Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the faith family of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to praise the name of Jesus and follow Him by loving God & our neighbor.

INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS

Baptism for infants and Adults: Contact our Director of Religious Education to schedule a preparation session.

Confirmation preparation is part of our Formation process. Contact the parish office for information.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at the following times:
Lord's Day: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Weekdays & Holydays: See the weekly Bulletin for times.

Reconciliation is available Saturdays 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the homebound can be arranged by contacting our Parish Office.

Marriage ceremonies are scheduled only after the required preparation process has begun. Please contact our priest at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the process.

Holy Orders and Vocations to religious life. Interested individuals should contact our priest, or the Assistant Director for Vocations, Father Derek Aaron at 765-477-0070, or fr.daaron@dol-in.org for more information.

Please contact our Parish Office if you or someone you know needs prayers. To schedule parish facilities, please call the Parish Office during normal hours.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish we welcome you and invite you to register by calling or visiting our Parish Office.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

9 a.m. Monday mornings unless otherwise noted.

Parish Activities This Week

Sunday, February 14th
Our Parish Tithe this week is to the Catholic Moment
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study, school rm 2
10:30 a.m. RCIA, school rm 11
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation, classrooms
10:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry, school
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry, school
7:00 p.m. The King's Men, school rm 8

Monday, February 15th
6:30 p.m. Book Club & Discussion, school rm 11

Tuesday, February 16th
4:15 p.m. Women's Cursillo Grouping, school rm 11
6:00 p.m. Mission of Mary Rosary, church
6:30 p.m. Mission of Mary Prayer Group, school rm 11

Wednesday, February 17th
3:45 p.m. Rosary, church
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Music practice, church

Thursday, February 18th

Friday, February 19th
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, church
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, church
4:00 p.m. Parish Fish Fry
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, church

Saturday, February 20th
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Helping Hands sponsored by the K of C

Sunday, February 21st
Our Parish Tithe this week is to Birthright of Peru
10:30 a.m. First Communion Parent Meeting, school rm 8
10:30 a.m. RCIA, school rm 11
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation, classrooms
10:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry, school
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry, school
7:00 p.m. The King's Men, school rm 8

There are Little Black Books in the narthex of the church. Please take one to share with a family member, neighbor, friend, or a shut-in. This book contains six minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Reflections begin on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2021, and ends Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

Thanks to Our Advertiser of the Week
First Farmers Bank & Trust

Parish Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 14, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Mass: † The Mullett & Buffington Families

Monday, February 15, 2021– Weekday
Readings: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Bud Day

Tuesday, February 16, 2021–Weekday
Readings: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m. Mass: † Mike Chandler

Wednesday, February 17, 2021— Ash Wednesday
Readings: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Fr. Christopher Roberts
7:00 p.m. Mass: † Gary Rexroad

Thursday, February 18, 2021—Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m. Mass**:** † Blake Sadowsky

Friday, February 19, 2021– Friday after Ash Wednesday
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Mass: † Loren Gifford & Carl Phillips

Saturday, February 20, 2021–Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Readings: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15
5:00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil) Mass: † Monica Wilson

Sunday, February 21, 2021
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Parish Family

EASTER LILIES: If you wish to provide an Easter Lily "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one, please use your church envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and write the names on the envelope. If you do not receive offering envelopes and wish to reserve a Lily or if you have donated through automated giving, forms are located in the parish office upon request. The deadline for your Easter Lilies is Monday, March 29th.

Family Religious Education

First Communion Parents

Meeting next week! Please be sure to attend. During formation on February 21st in Room 8.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday we enter into the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Though, like many things, it will look differently this year. We will not be marked with a cross on our foreheads but instead sprinkled with ash. The symbolism of the day remains. Don't forget to fast and abstain from meat, and join us for Mass at either 8am or 7pm.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Saint Valentine

Far be it from the chubby angel with a bow and arrow, Saint Valentine was a priest martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ. The history of the seemingly secular feast we fill with flowers and chocolates is in actuality a testament to deep conversion and unfailing faith. Legend says Saint Valentine was a priest arrested on multiple occasions during a time when it was illegal to be and practice Christianity (late 200s). While on house arrest with a judge, the judge decided to test his faith and asked him to heal his daughter's blindness. She was miraculously healed and the judge, his family, and the 44 member household were baptized into the Christian faith. Later he was arrested once more for celebrating secret marriage ceremonies and told to denounce his faith or be sentenced to death. He refused but not before healing the jailer's daughter. He left a note for her on the day of his beheading signed, "Your Valentine."

Due to his feast being so near a seasonal phenomenon of birds pairing off, Saint Valentine has been morphed into a matchmaking cherub. This year as you purchase your Russell Stover chocolates, consider a thought for Saint Valentine, the martyr who had the courage to proclaim Christ as Lord and the faith to heal the blind, for it was through his blood, and the many early witnesses of Christianity, that provided the seed upon which our Church is built. Saint Valentine, pray for us!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2021
Reader: Dorothy Wormuth
Hospitality: Tom Casper, Steve Hagan
Bell Ringer: Mary Revelant

9:00 a.m. Sunday, February 21, 2021
Reader: Tammy Nystrom
Hospitality: Curt & Evie Powell
Altar Servers: Johnathon McCain, Ravi McCain
Bell Ringer: Leon Crist
Cantor: Jennifer Nord
Accompanist: Jacob Minns

Stewardship Report 02/07/2021

Regular Sunday Collection:

Adult envelopes and loose	$3,727.00
Adult loose checks	$255.00
Total	**$3,982.00**

Monies sent out from our Parish

Haiti	$35.00
Central & Eastern Europe	$10.00
Propagation of the Faith	$550.00

2020 CMA Goal	$79,117.00
CMA Pledged	$58,415.00
CMA Received	$41,528.00

CRS RICE BOWL

WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the narthex or parish office today. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

MIAMI COUNTY HELPING HANDS MONTHLY FOOD EFFORT

The Helping Hands food basket is located in the narthex of the church. Please leave your donations there for a volunteer to pick up.
The following items are needed to stock their pantry;

Toilet Paper, Feminine Hygiene Products, Baby Diapers, Shampoo, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Beans (all kinds), Canned Meats, Macaroni, Noodle Products, Cans of Broth.

