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Sunday, February 14, 2021



*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." - Mk 1:44

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Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome
See website for current information.

ONLINE:

www.stbeagan.org

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Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808 , and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents (must be parishioners) are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Monday, April 6, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808 .

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of February 14, 2021

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	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
Thursday:	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
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-1

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Norm Timmer	Mary Cloutier
Judy Schmidt	Peter DePover
Lisa LaFrance	Janet Higgins

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Offerings

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (2/2 - 2/8)

Online	2,000.00
In Person/mail	12,030.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	9,015.00
TOTAL	23,045.00

YEAR TO DATE: (12/31/20)

	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Revenue	\$ 723,531	\$ 684,000
Operating Expenses	<u>617,650</u>	<u>632,057</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ 105,881	51,943

Everyday Stewardship

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

LENT 2021

A Passageway to Life - PASS

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Praying

O God, transform us through your compassion, so that we may carry your Gospel into the world as witnesses of your limitless love.
May our fasting be hunger for Justice, our alms a making of Peace, our prayers the song of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almsgiving

Annual Easter Basket Service Project: The Easter Basket Project to help families in need has been an annual tradition since STB began. This year we will be utilizing Sign Up Genius, and you can choose from 2 different ways to help:

- We will collect gift cards for Cub, Target or Holiday Gas stations. Please sign up for a card and drop it off at church, in the box by the basement steps, anytime before March 14.
- You can also sign up to make an "Easter Basket." The baskets are large plastic storage tubs with lids (Target is a great place to get these) filled with household goods (toilet paper, laundry soap, cleaning supplies), food staples (packaged, cans, peanut butter), toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, lotions) and a few Easter touches or things for young children. **Once the baskets are finished, please tape the name and number to the top of the basket and drop off in the church basement by March 14th. If doing a "general" family basket without a specific number, please write General Family Basket on the sheet and tape to the top of the basket.**

Use this link to sign up for gift cards or to sponsor a basket: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DA8A722AAFE3-easter1>

Singing Video from the Ash Wednesday Mass available around 5pm Serving

Jesus teaches us to perform righteous deeds in secret. To begin your Lenten journey, find a small and secret way to serve another, such as completing a chore for a family member, or leaving an anonymous card or small gift for a neighbor, teacher, or healthcare worker.

Word & Communion Service

Beginning Wednesday, February 24, and continuing each Wednesday of Lent, I will offer a Word and Communion Service at NOON. A Word and Communion Service is not Mass; it is a prayer service that involves: Prayer, Scriptures of the day, shared Prayers of the Faithful and Communion. The Service will be 15-20 minutes, and we will follow all COVID protocols as we do for Sunday Mass. The number of attendees will be limited to 12, which will require you to reserve a spot by going to Book A Pew on our website. I ask that you not sign up for all the weeks at one time; this will allow others the opportunity to attend. If you find that on Wednesday morning there are open spots, you can sign up. The day of the week, time of day and limit of 12 came from the results of the survey that was taken a few months ago. People expressed a desire to receive communion; however, they did not feel comfortable with a large number and being in a closed in space longer than 20 minutes. After Lent we will evaluate the Word and Communion Service option to see how we will go forward.

Words for the Weary

Words for the Weary – Embracing the Lenten Season after a Challenging Pandemic Year.

Here is a gift of reflection and prayer to go with you through the season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

The link will take you to this Lenten E Resource booklet where you can decide to download individual pages or the whole booklet.

Read, pray, rest, be comforted and enjoy!

Stewardship Message

A good example is the best sermon.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers Linda Hirte, who died on Sunday, January 31 at the age of 63, of South St. Paul. Passed away January 31, 2021 after a 26 year long battle with Scleroderma. Preceded in death by parents Joseph & Shirley Sanchez & brother Jim. Survived by husband Martin; children Tony (Ciara) Hirte, Christine "Bean" (Nick) Boisen; grandchildren Landon, Cody, Lola Belinda & Bennett Boisen; sister Jodi (Tom) Davis; & many relatives & friends. Devoted wife & mom; proud SSP class of '75 & Winona State class of '79, teacher, avid Twins fan & Woman of the Pearls. She will be remembered most for her sparkling strong-willed personality, her positive spirit and her generous heart.

The Funeral Mass was held here on Tuesday, February 9. Thank you to all who graciously assisted with Mass.

May God grant eternal rest and give comfort to the family at their time of loss. Amen.

The Chosen

The following series has been recommended for your watching, it is a free app. The series is entitled "The Chosen" go to www.thechosen.tv/app.

Season one covers the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the apostles' lives before and after Jesus entered their lives. Season two is currently being filmed. You can download to your phone and cast to your TV or download to a computer PC.

FAITH FORMATION
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 AN INVITATION TO
 LEARN MORE ABOUT
 HOW TO BECOME A
 CATHOLIC

- Are you or a friend or loved one looking for a faith community which can nurture their growth in faith?
- Wondering about the role of God in your life, Jesus, Pope Francis, the Catholic Church today?
- Wanting to know more about the faith of someone you love?
- Thinking about being baptized? Already baptized but want to find out about becoming Catholic?
- Do you have a child seven years old or older who isn't baptized? Do you have a young person baptized in another tradition but seeking 1st Eucharist & Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people ages 7 to 107 become Catholic Christians. But before making this decision we spend time exploring our own faith and the faith of this community. Then the process is tailored to the needs and background of the person.

