



Grace Notes



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

19th February 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. In the early western church, individuals wanting to be baptized began a period of public penance on this first day of Lent. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in a pauper's sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart from the Christian community until Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, when they were reconciled to the church. By the tenth century, this initiation process had fallen into disuse for the newcomers, but a derivation of the practice was claimed for the entire church by placing ashes on the foreheads of the entire congregation, making the sign of the cross. These ashes are an outward sign, which may take on a particular inward meaning for us as we begin this season of preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Ashes are a reminder of our mortality. We live on this earth for a little while, and then we die. As we say in the funeral rite: "earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes." The day our life will end is known only to God, and we are called to live this life with an awareness that our life could end today. Live today – live every day – with an awareness of the preciousness of life, and with the awareness and expression of gratitude for all the gifts of life. Life is a terminal gift, and God willing we will see each other on Wednesday to begin the wonderful season of Lent.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Chris

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 19

Last Epiphany

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II
- 11:00 AM Fellowship
- 6:30 PM – Circle of Grace Dinner

Monday, February 20

- Presidents' Day
- Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

- 5:30 PM – Pancake Supper
- 7:00 PM – Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

- 12 noon – Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 PM – Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 PM - AA
- 7:30 PM - Choir

Thursday, February 23

- 6:00 PM – Bridge Group
- 8:00 PM - AA

Friday, February 24

- 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer
- 7:00 PM - AA

Saturday, February 25

- 8:15 AM – GEMS Breakfast
- 10:00 AM AIAnon

February 12, 2012

Attendance was 174

Offering was \$5,648

Our Prayer List

For now – Our Parishioners Kathleen, John, Jay, Julie, Addison, Roger, and Marie.

For friends and extended family – Janice, Glenda, Ben, Elaine, Sheri, Mimi, Milnor, Eric, Rosemary, Meredith, Mary Louise, Jim, and John.

The Concerns of our Hearts, especially: those suffering from cancer, those seeking employment.

For those in the Armed Forces, especially Brian, Michael, Jim and David.

For All The Faithful Departed, especially Frank, Gwendolyn, and Elaine.

Ministry for This Week

Altar Guild – Judy Powell, Phyllis Whitmer, Carol Kruchko, Anne Peters

February 19 - 7:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Brad Summers
Reader – Brad Summers
Acolyte – Charles Crawford
Ushers – Carol Kruchko, Bill Kruchko

February 19 - 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

Lay Eucharistic Ministers –Brendan Dzwierzynski, Madelyn Kern
Readers –Walter Shalda, B. Dzwierzynski, Randy Woods
Acolytes – Charlotte Land, Phoebe Paarlberg, Donald LaPetina, Jenna Dzwierzynski
Head Usher – Barbara Hinkle
Ushers – Michael Robinson, Randy Woods, Carol Woods

Ministry for Next Week

Altar Guild – Tricia McKibbin, Bettie Faulkner, Christine Hostettler, Loretta Hawthorne

February 26 - 7:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Donald LaPetina
Reader – Audrey Walker
Acolyte – Charles Crawford
Ushers – William Sikorski, Audrey Walker

February 26 - 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

Lay Eucharistic Ministers –Claire Foster, Sam Hostettler
Readers –Sofia Howson, Lila Damaska, Linda Reynertson
Acolytes – Elizabeth Haarlow, Donald LaPetina
Head Usher – Robin James
Ushers –Dan Clarke, Bruce George, Michelle James

Christian Education:



Mardi Gras Marketplace was lots of fun!
Thank you so much for coming and supporting us.
Our students really enjoyed working at the event and serving you. They did a great job!

Thanks to everyone who baked for our bake sale.
Everything looked just delicious.
Our dollar table was a big hit once again. Thank you to
Everyone who donated items. Many thanks also to our
teachers who supervised the different sale areas.

We raised \$700! That will help several area families in
need this Easter. Still, the need is great. So if you
weren't able to attend, there is still time to donate. Just
write a check to Grace Church for Easter baskets.

Again, many thanks.

On March 18 our students will put the Easter baskets
together.

They will be distributed by HCS Family Services.

There are no Sunday School classes this Sunday
due to President's Day.

See you next week. Happy Mardi Gras!

Ministry for Ash Wednesday

February 22 – 12 noon

Altar Guild Team – Judy Powell, Betty Jean Stroup
Lay Eucharistic Minister – Roberta Hoekwater

February 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Altar Guild Team – Tricia McKibbin
Lay Eucharistic Minister – Ellen BeGole

Altar Flowers – The altar
flowers today are given to the Glory of
God by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Walker in
memory of Frank, Gwendolyn, and
Elaine Davis.

Shrove Tuesday February 21, 2012

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

A \$10 contribution is appreciated.

Pancake Dinner

Sponsored by GEMs



February 19-25 Birthdays

Feb. 19	William Stout Loretta Summers
Feb. 20	Ella Gray
Feb. 21	Derrick Brown
Feb. 22	Robert Silk
Feb. 23	Lindsey Griffith
Feb. 24	Clark Burner Susan Trefil Anne Zalatoris
Feb. 25	Grayson Willman

THE
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SHOP
GIFTS FOR GRACIOUS LIVING

"March Forth" on March 4th at The Anglican Shop Open House!

**Come shop our new spring items.
Free mimosa with purchase!!!**

**One Day Only: 50% discount on all sale
merchandise including Devlin Glass.**

**One Day Only: 20% discount on all
James Avery jewelry.**

SHOP HOURS

Mon-Fri 10am – 2pm
Sat 10am – noon
Sun Before & after services

February 25, 2012

8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

GEMs Breakfast



**With John Kass of the Chicago Tribune
All are welcome! Please use sign-up
sheet to register. \$10 per person
contribution is suggested.**