

February 14th, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 pm

or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parish membership is required.

Baptismal preparation for parents and sponsors is held monthly. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Marriage**

Parish membership is required.

Arrangements need to be made a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact Fr. Robert.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the Parish Office

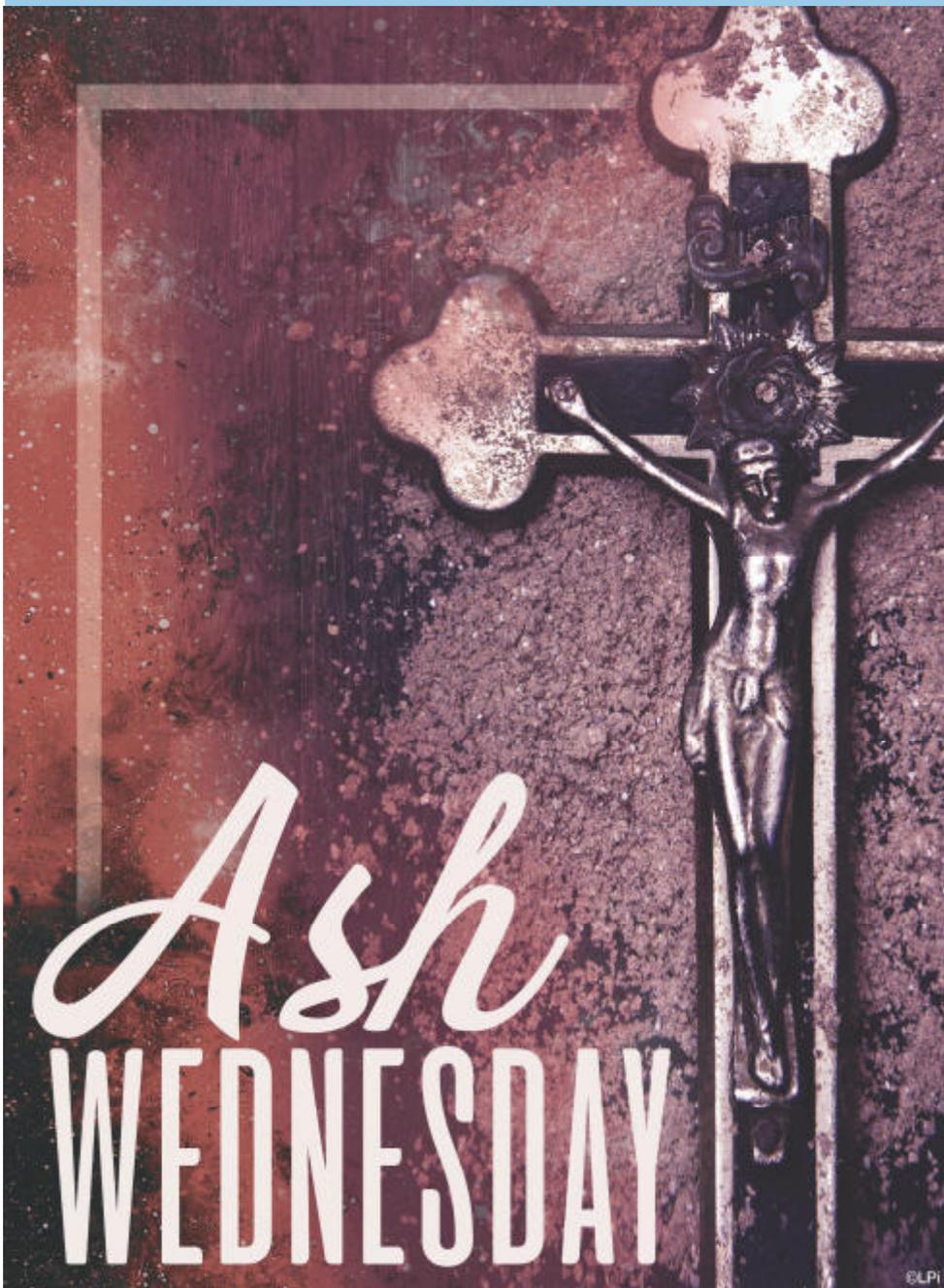


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# Ash WEDNESDAY

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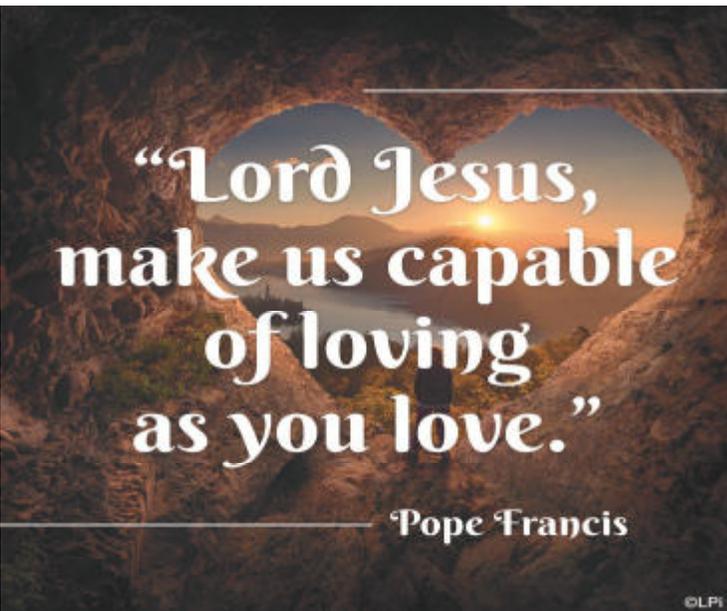
We would love to officially welcome you into our family.  
Registration packets are available at the information center.

