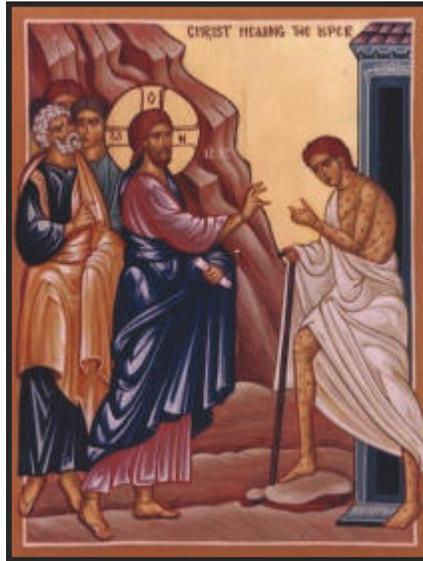


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gathering Song

1. Heal - ing ri - ver of the Spir - it, Bathe the
 2. Well - spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that
 3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us

wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our
 flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our
 chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by

sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
 sens - es, May our lives re - flect your peace.
 con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.

wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has
 grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your
 sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our

lured us from your side, We dis - cov - er in your
 Church en - act your grace, As we meet both friend and
 Wind - ing hu - man course, Till we find our way to -

pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.
 stran - ger, May we see our Sav - ior's face.
 geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

Penitential Act

Gloria — see sidebar

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Leviticus 13.1-2, 44-46

Response: Psalm 32



I turn to you, O Lord, in time of
 trou - ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
 of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

February 14, 2021

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

Unlike Advent, when so much for weeks ahead of time reminds us that Christmas is approaching, we're sort of on our own when it comes to putting

us into a Lenten frame of mind and heart in preparation for Easter. This Sunday, you'll hear that Ash Wednesday is three days away ... and you want to say, "Why didn't anyone tell me?" Here's something else you need to be told about. Give me a visual, please:



So what do you make of that? Well, with a little imagination, it could be you this Wednesday. No, not the fellow with the pointed cap (that's a bishop) ... or the one on the left with the large plate (that's the bishop's lackey). I mean the three characters on the right side, apparently bending low to the bishop. I am not sure who they are ... but I am sure what they are doing: they are receiving ashes, a sign of penance, by having them sprinkled on the top of their heads. That's right. It's not our normal way, but it is how it's done in Italy and Poland and many other places ... and it's going to be the way ashes are imposed this Ash Wednesday here due to COVID-19. Yes, one more thing to blame on the virus.

With all our efforts at keeping a healthy distance these last eleven months, imposing ashes using my thumb on many, many foreheads looks needlessly risky. Alternatives that have been suggested (Q-tips? cotton balls?) seem kind of silly. We received a memo from the Bishop which began as a statement from the US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship that laid out the "hows" and "whys". In part, it reads: "While sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this ... manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world. The Ash Wednesday texts from the [Roman] Missal themselves speak variously of ashes 'put on the heads' 'receive[d] upon our heads,' and 'place[d] on the head.'"

This may seem a solution only balding men could think up. Now remember, you can still enter into Lent without receiving ashes ... and I pledge that the ministers who assist me in placing ashes won't be going overboard. Then again, perhaps the messiness of it is just the point? That is, none of us are as slick, clean, and "all together" as we like to think. So, I hope you will join me in "taking one for the team" on our heads this Ash Wednesday.

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Monday, February 15

5:30pm Mass at CR: +Mary Nelson
6:00pm Confessions at CR

Tuesday, February 16

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Frank and Esther Brzezinski
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

7:15am Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion at SM
10:00am Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion at CR
12:10pm Mass at SM: +Gerald Hornick
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Karen Baumann
5:30pm Mass at SM: For the Living and Deceased Members of the Pitterle Family
6:00pm Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion at CR
6:00pm Middle School Virtual Faith Formation

Thursday, February 18

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Catherine Lella

Friday, February 19

9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM Cafeteria
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Christopher Piehl
5:00pm Mass at CR: For the Special Intention of the Gerald and Carol Feldbruegge Family (recorded Mass, reservations required)