Sunday Stewardship Reflection

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Thank You!

The **Food Truck** was once again made a success by those who volunteered their time and braved the cold. The volunteers are definitely warriors.
We were able to serve food to a total of 418 people of which 132 were children.
Our next food truck is scheduled for March 3rd.

Ask the Apologist

Dear Apologist, if priests are supposed to be celibate, how could Peter (the first Pope) have a mother-in-law?

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel tell us about Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. This can be confusing to many Catholics because we are accustomed to priests being unmarried. What many Catholics are unaware of is that the Church has different expressions called "rites". The rite which is most prevalent is the Latin (or western) Rite, but there are also eastern expressions of the Catholic faith which include the Byzantine, Alexandrian, and Chaldean rites. Not to be confused with the Eastern Orthodox, these eastern rites of the Church are in communion with the Pope and fully Catholic [see CCC 1203]. Within these eastern rites, married men are allowed to be ordained to the priesthood, just like Peter.

There has always been a tie between ordained ministry and celibacy in the Catholic Church, both in western and eastern rites of the Church. There are legislative documents dating back to the early 300's of regional councils (such as Elvira, Ancyra, and Neocaesarea) which forbid clerics to be married. Other regional councils asked priests to cease having relations with their wives after ordination. The Church began adopting a more universal approach in the Lateran Councils in the 12th century, which said a married man could be ordained but commanded him to not cohabit with his wife. In 1322, Pope John XXII issued a decree which closely resembles the rules we currently have in the Latin rite. This rule was further codified at the Council of Trent in 16th century.

All this is to say the law regarding clerical celibacy in the Church is not a universal, unbreakable doctrine. It is a discipline which has developed over time and has notable exceptions. The fact that Peter was married indicates that marriage and ordination are not incompatible. But the Church has gradually discerned that the laity are better served by men who can devote undivided attention to ministry.

Steven O'Keefe (the ACTS Apologist)
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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Join us for three nights of **prayer**, **reflection**, and **confession**

7-8pm Each Night

Sun. Feb. 28th :: Fr. Mauman **Mon. Mar. 1st** :: Fr. Lopez

Tues. Mar. 2nd :: Fr. Neterer

Sprinkling Ashes?

Ash Wednesday (2/17) marks the beginning of Lent, and as a sign of the penitential character of the Lenten season, ashes will be sprinkled on the heads of those who participate in Mass. Sprinkled? What about the cross on our foreheads? While Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate even amid the current difficulties.

During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes as follows:

"The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. It was further explained that the distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here in the United States.

From the *"Catholic Encyclopedia"* we learn that in the Old Testament, to *'gird on sackcloth'* and *'roll in ashes'* (cf. Jeremiah 6:26) is an act symbolic of mourning, sorrow and repentance (cf. Job 2:8; 42:6; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; 25:34). Sprinkling ashes on one's head is also a token of repentance (cf. 1 Maccabees 3:47 and 4:39).

In the 4th century, public penitents wearing sackcloth were sprinkled with ashes as a sign of penitence. But as public penance was gradually discontinued, it became the custom (by the 11th century) for all the faithful to receive ashes at the beginning of Lent.

God bless,

Fr. Adam Mauman
Pastor

Adult Bible Study

The Monday afternoon Adult Bible Study will be taking a short "winter vacation" due to the extreme cold. They will start meeting again on Monday, March 1st. Thank you

Uniting In Heart
Pastoral Conversion

A concept for ecclesiastical reflection, reorganization, and renewal to better position the Church to evangelize and to be responsive to the pastoral needs of society. The impetus for this concept stems from Vatican II and has grown with subsequent ecclesial documents and the Church's lived experience. It seeks to continue the Church's mandate to proclaim the Gospel by directing the Christian community to make a determined missionary decision, "transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." Mission is its guiding principle and it favors the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptized as a missionary of the Gospel. It may also include conversion of the parish community in a gradual process of a renewal of structures, to include parish groupings, in order to refocus on mission.

Lent Ideas

Prayer: Little Black Book; Stations of the Cross; Adoration; Daily Readings; Divine Mercy 3:00 pm Fridays; Books from the Library.

Almsgiving: Rice Bowl; Give to Helping Hands; Give to St. Vincent; Give to Haiti Fund; Give to Help the Needy Fund.

Fasting: Through fasting, Pope Francis explains that we find our "spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger." Follow the guidance of the church on days of fasting and abstinence. Add special fasting as a form of penance.

Check out the other resources posted on our Facebook page as well.

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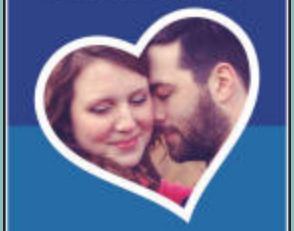

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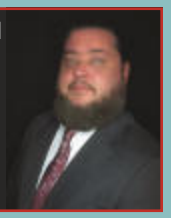

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