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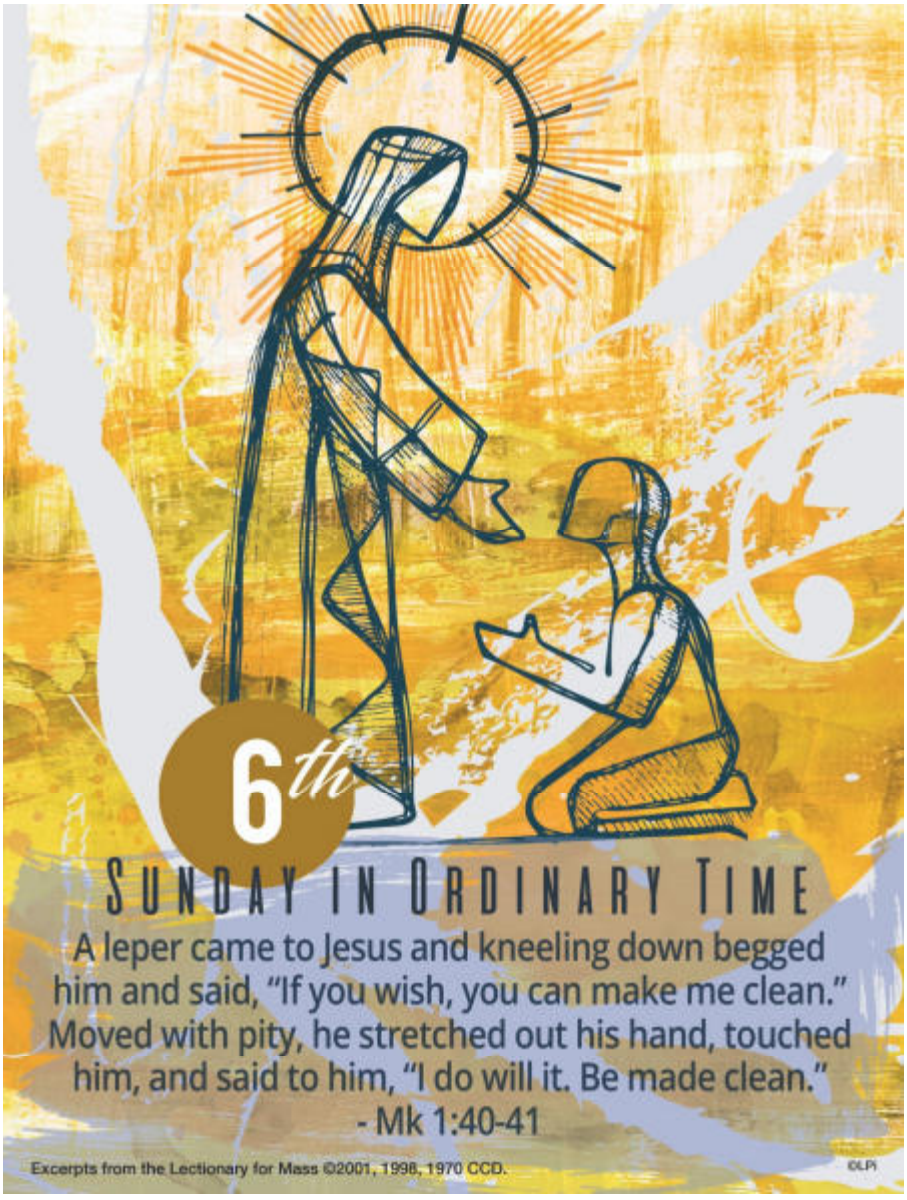

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ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT
To continue Jesus' work of calling all people into a loving relationship with God.

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(5 PM & 10 AM Masses will be livestreamed)

Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:
Saturday 4:00 PM—4:30 PM
(Or call parish office to make appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of each month
Noon-1:00 PM

DEAR PARISHIONERS...

As we gather on this, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped to hear about on Valentine's Day.

In Jesus' day the word leprosy was used for a broad range of skin conditions. Some of these diseases had no cure and others were simple skin rashes or a boil. Some were highly communicable, so lepers were required to live in isolation and were told how to dress and act. The Old Testament has several accounts of God afflicting people with leprosy as punishment, so people tended to interpret that as a punishment for sin. Therefore this disease had many dimensions: medical, religious, social, and financial. The illness made people unable to work and this reduced them to begging. So you can see what a horrible situation this was.

