

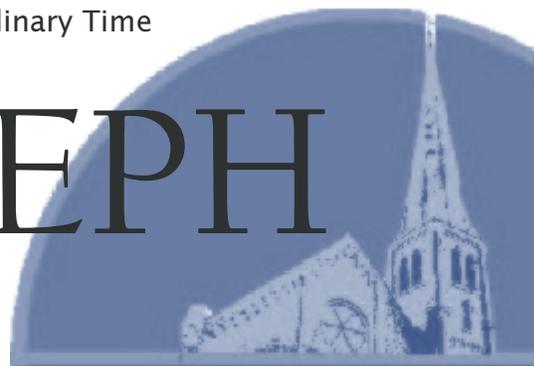
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5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery! Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM: During this cold weather, the Faith Community Health Team would like to remind you to make sure you wear gloves, hats, coats, and scarves to protect your skin from frostbite. Frostbite occurs with the exposed skin is damaged by freezing temperatures. Look for signs of red, sore, skin. If this happens, immediately go to a warm, sheltered, location. Remove any wet garments and allow your skin to gradually warm up. For more symptoms and management of frostbite go to <https://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/frostbite-how-spot-treat-prevent#1>

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CEW VIRTUAL RENEWAL OFFERED TO ALL: In lieu of the 2021 Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) retreats, there will be a virtual event that is open to all. Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Vianney parishes are co-hosting a virtual Christian Experience Weekend event for men and women on February 12-15. Speakers from the CEW community will be presenting talks on the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love in a virtual format throughout the second weekend of February. Spiritual directors will be introducing each of the talks and giving a bit of their own insights as well.

- Feb. 12 at 7:00 pm: Faith talk given by 4 generations of believers.
- Feb. 13 at 3:00 pm: Hope talk given by a steward of God's gifts.
- Feb. 14 at 3:00 pm: Love talk given by a married couple with an inspirational story.

The talks can be accessed through the Facebook pages of both Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Vianney. For persons not on Facebook, email lolcew@gmail.com. "This is a great opportunity for those who haven't yet attended a CEW to get a glimpse of what they've been missing and should be a great substitute for those who were disappointed that the retreats were going to have to be canceled" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Maureen Conrad, one of the event organizers.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered to those in need at the 3:30pm Mass on Tuesday, February 16th.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to force changes on our daily life, which are also reflected in the Church. While Ash Wednesday, February 17th, is not a holy day of obligation and while there is no requirement for the faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is a popular practice and many of you will likely want to take part, even under current circumstances. After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the Fr Page addresses those present, reciting once "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". At that point, the priest and helpers cleanse their hands and distribute ashes to those who are standing in their pew. Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead we receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (the common practice in other parts of the world). While we can look a little cleaner, we will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices. We can still repent, and believe in the Gospel. Come to Ash Wednesday, February 17th Mass at 9:00am or 6:00pm.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED. You can pick up your Lenten devotional by the church entrances or by the parish office. The key is the right-hand page, which will walk through the Sunday Gospels for this lent (Cycle B), with explanations and reflections along the way. It's an ancient way of praying the Scriptures — called *lectio divina*. God speaks to us "live" through the sacred word and we're often surprised at the thoughts that come.

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In Your Prayers

This week, please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Joyce Marme, Ed Franzen, Janet Driscoll, Emily Blaga, Julie Howard, Michelle Smith, Lori Hand, Henry Kruse, Jr., Mark Trimble, Jeanette Ilg, Joni Moore, Renegade Richmond, Patricia (Pat) Cahill, Heather Puck Nees, Mary English, Dick Smith, Therese Green, Pat (Patsy) Cahill, Kirk Barber, Jon Prudenz, Deb Moughler, Cathy Morel, Ron Fuglsang, Ana Hertz, Patrick Driscoll, Larry Roeder, Jim Hand, Jeff Kueter, Mark McGarry, Sawyer Crandall, Jim Claeys, Paul Keitel, Ronnie Peters, Cathy Bloom

And for the recently deceased, **Donald Yoerger**, brother of Larry Yoerger; and **James Franzen**, brother of Edward and Leonard Franzen; that they may have eternal happiness in heaven.

