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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 11, 2024

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Masses

Mondays: No Mass

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am Daily Mass

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Rosary - Tuesday - Friday: 7:40am

Divine Mercy - Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am

Confession - Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45pm

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Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

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: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

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

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sun: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wed: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Sat: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sun: 1st Sunday of Lent



6TH 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become. "Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

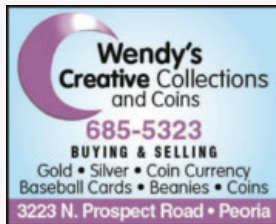
"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Dear Jesus,
If you wish it, you can heal these wounds
from my past. If you wish it, you can
make me well again. I believe that you
do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

Sponsor of the Month

STORE HOURS
M, W-F 9am-5pm,
Sat 9am-3pm
**CLOSED: Tuesday,
Sunday**
⇒ Free Appraisals
⇒ Work with Banks,
Attorneys and Estates

RELIGIOUS ED CORNER**February Classes**

11th (Confessions 3rd-6th),
18th (Confessions 7th-8th), &
25th (Service Hour Deadline for 8th Gr)

February Birthday:

Michelle Palmer 2/22

**Quick Peek at the Week**

Sun	Peace of Christ Healing Prayer Group	2pm
Mon	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	6pm
	Light of the World (May) Small Group	6:30pm
Tues	Church Decorating for Lent	9:45am
	Ladies Guild - Bunco	6:30pm
Wed	Ash Wednesday	9am / 7pm
Fri	Food Pantry Set Up	9am
Sat	Food Pantry Distribution	8am

LENTEN REGULATIONS

**FASTING & ABSTINANCE:
EVERYONE 18 - 59 YEARS OLD:
ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY**

ONE FULL MEATLESS MEAL IS ALLOWED

TWO OTHER MEATLESS MEALS, SUFFICIENT TO
MAINTAIN STRENGTH MAY BE TAKEN ACCORDING
TO EACH ONE'S NEEDS BUT TOGETHER SHOULD
NOT EQUAL ANOTHER FULL MEAL.

**EATING BETWEEN MEALS IS NOT PERMITTED ON
THESE TWO DAYS**

HOWEVER, LIQUIDS INCLUDING MILK AND
FRUITJUICE ARE ALLOWED.

WHEN HEALTH OR ABILITY TO WORK WOULD BE
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, THE LAW DOES NOT
OBLIGE.

TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAWS OF
FASTING AND ABSTINANCE IS A SERIOUS MATTER.

**St Monica's Ladies Guild**

Bunco Night is Tuesday,
February 13th
at 6:30pm in the Hall.



**Wednesday, February 14th
Mass Times**

St Monica: 9am & 7pm
St Patrick: 7am, 8:15am, & 6pm

Thursday Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

February 15th 6:30pm

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
by Jeff Cavins

**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians**

FREE - Mini Retreat
Speaker: Jane Mardian
Topic: Lent, Prayer, & Mary
Saturday, Feb 24th
11am - 4pm
St Monica Parish Hall
Optional 4pm Mass Attendance after Retreat

**FOOD PANTRY**

Food Pantry set up will take place Friday,
the 16th, at 9am at the Parish Hall with
distribution at 8am on Saturday, the 17th.
If you know someone who is in need of
assistance, please refer them to the St
Vincent de Paul Helpline (309) 677-7696 or the United Way
Helpline 211. Donations can be dropped off any day of the
week during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9am - 12pm.



**Celebrating Sylvia Corbett's Birthday
with a Card Shower!**

Sylvia is turning 98-years-young
on February 24th.

Send her happy birthday wishes!

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Mass Intentions & Ministry Schedule

(Please note that the ministry schedule may change prior to next weekend.
The churchscheduling.com website always has the most recent volunteer information.)

