



Holy Angels Parish

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Rosary - one half hour prior to Mass times

Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Rosary: Monday-Thursday Following 8:00 AM Mass

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Parish Office at 254-0679.

Baptisms

Appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of Holy Angels Parish for at least 3 months.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM, or by appointment.

Communion for the Homebound

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Registration and active membership at Holy Angels Parish are required, plus attendance at an engaged encounter weekend or a pre-cana conference. No wedding later than 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Funerals

Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are 10:00 AM.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 A.M. Sam Guarino

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 A.M. Norma Sethaler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 A.M. Steve Skundrich Jr.
6:30 P.M. Al Oliva

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 A.M. Mike Stassi

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 A.M. George Stanich

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:30 P.M. Sarah Zangori

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 A.M. For The Parishioners
10:30 A.M. Jerry Howard

ROSARY LEADERS SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27-28, 2021

4:00 P.M.	Bob Killebrew
7:30 A.M.	Linda Miller
10:00 A.M.	Betty Howard

In an effort to eliminate the need to clean the sanctuary following each Mass, the rosary will be led from the pews.
Thank you.

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Reconciliation

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th - 3:00 - 4:00 PM



WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday -
7AM

Wednesday -
Following 8:00 AM Mass
Until Benediction - 10:00 AM

PRAY FOR ...

Please pray for the following parishioners who are ill at home and in need of our constant prayers:

Rhonda Bowman, Michael Carmody, Nina Giardina, Carol Grear, Shirley Hanneken, Gloria Hoormann, Doris Johnessee, Cynthia Moore, Marilyn Romani, Harold Simburger and Eileen Simonds.

Please pray for them and for all the sick.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

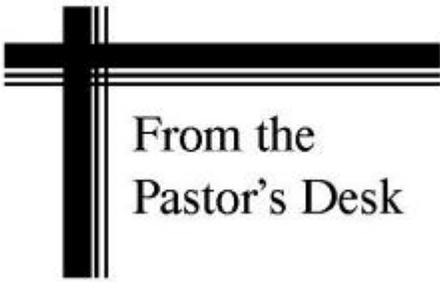
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.





From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

It was a different kind of Ash Wednesday this year. There are usually large crowds of the faithful ready to be marked with the ash cross and to begin the discipline of Lent. But this year on Mardi Gras the temperatures plunged and the snow fell. This double punch decimated the turn out at church. The hardy, faithful few were there. Besides the smaller crowd something else felt different, too. The method of distributing the blessed ashes was unlike what we were used to. We have been accustomed to experiencing the ashes applied to our foreheads, often in the form of a cross. The priest would dip his thumb into the ashes and then place them on our forehead. He would then plunge that thumb back into the ashes for the next person. This would be repeated over and over. With Covid restrictions a way had to be found to distribute ashes without cross contamination. Our bishops suggested returning to the ancient custom of sprinkling the ashes on the top of the head. This method predates placing the ashes on the forehead. It is the first time I had done it this way, and it seems to have worked well. Using more fingers got more messy and was a bit of a more challenging clean up. I still have ashes under my finger nails! I saw a number of historic photos of Popes receiving their ashes this way. For the ordained this method has always been the normal way. However we received the ashes (or even just intentionally if we couldn't be there), the sacred sign is the same. We have been marked with this penitential sign to begin the discipline of Lent.

In the scriptures from Thursday after Ash Wednesday, we are given the choice . . . life or death. We choose life and the challenge becomes to turn away from sin and take up our cross. It is only in dying to sin that we can receive the abundant life that Jesus offers. We have begun our Lenten journey and we embrace the discipline of the season. The pillars of the season are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Almsgiving is traditionally a gift of money, but have you considered a gift of time this Lent? The pandemic has isolated many people. What about a phone call to check up on someone of just to let them know you love them? Fasting normally involves restricting food intake. Besides the usual fasting perhaps you might fast from gossip or negative thoughts and comments. Prayer is important at all times but perhaps you might come to a weekday Mass each

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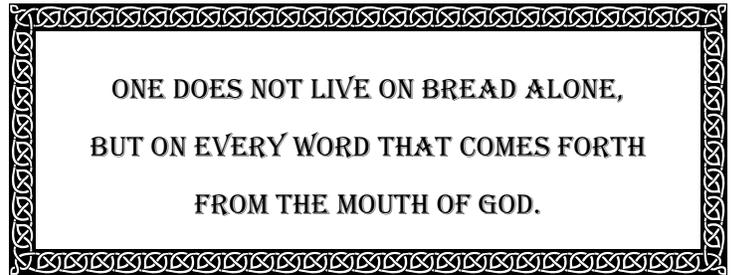
week. In addition to daily Mass at 8 AM, there is also Stations of the Cross and Mass at 6:00 and 6:30 PM each Wednesday of Lent. Whatever you do keep as your goal a conversion of heart as we turn away from sin and turn to God.

Confession is an important part of the regimen of Lent. They are scheduled every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) from 3 PM until 4 PM. I am also available by appointment. I will also be in the confessional on Palm Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass as long as necessary.