"Heavenly Father accept our prayers which we offer for them."

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 7, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

Watch Mass on the Parish Facebook Page

Watch Recorded Mass on the Parish Website

Monday, February 8

Tuesday, February 9

3:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space

Wednesday, February 10

6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, February 11

9:00 am Mass in the Gathering Space

Friday, February 12

9:00 am Mass in the Gathering Space

Saturday, February 13

4:30 pm Mass

Watch Mass on the Parish Facebook Page

Listen to Mass on Catholic Radio Station 92.5 FM

Sunday, February 14, 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Happy Valentine's Day!

9:00 am Mass

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Monday, February 15

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting

3:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space & Anointing of the Sick

6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Ash Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am Mass

Watch Mass on the Parish Facebook Page

6:00 pm Mass

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, February 9

3:30 pm Verlyn & Carol Steines†

Wednesday, February 10

Joan Lass†

Thursday, February 11

9:00 am LeRoy Wagenert†

Friday, February 12

9:00 am Robert Banowetz†

Saturday, February 13

4:30 pm Sindy McDonnell†

Sunday, February 14

9:00 am Porky Burmeister†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SUN 2/7 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

MON 2/8 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk
6:53-56

TUE 2/9 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

WED 2/10 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

THR 2/11 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

FRI 2/12 Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

SAT 2/13 Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

SUN 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk
1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

Home & School Pizza Fundraiser



This year the pizza fundraiser will be different because of COVID. Starting Monday, February 8th, you can order Godfather pizza vouchers and frozen Subway cookie dough by contacting a school family or call the school office at 659-3812. One topping pizza vouchers are \$10 and specialty pizza vouchers are \$12. You will receive your vouchers in March and they can be used any time you want to have pizza by ordering from the DeWitt Travel Mart. Vouchers must be used by December 31, 2021. Frozen cookie dough will sell for \$12 and will make a dozen cookies. We will order the cookie dough after March 1st and will notify you the pick up date.

Please place your orders by March 1st.

Getting ready for Lent

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Below is a good Lenten project for the family to do together. All coins collected could be given to a charity of your choice.

1. For every faucet in or on your house, pay 10 cents.
2. If your house has electricity, pay 25 cents.
3. If you have screens or storms on your windows, give 25 cents.
4. If you have a refrigerator, give 25 cents, a freezer, 25 cents, the ability to make ice cubes, another 25 cents.
5. If you have a stove, give 10 cents. If it has an oven, 10 cents. If it has an automatic clock, another 10 cents. If you have a microwave oven, give 20 cents.
6. If you have a flower and vegetable garden, give 25 cents.
7. Give 5 cents for every electrical appliance in your kitchen, toaster, blender, mixer, can opener, etc.
8. Give 25 cents if you are feeling good today.
9. Give 10 cents if your living room has carpeting.
10. If you wash clothes with a washboard pay nothing, at a Laundromat, give 15 cents, at home with your own washing machine, give 25 cents.
11. If your house is heated by a wood stove, give 10 cents, if your house has an automatic furnace, give 25 cents.
12. Give 10 cents for each bathroom in your house.
13. Give 15 cents for each bathroom in your house.
14. Give 15 cents for each car in your household. If you have a garage, give 15 cents, a double garage 25 cents, a triple garage, 50 cents.
15. If you use a manual lawn mower, give 10 cents, a power mower, 20 cents, a riding mower, 30 cents.
16. If you shovel your snow, give 5 cents, if you use a snow blower, give 20 cents, if you hire your snow removed, 25 cents.
17. For every radio in your household, give 5 cents, if you have a CD player give 25 cents.
18. Give 5 cents for every room in your house.
19. For each child and; or grandchild, give 5 cents.
20. For each year of schooling you've had, give 5 cents.
21. If your teeth are still your own, give 20 cents, and in good condition, whether your or false, give another 10 cents.

It's not what you give up this Lent. It's who you become!

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