**“CALLING ALL BAKERS!”**

On February 19<sup>th</sup> we will begin our 2021 Lenten Fish Fries, **“Best Church Fish Fries Around.”** Again, we are in need of our gifted and talented bakers to help provide dessert for our delicious fish fry patrons. Because this year will be drive thru **ONLY**, we are asking that the desserts be “travel friendly!” You may drop off your donations each and every Friday during Lent from 8am – Noon or before. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past and we welcome new faces to join the “Dessert Crew” and showcase your tasty treats that we here at St. Stephen’s are known for.

**IN GRATITUDE**

Now offering **“In Gratitude”** Fish Fry Gift Certificates to be purchased for our local firefighters, police officers, or nursing home residents. **Lenten fish fries start February 19 – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please purchase one or more today for those who are in need of our thanks or in need of our Christian love expressed for others. Certificates can be purchased at all Masses or at the Parish Office with Nick. Each certificate is \$13 which is good for one complimentary Bake or Fried Cod Dinner. Include a gratitude message on the certificate as well! The certificates will be distributed before the first fish fry begins so purchase today!



**LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

Which one do you think will help you to become a better version of yourself during Lent:  
 1: Stop eating sweets for 40 days  
 2: Praying every day for 40 days  
 Giving up sweets could be helpful for your waistline.  
 Learning how to pray will be life changing!!!

**Just Another Day With Building and Grounds**

Tonight Jim W, Jim S, Tedd, Ray, Dave M, Mark and Dennis C were pretty busy.

The number one priority was to get the condensers/ evaporators cleaned on all of our refrigerators and freezers, so they run efficiently and at their correct temperature ranges.

Some bonus points were also awarded for reattaching the floor tile moulding by the bathrooms, replacing the air filter on boiler #1 and the cube relay on boiler #2 as it tripped out 3 times now in the last month. We will also need to order some additional relays, air filters and get the boiler water sampled for chemical analysis.



**2021 Fish Fries**

**We will be having our annual Lenten Fish Fries every Friday starting February 19th and running thru April 2nd.  
 Drive thru only**



### **NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes, as outlined in the following.

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic the Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, continuing with prayer. Then he addresses all those present and says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all: “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 of the faithful.

### **Bring Palms to the baskets in the Gathering Space**



### **DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH APPROVE CREMATION?**

The Catholic Church holds the deceased bodies of the faithful in the highest regard. Respect and reverence is due the human body in all stages, from the moment of conception through natural death, as created in the image and likeness of our God. We have traditionally buried the dead in the ground as Christ himself was buried in the tomb.

Burial continues to be the Church’s preference and our funeral rites assume the presence of the body during the Mass of Christian Burial. The presence of the body during the Mass heightens our focus on the hope in the resurrection and our being reunited with Jesus Christ in His resurrection. We are a people of hope who longs to be forever with our Lord and Savior.

The Church permits cremation as long as it is not chosen because of a denial of belief in the resurrection or denial of any other Catholic teaching. Cremation is becoming more and more common, especially in places where burial ground is scarce, maybe where environmental stewardship exists as a prudent choice, or where financial concerns warrant it. When cremation is chosen, the *Order of Christian Funerals* urges that the body be present in church for the Mass when possible, with cremation taking place afterward. This helps the family members and loved ones of the deceased to make their final farewell within the gathered community of faith to which they belong, supported by the prayers, blessings, and rubrics of the Church’s liturgy.

When it is not possible or practical to have the body present for the funeral Mass, the liturgical norms allow the Funeral Mass to be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. Whether cremation occurs prior to or following the funeral Mass, cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect as is given to the human body. They should be buried in a blessed grave, mausoleum, or columbarium, being kept in a “sacred place.”

The Vatican has issued guidelines that Catholics may be cremated, but should not have their ashes scattered at sea or kept in urns at home. Ashes should not be divided up between family members, “nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.”

Catholicism teaches that all people will be resurrected – both body and soul – at the end of days. Cremation does not “prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life,” the Vatican says, but it does raise the possibility the deceased’s body or cremated remains, which the Church believes is sacred, will not be properly respected by ancestors or relatives in the future. “By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and how your loved one now participates in that great and loving mystery of our God.” After all, our body carries the soul, which God provided at conception, until the soul returns to God; body, mind, and spirit.

## Readings for the week of February 14th

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—  
11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
[14a]/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b  
and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/  
Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt  
9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk  
5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt  
3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 8am and 6:30pm Join us as we begin our Lenten Journey



### Monday, February 15th

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Tuesday, February 16th

9:00am Food Pantry

6:00pm Prayer and Worship MTG

### Wednesday, February 17th

8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass

### Thursday, February 18th

9:00am Food Pantry

### Friday, February 19th

4:00-7:00pm Fish Fry Drive Thru

### Saturday, February 20th

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Sunday, February 21st

Nothing scheduled at this time

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The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, February 16th**

8:00am † Judy Richards & Susan Belski

**Wednesday, February 17th**

8:00am † Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:30pm † For the people

**Thursday, February 18th**

8:00am † Michael Kacalo

**Friday, February 19th**

8:00am † Harry Timmers

**Saturday, February 20th**

4:30pm † Donald Bruski

**Sunday, February 21st**

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Bill Wagner

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