Mon, Feb 12 - No Mass**Tues, Feb 13** - Jerry Duran (*Knights of Columbus*)**Wed, Feb 14** - Ash Wednesday**9am Mass** - Gloria Carr (*Phil & Kay Michael & Family*)**7pm Mass** - Deceased Priests & Deacons of
St. Monica Parish (*Ladies Guild*)

(Volunteers are still Needed for both Masses -
See Ministry Sign Up in Sacristy to volunteer)

Thurs, Feb 15 - Marilyn Roberds (*Knights of Columbus*)**Fri, Feb 16** - Earl Faber (*Deb McGarvey*)**Sat, Feb 17** - Jeannie Lee Church
(*Madonna & Jim Rouiller*)**Sacristan:** Steve Racki**Lector 1:** Steve Racki**Lector 2:** Annie Ervin**Altar Servers:** Rick Couri & Bill Rogers**Eucharistic Ministers:** Don & Peggy Keck,
Denise Underwood, TBD & TBD**Musicians:** Praise Choir**Ushers:** Jerry Campen, Mike Doering, Irma Robbins,
& Tim Lipp**Sun, Feb 18** - All Parishioners**Sacristan:** Larry Russell**Lector 1:** Eileen Bieneman**Lector 2:** Tony Bieneman**Altar Servers:** Bobby & Edison Lindsey, & Renee Fonseca**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Bullock, Max Cheatham,
Al Hahn, Michelle Palmer & Steve Racki**Musicians:** Eileen Hahn & Jennifer Lindsey**Ushers:** Bill Durham, Paul Flynn, & Don Johnson**Counters:** Pat LaConte & Bill Rogers

Louis Alcaraz, Jan Bowes,
Dave Bullock, Dan Burwell, Michelle
Bush, Karen Clark, Pat Combs, John Couri, Sue
Couri, Gordon Cundiff, Mike Doering, Leo & Betty
Geier, Ray & Fran Geier, Ray Giacoletti, Nancy
Green, Virginia Hajny, Pat Hammer, Marilyn
Hawkins, Marche Hayworth, Judy Howard, Deb
Johnson, Lori Kingery, Ian Kumer, Joe Lenac, Kathy
Malson, Sandra Marter, Ray Martin, Fr. Paul
Meisner, Kay Michael, Al Peplinski, Geri Reeser,
Ed Riley, Irma Robbins, Arlan Roberds, Pat Rose,
John & Barb Salzer, Mary Jane Sommers, Elga
Ullrich, Adam Vestal, Leonard Vestal, & Pearl Yaunk

To update the prayer list, please call the office.

SAVE THE DATES!**Feb 16** - **Blessed Is She** at St Patrick Church**Feb 24** - **LAOH Mini Retreat** at St Monica Parish Hall**Feb 29** - **Ladies Guild Fundraiser** at Texas Roadhouse**April 29** - Diocesan **Traveling Monstrance** at St Pat's**July 17** - **National Eucharistic Congress**, Indianapolis**Around the Diocese**

- Thursdays in Lent - **Peoria Catholic Young Adult Group Lenten Bible Study** at St Vincent de Paul, Peoria, peoriacatholicadults@gmail.com
- Feb 17 - Peoria DCCW & CDOP Tribunal, **A Morning of Clarity & Love**, on divorce, annulments, & healing
- March 23 - Peoria Notre Dame **41st Annual Blue & Green Gala**, pndhs.ejoinme.org/pndgala2024
- July 29-Aug 7 - **10-day journey to Ireland & Scotland with the St. Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir**, Deposit deadline Feb 28th, 309-678-9166

WELCOME TO ST MONICA PARISH!

To become a member, just fill in the form below and drop it in the Collection Box. We will send you the registration forms in the mail. Or you may come by the Office in our Parish Hall during office hours, 9am-12pm Monday through Friday.

NAME: _____

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20s & 30s Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays of Lent 7-8 P.M.
Sorrowful Mystery Study by the
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small group · decade of the rosary



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