

## St. Francis Altar Society

Will be meeting January 31, 2016

After the 9:30 Mass

All are welcome to attend!

### Duties for the month of February 1-29th

Funeral Dinners—9; Albs—7

Coffee Hour—10; No Duty—6

*If you are interested in joining the Altar Society, contact Jody Sherman, Sandy Fontana, Mary Ellen Daughtery, Jill Myatt or Ann Kniesel for more information.*

## 40 HOURS OF DEVOTION

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis is inviting all people to participate by first meditating on the mystery of mercy. Participation in an upcoming 40 Hours Devotion is an opportunity to do just that. Participating in one or more devotional hours is a great way to gather as a community before the Blessed Sacrament to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration in this Year of Mercy.

The focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist with a special emphasis placed on praying for the strength:  
*to embrace God's mercy,*

*to dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others  
as the Father has been with us,*

*to reflect God's mercy through the corporal and  
spiritual works of mercy to those in our midst.*

This devotion will be rolling across the diocese at six different locations and times throughout the Lenten Season. To participate in one or more devotional hours, contact the parish closest to you.

Online signups are available for each location; go to <http://dioceseofbaker.org/yom.htm>.

The Year of Mercy is also a time to act, engaging in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

"God wants to touch others mercifully through us. But for that to happen we must first be touched by his merciful love ourselves. We must let ourselves be found anew by God's forgiveness so that He can pass it along through us to others." – Bishop Liam Cary



## Religious Education

In today's second reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) St. Paul was telling the Corinthians "as a body is one thought it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." When he was telling them was that the Church is like a body. It has many parts or members. Each part is different. He also told them they became one body when they were baptized.

When we were baptized, we became members of the Body of the Church, we are called to do the work of the Church, which is the work of Jesus. The work of the Church is to continue what Jesus did.

This week maybe you could read the story "Stone Soup": It is a story about some people who worked as a body to make a stone soup to feed everyone. If you don't have this book you can get on the internet and type in "Stone Soup" and there are many books and video's or go to youtube.com for video's of "Stone Soup."

This week . . . What gifts can you use to do Jesus' work as members of the Body of Christ?

**Religious Education will be Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 pm**



*Parishioners,  
Remember if you use the  
parish hall and the kitchen  
facilities, it is your  
responsibility to keep it cleaned up and  
towels washed.*

*Thanks, Dawn*