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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

February 26, 2012, First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Excerpt from: Are we living to the fullest?

Many people appear in this Gospel, but is there a place for you? Do you see yourself among the critical Pharisees? Or in the confident porters of the sick man among the many onlookers? Perhaps in the people of the homeowner who must have watched with mixed feelings as they saw a sick man coming down through his roof? May I suggest that we try to identify ourselves with the paralyzed man on the stretcher.

The man is paralyzed. He does not move. He can feel that he cannot move and is surely unhappy with his situation. We do not know whose idea it was to take him to Jesus. Was it his own wish or did the idea come from a friend? His disease has made him entirely dependent on others. The thought of "what can I do?" may have started to paralyze his mind as well. The status quo becomes dominant and the tomorrow is programmed to resemble today.

Those gathered here this morning are fit, thank God, or in any case fit enough to come to church. But this alone is not proof that we are entirely free of paralysis. We move and are alive, but are we living to the fullest?

When we focus our attention on our own Christian lives, we need to repeat this question: Are we living to the fullest? The most convincing sign of life would appear to be change and growth. Can I name any progress in my discovery of who really Jesus Christ is and has there been any growth in my relationship with the absolute mystery of God? A look back into our own history can reveal whether a sharp-eyed physician could diagnose serious symptoms of paralysis in my Christian life. Nothing new, no change, no growth, today exactly like yesterday, and tomorrow no different from today and as it was in the beginning. Still alive, but certainly not living to the fullest...like the poor man on the stretcher.

Fortunately he had friends, very determined and energetic fellows. They would not allow their way to be blocked by a crowd of people. I find it exhilarating to see them dismantling the roof in order to get the lame man close to Jesus. We learn a crucial lesson. Being left alone in a state of a stagnated religious life is a bad start. When I feel like paralyzed on a stretcher, talking about it to a friend, admitting the awkward facts in the presence of others, will not yet be the cure, but it is certainly a first step in the right direction.

Father Dietmar Lenfers M.Afr.

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Father Dietmar Lenfers M.Afr.

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso & Levina Menjares
• Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Niels Waliszewski, Dennis Loebach • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming,
Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Rückeis Family
Collection today is designated for for Caritas.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19 attendance: 67

Collection: Friends € 202.43

- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating our annual **St. Patrick's Day Potluck on Saturday, March 17th starting at 6.30 pm.** We will begin the festivities with a **Taize Prayer** at 5 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Taize Prayer is an inclusive form of prayer where songs are sung in many languages. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. All are welcome to join in the singing!
- Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes stamped ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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March 4th 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Pfr Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina & Renée Menjares •
Altar Servers: Philip Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •
Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm
Collection on March 4th is designated for All Saints.

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ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * Marianne Sihotang

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Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); Bus M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

Car: Via Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>). Currently, **no access** from the A115 **Avus** highway.

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