May the sacred season be filled with grace and blessings as we take up our cross and follow Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Don



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 PM

MASS

6:30 PM

Please join us for this Lenten devotion.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert (1:12).

Saint John Chrysostom: "The Spirit drags Jesus into the desert, since he wanted to draw the devil there; and Jesus gave occasion to him not only on account of his hunger but also on account of the place: for then most especially does the devil attack when he sees people isolated and by themselves."

Mary Healy: "As Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, Jesus is driven out into the desert."

Father Francis F. Moloney, S.D.B.: "The promise of the beginning (Mk 1:1) indicates that the prologue of the Gospel of Mark is linked to the prologue to the human story, as it was told in Gn 1-11. Jesus was driven into the desert to reverse the tragedy of the Adam and Eve story, to reestablish God's original design." The Lord once found his people *in a wilderness, wasteland of howling desert* (Dt 32:10). That is where we first find Jesus; and that is where he first finds us — in a wasteland of sorrow, confusion, suffering, sin.

***And he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him (1:13).***

Father Francis F. Moloney, S.D.B.: "In the Genesis story Satan's victory over Adam led to hostility and fear in creation. In the Markan story that situation is reversed: he is with the wild beasts. Jesus' coming has restored the original order of God's creation."

Saint John Chrysostom: "Since Jesus both acted and experienced all things with a view to our instruction, he is content also to be led up to that place and to wrestle with the devil in order that each of those who are baptized should not be troubled as if the matter happened contrary to expectation, but should continue to endure all things nobly. Indeed, for this reason God does not prevent temptations as they come by: first, in order that you may learn that you have become much stronger, then in order that you may remain temperate and not over-excited by the greatness of your gifts, for temptations have the power to humble you; then in order that the evil one, by inquiring through the torture of temptations, might be satisfied that you have completely forsaken him; fourthly, in order that you might become stronger and hard as steel; fifthly, in order that you might through this receive a clear proof of the treasures entrusted to you. For the devil would not come upon you if he did not see you brought to greater honor."

Thomas à Kempis: "When a person of good will is afflicted, tempted, and tormented by evil thoughts, they realize clear-

ly that their greatest need is God, without whom they can do no good. Many people try to escape temptations, only to fall more deeply. The beginning of all temptation lies in a wavering mind and little trust in God, for as a rudderless ship is driven hither and yon by waves, so a careless and irresolute person is tempted in many ways. Often we do not know what we can stand, but temptation shows us what we are. Above all, we must be especially alert against the beginnings of temptation, for the enemy is more easily conquered if he is refused admittance to the mind and is met beyond the threshold when he knocks. Some, guarded against great temptations, are frequently overcome by small ones in order that, humbled by their weakness in small trials, they may not presume on their own strength in great ones. A person, indeed, is not worthy of the sublime contemplation of God who has not been tried by some tribulation for the sake of God. For temptation is usually the sign preceding the consolation that is to follow".

Father John Justus Landsberg: "From this episode our first lesson is that human life on earth is a life of warfare, and the first thing Christians must expect is to be tempted by the devil. For this reason, the Lord desires his disciples to find comfort in his own example. Reading in the Gospel that Christ too was tempted by the devil immediately after he was baptized, they will not grow fainthearted and fearful if they experience keener temptations from the devil after their conversion or baptism than before — even if persecution should be their lot"

***After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel" (1:14-15).***

Saint Augustine of Hippo: "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance."

Father Francis F. Moloney, S.D.B.: "The basic meaning of 'repent' is a radical turning back. An almost physical image is conjured up, disclosing an urgent need to stop in one's tracks, turn from all that leads away from the Kingdom, and become part of that Kingdom by believing in the Good News."

Monsignor Romano Guardini: "Repentance is an appeal to the deepest mystery of the creative power of God. Repentance does not cover up sin. On the contrary, repentance is truth. It tries to see things as they really are. Repentance is itself a gift. When man comes to God with his repentance, the living God is already in him and has given him repentance. Something has not been merely covered up: I have been born again. I begin again."

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Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10



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HOLY ANGELS PARISH

RETURN TO MASS PLAN

Returning to Holy Angels' normal mass schedule

PARISHIONERS FROM DIFFERENT
HOUSEHOLDS MUST SIT 6 FEET APART
Every other pew will be closed off.

WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR MASKS AND
USE HAND SANITIZER UPON ARRIVAL
Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances, and you may remove
your mask once you have socially distanced in your pew. Cleaning
crews will disinfect the church before each mass.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED

HYMNALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
Only the Cantor will sing to reduce airborne particles.

NOT READY TO RETURN?
That is okay! The temporary dispensation is still in place. We
will continue streaming 10:30 mass and offering small group
communion services at noon.



BETHALTO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CARRY OUT CHICKEN DINNER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021
11:15 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Chicken Strips w/1 Side - \$10
2-Piece White or Dark Fried Chicken w/2 Sides -
\$10
4-Piece Mixed Fried Chicken w/3 Sides - \$15
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