



FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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**6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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

BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday	2/13/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	2/14/2021	8:30am	Walter Laudenschick

Next Week

Saturday	2/20/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	2/21/2021	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake & St. Matthew Parishes

ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for February and March is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions for next year can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. There is a limit to the number of weekend Masses that can be scheduled per person per year. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Remember in Your Prayers



The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...

The Parish community would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of: Frank Potter, who recently passed away.

May the Lord welcome him into His kingdom and give strength and consolation to their families.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & SERVICES

On February 17th, we will offer the following opportunities for people to receive ashes:



10:30 am at St. Mary's:

Prayer service with distribution of ashes

12:00 at St. Matthew gathering space:

Prayer service with distribution of ashes

6:30 pm at St. Matthew:

Mass with distribution of ashes

LENTEN COMPANION SERIES

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year — it is the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith so as to prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves: how hard it is to fast, how we fail at fasting, and just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this we often arrive at Easter with our lives no more changed than they were on Ash Wednesday.



A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus and experience true transformation in our lives in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program called The Ascension Lenten Companion. This devotional resource follows the Gospels for each Sunday of Lent 2021 so we can better prepare for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. It features daily meditations, space for journaling, original sacred artwork and weekly videos that keep us on track.

The cost of the devotional is \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Heather Warner in the Parish Office and will be available for pick up after Masses February 13/14 or in the Parish Office the following week.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, accompanying videos to this devotional will be posted to the Parish website and Facebook page.

This is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally (in this time of social distancing) and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season.

WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Help us decorate our worship space for the Easter season! You can choose from three levels:

Lily Level: \$25

Hyacinth Level: \$15

Tulip Level: \$10

Envelopes are in the vestibule.

Memorials are due by March 28th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday Mornings - 9:30am

February 21 - March 28

Experience the way of the cross as you never have before. Rather than meditating *about* Christ's journey to the cross, pray right along *with* him. Jesus, as an observant Jewish man, would have prayed the Psalms throughout the day, and drawn strength and peace from them.

The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside him, drawing strength from Scripture during those last moments before the crucifixion.

Each station features:

- A short reading from Scripture
- A brief meditation
- A Psalm to pray **with** Jesus

Participants are welcome to their own copy of the prayer guide. Free will donations are appreciated.



THE GIFT OF SUNDAY LANTERN MISSION

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:00-8:30 pm

**St. Veronica Parish,
353 E Norwich St**

Mission Presenter:

Fr. Michael Maher, S.J.

St. Veronica Parish will be hosting one of 18 Lenten Missions taking place throughout the archdiocese on the evening of March 3, 2021. This Mission is based on *The Gift of Sunday*, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listekci. The evening will be held in the context of a prayer service and will highlight the importance of Sunday Mass in living out our faith on a daily basis. **Due to limited seating, people are asked to register in advance for the Lenten Missions at www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions.** Contact Rosalita Villa at villar@archmil.org or 414-758-2217.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

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A POWERFUL STUDY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place

you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother continues at St. Mary by the Lake every Wednesday at 1:00pm until March 31st. For more information or to register for this FREE study, call Heather Warner at 262-639-3616 or email hwarner@stmarybythelake.org.

HOLY HOURS DURING LENT

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. At St. Mary by the Lake, for the entirety of Lent, the Church will be open from 9:00am until 6:30pm on Thursdays, beginning February 18th, for individuals to come and spend some quiet time in prayer. Participants are invited to bring some sacred reading or devotional prayer to follow in this time of sacred silence. Evening Vespers will be observed at 6:00pm to close the Holy Hours each week.

Please consider setting aside some extra time for the Lord this Lent. Masks and social distancing protocols are required.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES DURING A PANDEMIC

The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to force changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere. The Vatican recently released a note laying out the procedures priests around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of Lent. This year, the priests will sprinkle ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads.



This Ash Wednesday, after blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, Fr. Pat will address those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". At that point, he will cleanse his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who are standing in their places (just as we receive Communion). He will then sprinkle the ashes on each person's head "without saying anything."

Sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in much of Europe. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people.

Note Ash Wednesday is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation, although Catholics are encouraged to fast or abstain on that day.

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