have heard... eye for an eye," He says, but then He invites us to something far more demanding and far more freeing: love your enemies.

This teaching is not abstract especially when we experience harsh words from colleagues that hurt us deeply, or when an unresolved family conflict remains an open wound, or simply when someone insults us, literally or figuratively. In such situations we may feel justified in our reacting. Jesus does not deny that wrongs hurt, but He offers a new way forward: respond with mercy, restraint, and unexpected generosity.

Turning the other cheek, as He suggests, is not weakness; it is strength rooted in trust that God's justice is greater than our need to win. When we choose patience over retaliation, prayer over bitterness, we begin to reflect the heart of the Father, "who makes his sun rise on the bad and the good." In small daily choices, this Gospel has the power to change us, and through us, the world. - Fr. Paul

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. **Everyone is always welcome to worship with us** in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.



For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet. Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.



Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. - If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**



Questions? Suggestions? If you have any burning questions about the Bible, the church's teachings, our parish's workings, or the liturgy in general? Or maybe you have a suggestion for the parish committee to consider? Fell free! There will be a basket at the back of the church, along with paper and pen for your convenience. Simply jot down your question or suggestion anonymously and drop it in. The question/suggestion will be answer usually the following week via bulletin, or from the pulpit depending on the length and complexity of the answer. **No question is too silly.** Others may have the same question, but not the courage to ask it under the assumption that everyone knows the answer but them. **All suggestions will be considered.** So, get those inquisitive minds working and have your curiosity satisfied!

Q: Does the priest choose the Sunday readings?

A: No. The Sunday readings and Gospel are assigned by the Church and are the same throughout the world for that particular day. They follow the **Lectionary**, a structured cycle of Scripture readings. On Sundays, the Church uses a **three-year cycle** (Years A, B, and C) so that we hear a wide range of Scripture over time. The priest's role is not to choose the readings, but to help the community understand and live them through the homily which is based on the Sunday readings.

Q: Who decides what readings we hear at Mass on Sunday?

A: The Church does. Sunday readings follow an organized schedule called the Lectionary. This ensures unity across the Church and helps the faithful encounter the breadth of God's Word. While the priest does not choose the readings, he prepares the homily in prayerful response to them.

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.

Want to request a Mass? Please contact Fr. Paul or call the rectory at (203) 729-4035. **Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living.** You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

Items for the bulletin – If you would like to share information about your family anniversaries or important events, such as graduations, with the parish community, please contact Fr. Paul by text at (475) 208-4455 or by email at paudek@yahoo.com. You can also attach photos from these events. Please submit items for the bulletin by Thursday.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held today after Mass.

➔ **Community Awards Program** - Every customer has the opportunity to help the Ion Bank Foundation distribute \$100,000 to local non-profit organizations. So, if you are an **Ion Bank customer**, now is the time to vote for your favorite non-profit organization. Each vote brings \$25 donation to the organization of your choice. Voting is open from now to March 3rd. **Check out the ION bank website and vote for Holy Saviour PNCC!**

➔ **We are collecting funds to cover heating costs during winter.** This is **FREE WILL DONATION.** Our goal is to raise \$4,500. **So far, we have collected \$4020 – 89.3%! – Specially designed envelopes for this purpose can be found at the back of the church. Thank you.**



➔ **THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:**

Natalie Schweizer – February 14

John M. Tropeano – February 17

Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Sarah Squezello, Logan, Debbie & Emil Caruso and Aiden Klein.**



The Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church

ARTICLE III

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE PNCC

SECTION 1. A believer of the Polish National Catholic Church is one who professes the principles of his Church and acknowledges them as the norms and rules of his life.

SECTION 2. A member to be a voting member must be not less than 18 years of age and a believer of this Church who enrolls and unites himself with others in a visible society called a Parish, and contributes his offerings, labor and life to fulfill the goals of his Parish and the entire Church, and believes and receives the holy Sacraments, believes in the ideals, principles and aims of this Church, complies with the Constitution and Laws thereof, and by personal charity and active cooperation with the Bishops, Pastor and lay members of his Parish help realize the aims and mission of this Church.

SECTION 3. A believer of the Polish National Catholic Church can be a votive member of only one parish at any particular time. (2014)

SECTION 4. Members of this Church have a twofold duty: spiritual and material.

A. Spiritual Duties are: worship, love and obedience to God. A member of this Church expresses such acts of worship, love and obedience towards God by: **(1)** private prayer; **(2)** active participation in the corporate worship of the Church; **(3)** active participation in the Sacramental life of the Church, ... which Christ our Lord instituted for the sanctification and perfection of man; **(4)** the proper rearing of children and the good examples of parents and guardians, through pastoral preparation in school and in Church, and ends temporarily with the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Unction. In its essence religious life continues eternally.

B. Material Duties are as follows:

- (1)** those enacted by the General Synods;
- (2)** those enacted by the Special Synods;
- (3)** those enacted by the Diocesan Synods;
- (4)** those adopted by the Parish; and
- (5)** in addition, every member endeavors to make free will offerings as the needs of the Church and the Parish require.

SECTION 4. A member of a Parish who fails to carry out his financial obligations for a period of one year... shall lose his right of voice and vote in the Parish. (1986)