

FEBRUARY
14
2021



Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope. Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus' healing of a leper was

thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus' resurrection. Where are there "lepers" today, those isolated or outcast from our communities? Who are those our society considers beyond hope, or deems not worth the trouble to offer hope? How can we imitate Jesus in offering a healing touch to them?

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – 9:00 am

Grace Niemiec – Special Intention

Monday, Tuesday, – NO MASS

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 5:00pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 9:00am

+Gloria Consack

Friday, February 19, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Saturday, February 20, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Stanley & Helen Niemiec

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, February 20 - 5:45pm	Mike & Katie Horath	Sue Nugent
SUNDAY, February 21 - 9:00am	Dan & Cathy Gesell	Steve Hoehn

COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – Boyle & Kotesa

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, January 24, 2021.....\$1040.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for on-going expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2020

Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

In an abundance of caution, the opening report for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is being delivered directly to your inbox and is also available online at jolietdioceseappeal.org. Please take a moment to read how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly illustrate this year's theme, *Shining the Light of Christ*, serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and assist parishes, including ours.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$9,600.00, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. The Diocese of Joliet mailed a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, to all registered parishioners in January, and our pastor is sending additional information this month. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and return your pledge card or envelope, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815)205-1949.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder – even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent! – Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021
COMMUNION SERVICE WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5:00PM**

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Thoughts on Ashes Being Place on the Head

From the Desk of the Vicar General

February 2, 2021

Ashes, as a Jewish sign of penitence, were accepted by Christians. They are derived from burning palms from the previous year.

This outward symbol of private or public sorrow, sadness, or penance, is a proof of humility, a remembrance of our mortality, that we are made of dust and will return to dust. The custom of imposing ashes, is a symbolic act signifying human mortality and total human dependence on the graciousness and mercy of God.

In the early Christian era ashes were imposed on public penitents, sprinkled on their penitential clothes.

The distribution of ashes gained popularity as many of the penitential practices once reserved for serious public sinners became standard for all the faithful. It was not until 1091, when Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of ashes on the heads of all the faithful, that the reception of ashes became mandatory and the Wednesday preceding the First Sunday of Lent became known as Ash Wednesday.

In order to maintain unity in practice with the Universal Church, we will be following the practices set forth by the Roman Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship (1988):

“On the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, the faithful receive the ashes, thus entering into the time established for the purification of their souls. This sign of penance, a traditionally biblical one, has been preserved among the Church’s customs until the present day. It signifies the human condition of the sinner, who seeks to express his guilt before the Lord in an exterior manner, and by so doing express his interior conversion, led on by the confident hope that the Lord will be merciful. This same sign marks the beginning of the way of conversion, which is developed through the celebration of the sacraments of penance during the days before Easter.”

In many English speaking countries the custom has been to place ashes on the forehead and not the crown of the head. In Italy and other European Countries the ashes are place on the crown of the head.

Due to the restrictions of Covid19, we are not imposing ashes on the forehead this year. For any person to person contact must be avoided. Rather, for the time being we are returning to the more ancient custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of head.



BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS
BY FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17

We will be collecting old palms that will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a container in the Narthex for your old palms.

COMMUNION SERVICE WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL BE AIN CHURCH AT 5PM

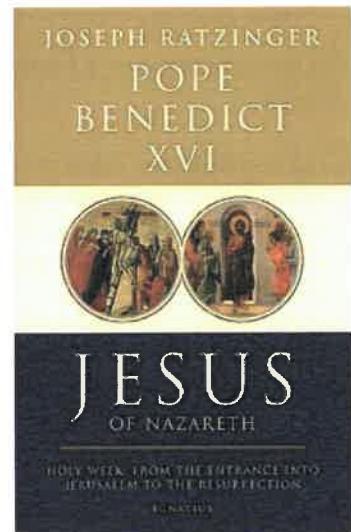
5-week Lenten Book Study

Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. beginning Feb. 24 - Mar 24th at St. Rose Church.

Purchase your own book. Session 1 come prepared by reading chapter 1 & 2.

Books are available through Ignatius Press or Amazon (ISBN 978-1-58617-500-9).

Interested in participating virtually, please call or email the Church office at 815/476-7491 or email strose603@aol.com



JOLIET DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Students in grades 8-11 wishing to attend a catholic high school may apply for this scholarship. Students must have a significant financial need, and must actively attend a Catholic parish. Application forms are available in the parish office. FACTS application must be completed on-line and ask to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS. Submit application to St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women by April 1.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp; Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Frank Quigley

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list. Thank You.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH FEBRUARY

- We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 14, 2021

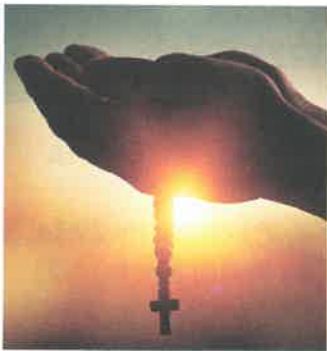


- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day;
- Monday: Presidents' Day
- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
- Friday: Abstinence

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin on Friday, February 19 at 6pm. Everyone will be invited; remember to wear your mask and use social distancing. Way of The Cross booklets will be available for you to take home and keep. (You bring them with you when you come for stations) Any used booklets will be disposed of.



SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the “powerlessness” of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with “whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live “for the glory of God” when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1–2, 44–46; Ps 32:1–2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40–45

2/14/2021