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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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### Current Mass Schedules

**Weekend: Sunday 10:30 am**

**Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:30 -**

**Remain Cancelled at This Time**

**Weekday: Monday–Thursday 8:15am**

**Communion Services–Saturday 8:15am**

**Remain Cancelled at This Time**

**Holyday:** announced times in bulletin.

**Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be also Live**

**Streamed Facebook Page**

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Call parish office for appointment and preparation.

#### Confession:

**1st Sat. each month following 4:00 pm**  
**Mass Canceled** - By appointment

**Marriage:** Please contact priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline-Monday Noon

### St. Stephen Martyr Parish Vision:

To be a community that loves and serves God and one another

### St. Stephen Martyr

#### Parish Mission Statement:

To worship God as a Catholic faith community for the salvation of all

### Why Do We Do That Catholic Life Explained

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?



The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments

#### Readings for the week of 02/14/2021

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

**Mon:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

**Tue:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

**Wed:** 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

**Thurs:** 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

**Sat:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sun:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### Time, Talent and Treasure Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."  
1 Corinthians 10:31

Saint Paul goes straight to the essence of stewardship, "do everything for the Glory of God." If we see stewardship as a life in gratitude to God, all we do, say, or give is a thankful response that gives glory to the Giver of that very life.

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... and for all our sick and homebound.

... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

### Pray for our Parish Community



Join us in welcoming the newest member to our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism 02/07

Marlee Belle Ramser  
Parents are Matthew & Kelsi Ramser

May this joyful occasion be a special start to knowing that God's love will live in your precious child's heart.

Mass each Sunday at 10:30am is available to view by live stream or recording on the St. Stephen Martyr Church and School Facebook page. A link to Facebook is provided in the upper right hand corner on the home page of the SSM web site at [www.ssmartyr.org](http://www.ssmartyr.org).

Masks and social distancing are required if attending mass in person and please note that church capacity is limited to no more than 60 persons at this time.



**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:**  
8:15 am and 6:30 pm Wednesday February 17  
Masses will also be live streamed on the St. Stephen Martyr Church and School Facebook page.

Please note that Stations of the Cross are not currently scheduled to be held in church during Lent.

## “Giving up Chocolate for Lent”

When I was a child, I always gave up chocolate for Lent. I loved chocolate. I didn't really like giving it up for Lent. I didn't even know why I was giving it up for Lent. I just knew I was supposed to do something for God that was difficult, so I gave up chocolate. For most of us from the time we were children, our first question for Lent was often, “What are you giving up for Lent?” Giving up something for these days of Lent is a custom that, when we were younger, helped us enter into the season with a sense of self denial. Even though we might not have fully understood why we were giving up something, it was still good because we did it for God.

As adults, we might want to consider looking at Lent in a deeper way. Perhaps giving up something is where we begin. We might say, “I am giving up chocolate or soda or television.” But without more reflection, it can become simply a way to show God how much will power we have. When Lent ends, we might well rip into the chocolate bunny and pop open a soda as we watch television. After the forty days of Lent, nothing would really change in our lives and we would go back as we were before.

Even though giving up something is a good discipline, Lent is not simply about giving up something. The real wonder and grace about Lent is recognizing that God wants to give us something. God wants to help us transform our lives so that we can become closer to him and love one another. He wants us to use this time to grow spiritually, not just for forty days, but for a lifetime. Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives and ask deeper questions such as, “What is God inviting me to change this Lent?” “What pattern of behavior in my life needs changing?” “What do I need to do more of in my life?” “Is it more patience, more unselfishness or more loving behavior toward my spouse and children that I need to do?” We answer these questions by listening to our hearts. It might be that we know deep down we need to spend more time with God.

If we try, each of us can think of something that gets in the way of our being loving and self-sacrificing. These are activities we choose that keep us from being the good person we know we can be. What if we give up something really destructive in our life this Lent, like giving up being crabby or drinking too much alcohol or gossiping or being judgmental or whatever you feel is hurting your spiritual life and relationships with others. By doing this, your spiritual life will grow by the end of Lent. Your discipline will then really make a difference and you will be transformed so that you are indeed closer to God. I hope you have a blessed Lenten Season that offers you happiness for a lifetime.

May God bless you and be with you this sacred Season of Lent.

*Fr. Harry*



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Deadline for Reservations is March 5

Reserved seating is available

This event is COVID compliant.

### The Hymn to Love (excerpt)

Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others  
than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it  
doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always “me first,”...

The Apostle Paul's famous  
words about love.  
This scripture is often read at  
wedding ceremonies, and  
is a good one to quote in a  
Valentine's card.  
This is an excerpt; the whole  
chapter can be found here  
1 Cor 13:3-7 (The Message)

Read more at: [https://  
www.lords-prayer-words.com/  
times/valentine\\_prayer.html](https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/valentine_prayer.html)



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF February 14, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day  
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



**ABSTINENCE**

No meat can be taken by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.



**FASTING**

A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



**SELF-DENIAL**

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.



**PRAYER AND CHARITY**

Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.

Masses for the Week of 02/15/21 – 02/21/21

**Sunday, February 21 -**

†=deceased

10:30 am Kenny Reinert †  
Our Parish Community

**Parish Calendar—Church and School Offices are open -**

You will be met at the door to conduct most business. If there is a need to enter the building, then a mask or face covering will be required as well as social distancing. SSM facilities continue to remain closed to activities and events due to strict cleaning requirements associated with use of any meeting rooms or common spaces. Please contact the Parish Office to request use of any room or facility on campus and we will see what can be worked out.

The SSM **Dare to Care Food Pantry** continues to operate at this time. In compliance with current distancing requirements, food is distributed out the door without allowing patrons to enter the building. The next food pantry distribution will take place:

**Wednesday – 02/17/2021 –**

**4:00-5:30 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm**

Many thanks and much gratitude are extended to Dcn. Steve DaPonte and our food pantry volunteers for this valuable service that they continue to provide to the com-



**S** **St. Stephen Martyr  
Lenten Fish Fries**

**Credit/Debit Only! No Cash! Limited Menu.**

**\$6 Fish Sandwich (1 pc.)**  
**\$8 Fish Box (1 pc. fish, fries, coleslaw)**

**DRIVE THRU ENTRANCE FROM  
PINDELL AVENUE INTO CHURCH  
PARKING LOT ONLY. NO WALK-UPS.**

<b>February 26</b> <b>March 5</b> <b>March 12</b> <b>March 19</b> <b>March 26</b>	<b>DRIVE THRU OPEN 5-7 or UNTIL FISH SELLS OUT!</b>
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**2021-2022 School Tuition Assistance**

Parents may now apply for tuition assistance for their children in grades K-12 in Catholic elementary and high schools.

Visit <https://www.ceflou.org/tuition-assistance/> to learn more and begin your application.

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