NOTE: The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 20

3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Chet and Margaret Kwarciany

Sunday, February 21

7:30am Confessions at CR
8:30am Mass at CR for the People of the Eastside Parishes
10:30am Mass at SM: +Tom Jablonski
No High School Faith Formation

Opportunity to attend Mass with limited attendance:

If you are holding back from attending Mass due to concerns of there being too many people present for your comfort, consider attending the recording of the Sunday Mass, which typically takes place on Fridays at 5:00pm at Church of the Resurrection. Attendance will be limited to 10-12 people in the pews, which will allow for generous social distancing with masks being required. Reservations are necessary. Call 715-842-4283 prior to noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.

Readings for Lenten Sunday I (February 21)

(Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

Unlike Matthew and Luke, in his retelling of Jesus' forty-day wilderness preparation for ministry, Mark does not focus on hunger but on the notion of spiritual combat. The divine Spirit, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him out into the desert to do battle with Satan. Notice that we have moved back to the opening verses of the Gospel. This concentrated preparation on Jesus' part will have its effect ... for, as we saw a couple weeks ago when he faced the possessed man in the synagogue in Capernaum (see 1:21-28), the demon will shout, "Have you come to destroy us?" Baptismal life is a struggle with our demons and Lent is an annual period of concentrated training in the life of trusting in God. No athlete wins a prize unless he or she sets aside times of intensive training and self-conquest—times in which to push our limits and make second nature what once looked unattainable. *What should the focus of your "Lenten training" be?*

Daily devotionals, CRS Rice Bowls, and other background reading at the Lenten Table

At the church gathering areas you will find options to encourage your keeping of Lent—“Little Black Books” for daily prayer, short articles to clarify what the season is about, and Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls to hold your savings from reducing your self-indulgences for the sake of hunger relief.



The details on the disciplines of Lenten fasting and abstinence

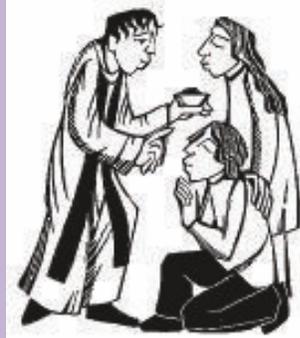
Knowing that real growth does not come without shaking things up a bit, the early Christians revered the Jewish custom of avoiding meat for a time (**abstinence**) and reducing the amount they ate or not eating at all (**fasting**). The practice had several meanings—learning self-control; physical hunger as a reminder of spiritual hunger; living in solidarity with the poor by freeing up money for almsgiving. At Lent's outset, all Catholics should consider what types of self-denial and penance will lead them to growth in faith, but those between ages 18 and 59 are, as a minimum, asked to keep Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) as days of fasting (eating just one full or two smaller meals). Those 14 and older are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Let these practices be springboards for you to a more mindful Lent. Hitting the “all-you-care-to-eat” seafood buffet at your favorite restaurant would sort of miss the point.



St. Michael Parish extends their sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Gerald Hornick**, who died February 5, 2021, and **Christopher Piehl**, who died February 10, 2021.

Begin Lent on February 17 with Ash Wednesday Worship

In hopes of accommodating our members and their varied schedules while allowing for social distancing, we will be offering six services for the first day of Lent, Wednesday, February 17: three Masses and three Services of the Word with the entrance into Lenten renewal. Here's the big picture:



- 7:15 am (at St. Michael) – Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion
- 10:00 am (at Resurrection) – Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion
- 12:10 pm (at both St. Michael and Resurrection) Mass with Distribution of Ashes
Registration required for the 12:10pm Masses
- 5:30 pm (at St. Michael) – Mass with Distribution of Ashes
Registration required for the 5:30pm Mass
- 6:00 pm (at Resurrection) – Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion

For the three Masses, you will need to register through the Eastside Parishes website — eastsideparishes.org — or by phone to 715-842-4283 as you do for Sundays. The three Word and Communion Services will be handled like weekday Masses with those in attendance being asked to “sign in” when they arrive.

