

Jesus said,
“Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come.”

MARK 1:38

FIFTH *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

February 7, 2021

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Our readings today summon the Church to embrace its calling, to join in God’s healing of the world. As we hear of Job’s anguish, in which all hope and purpose have disappeared, we are reminded of the depth of suffering in the world around us, and perhaps also within our own hearts. We hear of Jesus bringing healing and hope to Simon’s mother-in-law and to the community around Capernaum. And we hear of Paul’s commitment to “become all things

to all”, that is, to walk alongside all kinds of people, offering good news of the love of God. We need to be a people who do not hide from broken hearts, including our own. We are to share in the suffering of our world, but also to live as those who can tell the world of a God who brings hope. At our best, we the Church embody God’s great desire to heal the brokenhearted.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Ed Crossin req. by Grace & Steve Niemiec

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 9:00am

Winnie Wahlen - Special Intention - req. by Ciepły Family

Friday, February 12, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Saturday, February 13, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – 9:00 am

Grace Niemiec - Special Intention

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, February 13 - 5:45pm	Doug & Eva Luehrs	Cameron Luehrs
SUNDAY, February 14 - 9:00am	Dan & Tricia Knowles	Lisa Price

COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2021 – Hoehn



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
Frances & Mary Ann Quigley
and Margie Pyle
Requested by
Frank Quigley**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, January 17, 2021.....\$1,260.00

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.

Paczki!



FAT TUESDAY PACZKI SALE!

Ash Wednesday and Fat Tuesday are right around the corner! St. Rose Parish is hosting a sale of authentic, freshly made paczki with a choice of four

most popular fillings: raspberry, plum, rose and cream. We are taking pre-orders for boxes of four paczki (with your choice of filling, mixed or matched) for only \$10.00 per box.

Orders will be taken by email at:

craftyjam2@sbcglobal.net or

mapastrom@sbcglobal.net or by phone at:

815-484-2918 (Naomi) or 815-476-6199 (Pat).

All orders must be received by 6:00PM on

Thursday, February 11th. Pickup will be held on Saturday, February 13th between noon and 3:00PM at the St. Rose School entrance. Cash or checks made out to St. Rose Church will be accepted. Thank you for your support of this Parish fundraiser!

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**

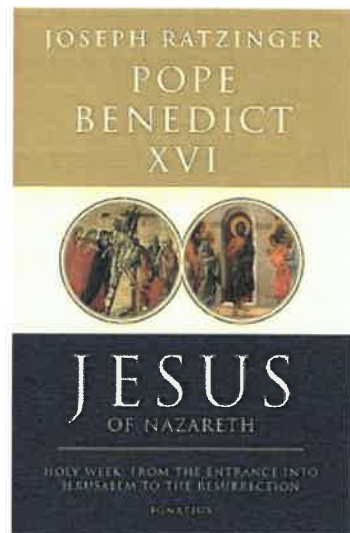
5-week Lenten Book Study

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[The LORD] tells the number
of the stars
and calls them by name.
— Psalm 147:4

Thank you to the men that helped clear St. Pats from all the snow last weekend. Steve Niemiec, and Steve Hoehn cleared our parking lots. Jim Price for digging out our sidewalks and steps. We also had another burial at our cemetery and Steve Hoehn, for the 2nd time, cleared the drive way there. We also want to thank Ray Nugent who helped in the cemetery clearing from the township side so the excavator could reach the latest plot. St. Patrick parish is so blessed to have wonderful parishioners willing to help.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 7, 2021



- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
- Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
- Wednesday: St. Scholastica
- Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday



A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

Today's Readings: Jb 7:1–4, 6–7; Ps 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23; Mk 1:29–39

2/7/2021