The leper, in the Gospel, found courage to approach Jesus, not with the words, "unclean, unclean," but with "If you wish, you can make me clean." Already excluded from society, he risked also being excluded from this miracle worker. Jesus, moved with pity, not only did not drive him away, He reached out and touched him. Even before the leprosy left him, just that touch changed him. Jesus broke physical, religious, and social boundaries, consciously and deliberately. He restored the leper to the community making him whole once again.

As members of the Body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through these barriers. With the COVID-19 epidemic, we too are in isolation and socially distant from one another. In spite of that, we can call on the phone, text one another, Zoom, go to the store for others, give to the food pantries, wear masks, help with their taxes, show people where they can participate in the Mass on T.V. or the computer, pray for one another, and many other ways to show, even when apart, we care for others.

Maybe these readings today, on Valentine's Day, are pretty good after all. We are called to be the face of love, healing, comfort, and affirmation, especially to those who we can not meet in person.

Love, Peace, Joy,

Fr. Bob

Don't forget, Lent begins three days from now. On Ash Wednesday, a season of preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery with hearts and minds renewed. We are invited to greater prayer, fasting, and charitable sharing.

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Speak with honesty, think with sincerity, and act with integrity.
~Anonymous

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

~The Catholic Steward

Ash Wednesday

Per Vatican-Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, then he addresses all those present and says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if needed, he goes to those who are standing in their places. <u>The Priest sprinkles the ashes on the head of each person in silence.</u>

6:00 AM Service 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Mass

<u>Stewardship of Treasure</u>

Income

February 1 - 8	Actual	Budgeted	Over/ (Under)
Envelopes & Offertory	$ 13,040.65	$ 11,078.57	$ 1,962.08
Expenses	$ 14,327.48	$ 11,447.20	$ 2,880.28

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1 – February 8	Actual	Budgeted	Over/ (Under)
Income:	$344,496.61	$335,173.05	$ 9,323.56
Expenses:	$385,018.59	$354,651.25	$ 30,367.34
Short	$ 38,276.67		

Construction Loan Balance to date $ 319,500.63

Prayer and Liturgies
February 14 through February 21

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2,44-46
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45
8:00 AM - †Edward and Ann Schaefer
10:00 AM - †Ron Witkowiak

Monday: Weekday (6)
Gn 4:1-15,25
Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Weekday (6)
Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10
Mk 8:14-21
8:00 AM - †Fara Viviano

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6,16-18
6:00 AM Service w/Ashes
8:00 AM Mass w/Ashes
For residents at CWC and their caregivers
7:00 PM Mass w/Ashes
Living and Deceased Members of St. James

Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-4,6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Ps 51:3-6b,18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32
4:00 PM Individual Reconciliation
5:00 PM - †Phyllis Wendt

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15
8:00 AM - †Deceased Members of the Novak Family
10:00 AM - Dan Rock, improved health

TACKLE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER

$747.16 was collected from last weekend's SOUPer Bowl Collection.

Thank you everyone.

FOR OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY

GROWING FAITH

I am excited about the title of this section. We are ***all*** called to grow our faith! In the past, 'Faith Formation' was understood to be 'just for the kids.' There has been misguided thinking over the years that once one is confirmed, they have 'graduated' and don't have to do anything more to grow their faith life. This line of thinking is far from the truth. Christ didn't just call the children, He called ***all of us*** into a lifelong relationship with Him.

You will notice that on our theme bulletin board in the lobby, we have now been adding photos of those who are continuing to learn about their faith. As our theme states, we are called to *Rebuild and Renew* —our Church and our inner lives! The people in the photos are those who are learning more about their faith, renewing themselves and their relationship with Christ and others. Even with the protocols due to the pandemic, God has given us ways to keep learning together!

There is information for the taking on the ***What's Brewing*** board in the lobby about upcoming learning and growing opportunities. There is also a pamphlet on **St. Joseph** that explains the reason why and what it means for us when the Pope declared 2021 as a Year of St. Joseph. Nearby, there are also **Care Notes,** pamphlets that have information to help with specific life topics that anyone may be experiencing—take one for yourself or for another who is struggling.

The first step to renewal is to be open. Open to the Holy Spirit nudging us along the way.

Blessings,

Mary Jo

To Live Anew!

