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Sunday, February 14th—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CLEANSED

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.” - Mk 1:44

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Disciple Stewardship: In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2:12-18

The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness. The faithful return with their whole hearts, fasting and repenting. All God's people gather together before the Lord for mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Paul implored the Corinthians to be reconciled to God right away. As Christ carried their sins upon the cross, so can they bear his holiness within them, if they turn to him. "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6

Jesus warned the disciples against performing religious acts only to attract the attention of others. In giving alms, praying and fasting, Christians are to conduct themselves in such a way that no one will know, except God, who sees all things.

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark the covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Dear parishioners,

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. We commence this most sacred celebration with the traditional ashes put on our foreheads as a way of reminding ourselves of the finitude of our lives in this world:

"We are dust and to we shall return" and our need for conversion in order to prepare for our lives in the world to come: "Turn away from your sin and believe in the Gospel." The life that awaits us in heaven is the fruit of the Lord's victory on the cross. As we became sharers of the risen Christ's life in baptism, we too will overcome death and experience resurrection, God's greatest gift of all. We keep in mind that this gift is a present reality already, though yet to be perfected when the Lord comes again. This risen life must already be made manifest in our lives by striving to be faithful each day to the Lord's command to love.

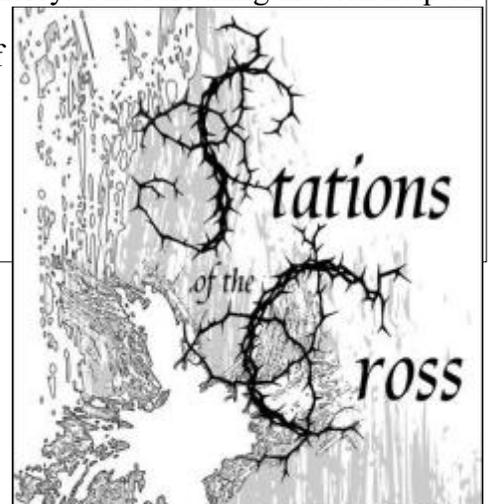
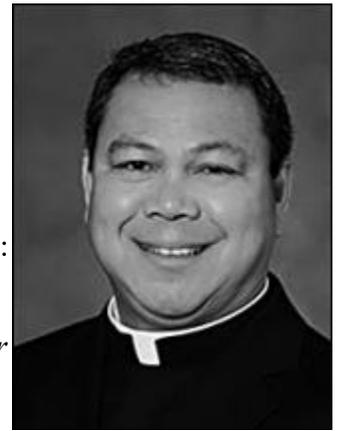
Christians all over the world observe Lent which is forty days of prayer, fasting and alms-giving in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the feast of the Resurrection. The number of days involved has strong biblical foundation signifying a period of preparation for something life-changing to happen. Examples of these are Noah and the 40 day flood in preparation for the renewed world; Israelites and their 40 years of journey into the desert in preparation for settlement of the promised Land; Moses and his 40 days of prayer and fasting at Mt. Sinai before he gave the Law; Jesus Himself and His praying and fasting in the desert before beginning His ministry as we heard in today's Gospel reading.

The season of Lent is our turn to prepare within 40 days for a life changing event to happen – Easter. The journey is going to be inward and the road that would help us to get there is prayer, fasting and alms-giving. During this Season, the Church is asking us to intensify our prayer life, to practice mortification, and to do the works of mercy. One sure thing that can help us to have a prayerful and fruitful Lenten celebration is the frequent reception of the sacraments like the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Have you considered attending daily Mass? Why daily Mass? Why not?

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"The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" *Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, August 15, 1993*



Join us for Stations of the cross and soup supper Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

From Ashes to Love

The pitter-patter of a heart, the dust of ashes- What a perfect combination of love, no? It is an odd combination- Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, yet for those days to coincide seems to be strangely fitting. Both are days symbolized by death, a necessary occurrence to receive the gift of Heaven, but both are days that lead to a new life. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the season where we begin to prepare for the death of Christ. We enter into that preparation of death by our own fasting from certain things. It is not that we remain in this state for eternity, rather we allow ourselves a mini-death so that we can celebrate the joy of Easter with greater vigor and fervor! We are not entering into the suffering for the sake of suffering but rather so that when Christ rises from the dead- we experience in our own bodies the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Likewise, couples often show their love for one another on Valentine's Day by chocolates and stuffed animals, flowers, balloons, love letters, expensive dinners, and other such expressions. These movements of love require a certain death of oneself because one must go outside of themselves to express real love. St. John the Baptist said "He must increase and I must decrease." The only way for real love to be shown and received is if one person humbles themselves for the sake of another- not out of fear but out of love. That sort of love requires also, a mini-death to self.

This is why so many young men and women have chosen to pursue Priesthood, Religious Life, and Holy Matrimony- they have felt the love of Christ invite them to die to themselves and begin living for others. So many people say that these young men and women ought to wait until later in life to make any "big" decision, but that seemingly comes from a place of fear of having to die to oneself. No matter the Vocation, you and I are called to die to ourselves so that our parishes, our religious congregations, or our families can begin to flourish as does the Life of Christ on the day of Easter and the love of a couple on V-Day. Do not be afraid to walk where the Love of God leads you. Death will be required so that His Life may begin to live.



Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m.: Kathy Holt
Requested by the Wagners

Sunday, February 21st

8:00 a.m.: People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.: Emilie Kovich
Requested by John Kovich

Greeter Schedule:

Ash Wednesday
7:00 p.m.: Riley Family

Feb 21st
8:00: Widmayer Family
10:15: Riley Family

Feb 28th
8:00: Hill Family
10:15: Witt Family

Part Time Business Manager (20 hrs/wk)

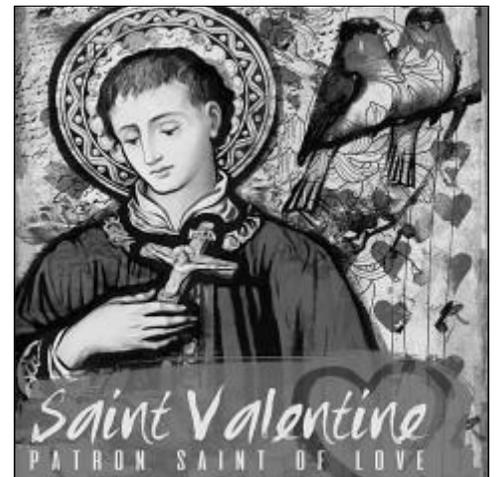
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People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

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Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Bill Matussek
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Harold Johnson
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Art Holt	Rita Hagenbruch
Gayle Johnson	
Viola Huff	



Ash Wednesday

Mass at St. Patricks

7:00 p.m.

Masses at St. Mary's:

7:30 a.m.
8:40 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.



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