Join an Eastside Parishes “Lenten Retreat” on Wednesday evenings (and later), starting February 24

In the last two Lents, we have partnered with the folks at St. Anne Parish to offer a once-a-week opportunity for extra prayer and preaching for Lent. This year we're making a virtue out of necessity by venturing out on our own. It will be a series of five “live” Wednesday evenings at St. Michael's at 6:30 pm with a presentation on an aspect of Lenten practice, nested in a word of prayer. The fifty-minute event will also be recorded and posted on the parish website to allow “virtual” viewing for all through the week. Our parish clergy plus one special guest will be the presenters. So, you choose ... be live or view it later (or both). The first evening, February 24, Fr. Mark will get us started with his talk: **“One More Time with Feeling: The Formula for a Great Lent.”**

Financial Giving February 7, 2021

St. Michael Parish

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$12,324.50
Electronic Contributions	\$0.00
Weekly Total	\$12,324.50
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions	\$350,709.43

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$9,014.00
Electronic Contributions	\$0.00
Weekly Total	\$9,014.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions	\$420,971.89



"We Believe" Giving February 7, 2021

"We Believe" cash contributions this week.....	\$11,820.30
"We Believe" electronic contributions this week	\$0.00
"We Believe" weekly total.....	\$11,820.30

Total "We Believe" pledges (including friends' match)...\$1,341,987.43
(not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services matching interest forgiveness)

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date.....\$1,054,615.17



Here is an update on the Annual Appeal; "thank you" to these new Annual Appeal respondents!

Our Annual Appeal "progress thermometers" are in our churches, marking your gracious responses to funding the works of the Church beyond our own parishes and Catholic schools. As of Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at St. Michael Parish we had received responses from **178** households and individuals who have together pledged **\$75,115** towards our \$78,565 share of the overall goal. At the Church of the Resurrection **163** people have responded as of the 10th, and have pledged **\$81,790** surpassing their goal of \$75,385. Thank you!



HIS CHURCH IS STILL HERE IT STILL PROVIDES IS YOU AND ME

We are very grateful for these folks whose response to the Appeal reached us as of Wednesday, February 10, 2021:

Church of the Resurrection: Jeffrey Peters, Steve and Lisa Buntin, Jerome and Patricia Ochota, and Alan and Tracy Hougum

St. Michael Parish: Kimberly Connolly, Dean and Kate Borens, Joe and Shirley Gutowski, Tad and Sarah Krolicki, Dan and Julie Strehlow, Robert Kocirek, and Paul and Joan Steinlage

Church of the Resurrection has received a \$1,000 grant for parish support from the **Elda Bonvincin Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin**. The Community Foundation has requested we include this acknowledgement in our bulletin.

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of:
Chester and Margaret Kwarciany

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• In memory of Tom Vick
• For a special favor

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Reconciliation

Church of the Resurrection: 7:30am Sunday, 6:00pm Monday
St. Michael: Reconciliation 3:00pm Saturday
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Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10.31—11.1

Gospel Acclamation



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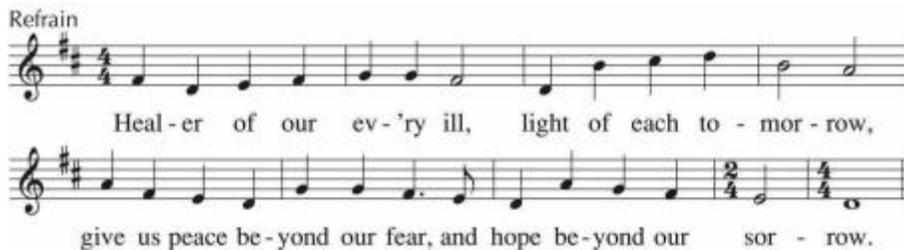
Gospel: Mark 1.40-45

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed — *see sidebar on front*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts and Altar [sung at recorded liturgy only]

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations — *see sidebar*

Song After the Reception of Communion



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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