A Spiritual Renewal Program for Lent

Tuesday Evenings / 6:30-7:30 PM
A Zoom Series Inspired by the Writings of Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

Tuesday Feb 23	Thomas Merton: *The Gift of Contemplation*
Tuesday March 2	Teresa of Avila: *The Gift of Prayer*
Tuesday March 9	Oscar Romero: *The Gift of Prophecy*
Tuesday March 16	Teresa of Avila: *The Gift of Creation*
Tuesday March 23	Sojourner Truth: *The Gift of Joy*
Tuesday March 30	Mother Jones: *The Gift of Speaking Truth*

Cost: $5 for printed materials. Facilitator: Fred Hang

Register with parish office by Feb 12. Call 414-761-0480.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our food pantry is now in service every Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM. Outdoor curb service drive-through distribution will be our means of getting food to those who are in need. Our volunteers will bring boxed food out to your car. Please bring your identification and remain in your vehicle. We thank you for keeping us all safe.

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:

My surgeon and his medical team
James Jeffries
Sarah and Damian Folger
(Friends of Peter Pfau)
Jan and Rich Wendt
(Friends of Terry Cindric)
Terry Cindric
Ed Glaz
Jim Hundt (Husband of Patricia)
Kathy Singley (Sister of Terry Cindric)
Chris Guzikowski (Friend of Marge Schell)
Mike Corgiat (Friend of Linda Schafer)
Rodney Werlinger
Judy Freimark
Tammi and Glen Johnston
Joe Willman (Brother of Fran (Mike) Spanke)
Kathy Campbell (Wife of Jim)
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Dan Nolan
Linda Guzman de Cardona
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Maryanne Kehoe (Friend of Rose Oliva)
James Griffin (Son of Debbey Fischer)
Howard Forley (Friend of Teresa Pentimalli)
Pat Spanke (Brother of Mike (Fran) Spanke)
Jeanette and Cheryl Odegard
Mary Brazeau

According to Archdiocesan COVID protocols, the parish is not yet allowed to distribute the Eucharist in a pyx for an individual to distribute to others.

If you know someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please contact Fred Hang, our Pastoral Associate, at 414-761-0480, ext. 113.

JOIN IN—BE INFORMED

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Overflow Seating in the Time of COVID

We at St. James would like to remain hospitable as well as be mindful of the need for safety while maintaining good liturgical practices.

The good news is as more parishioners get vaccinated, there will be more in attendance at church. The bad news is, where do we put everyone?

As you know, we must still maintain distancing. We have arranged seating through church to reach a capacity of around 120 people. The usher may ask you to move in to allow for additional seating in your pew. At some point though, we may have the need to steer our worshippers to the church hall where a simulcast viewing of the Mass is set up. We will use that as a last resort once all the available seats are filled.

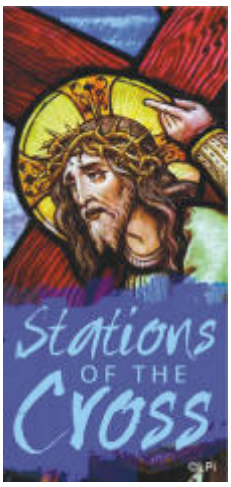
Liturgically there should be no movement during the Liturgy of the Word, and as a result, if you arrive late, you may be asked to stand and wait until the singing of the Gospel Acclamation before being seated. Please try to arrive on time to prevent distracting movement and sounds made by chairs. We will eventually have chair glides installed on the legs to minimize excessive sound when they are moved.

We look forward to increased attendance and a more peaceful setting for our liturgies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 14
After 10:00 AM Mass-Burning of Palms
CYF Padlet Response Due
Monday, February 15
1:00 PM Staff Meeting (Rm. 1)
6:30 PM Social Teaching Session (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 16
7:00 PM AA (Rm. 7)
Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
6:00 AM Service w/distribution of Ashes
8:00 AM Mass w/distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM Mass w/distribution of Ashes
Thursday, February 17
6:30 PM Love in the Time of COVID (Zoom)
Friday, February 18
9:00-11:00 AM Food Pantry
Zoon Stations of the Cross (C)
Saturday, February 19
Next Sunday, February 20
9:00 AM First Communion Class (Zoom)
11:00 AM Confirmation Class (Zoom, Rm. 1)



JOIN US

Every Friday at Noon beginning February 19

CYF Hygiene Bag Lenten Service Project

The Capuchin Community Services are in great need of toiletries for the growing number of homeless they minister to in the inner city. We will be collecting toiletry donations the first four weeks of Lent (February 20-March 14). The smaller sized toiletries are best, since the Hygiene bags are the size of a regular gift bag. Your donation can be dropped off at the parish office during the week, or in the church lobby Toiletry Collection barrel on the weekends. Below is a list of items we are collecting:

-Soap, body wash or dish soap
-Shampoo and conditioner
-Toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss
-Deodorant
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