If you have questions, call or email Jackie Graham (612-452-8775 or jackieg@stbeagan.org)

Office Closed

Monday, February 15
 President's Day

Walking with Job

- a six-week zoom retreat: based on the Book of Job

The story of Job is one of the oldest in the Bible, He was a devout believer in God and was greatly blessed. His good fortune did not last, however. Job's faith was tried and tested by a series of tragedies and great suffering. Incredibly Job reacts with praise to God instead of cursing God.

We too know suffering and can struggle with the question "Why do Bad things Happen to Good People?" The Book of Job does not give the final answer, but it does make clear that even good people may suffer and that their suffering is not a punishment sent by God. Job is a reminder that God's purposes are far beyond human understanding and that no one can claim to know everything about God.

Mary Kietzmann, a University of St Thomas MAT graduate, and Sacred Ground Spiritual Director, along with Methodist Pastor Jamie Hales, have prayerfully collaborated to create this retreat content and reflection for our daily lives.

Those who participate will receive a workbook and make this retreat independently, with daily, individual, self-guided Scripture reading and reflection. **Participants commit to 20 - 40 minutes a day** (your discretion) to read the suggested Scripture, reflect and write in the workbook.

Once a week, you will meet via Zoom for one hour in a small group, of no more than 8 people to share what you have experienced during the week in the Scriptures, in your prayer, and in your everyday life. Each person will have up to 5 minutes without interruption to share their experience of the week..

Long time STB parishioner **Joy Hayes** will facilitate the weekly meeting. Joy is a spiritual director certified through Sacred Ground Center for Spirituality. She will lead a **Monday** evening zoom group from 6:30 -7:30pm beginning **February 22**.

Deb Rhody, also a long-time parishioner will lead a **Saturday 11am** group beginning on **February 20** – Deb has served the parish in many ways and wants to share her enthusiasm for St Thomas Becket after her recent completion of the Murray Institute through University of St Thomas Lay Ministry program.

This is Not a Bible study. No Scripture background is needed at all. Just come as you are, open to being with God. The small group sharing will help you to stay the course. And your sharing, no matter if it is questions, frustration, or new insights are all a gift to the listeners. We witness each other's journey without judgement or the need to fix anyone or anything.

Just join a Zoom group from your home on your computer, iphone or ipad

Mondays

6:30pm - 7:30pm -

February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29

Or

Saturdays

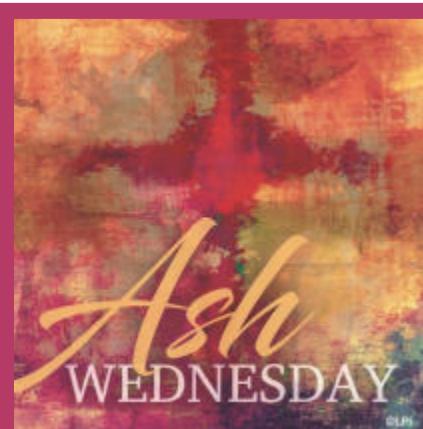
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February 20,27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Cost - \$35 per person – checks payable to St. Thomas Becket

Register and pick-up your book at STB no later than Feb. 14 so you can be prepared for the first week

Please call or email Mary McDonald to reserve your spot!
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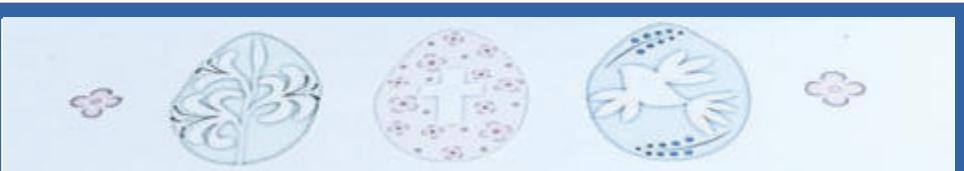


ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH

Due to the pandemic there will be some changes in the way we celebrate.

JOIN US FOR OUR SERVICE OF ASHES AT NOON AND 5:30 P.M.

Seating is limited.
Please go to our website to reserve your place.



We are once again kicking off the Annual Easter Basket Project to help families in need this Lenten season. This project has been an annual tradition since STB began. This year we will be utilizing Sign Up Genius for you to choose how to help. There are 2 different ways to help. The first way is there are gift cards needed for Cub, Target or Holiday Gas stations. Please sign up for a card and drop off at church anytime before March 14th and drop in the box near the basement steps. The second is make an "Easter Basket". The baskets are large plastic storage tubs with lids (Target is a great place to get these) and filled with household goods (toilet paper, laundry soap, cleaning supplies) and food (packaged, cans) and toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, lotions) and a few Easter touches or things for young children. **Once the baskets are finished, please tape the name and number to the top of the basket and drop off in the church basement by March 14th. If doing a "general" family basket without a specific number, please write General Family Basket on the sheet and tape to the top of the basket.**

One of the agencies receiving the baskets is CAPS in Rosemount supporting working families that live below the poverty line. The others are going to the Visitation sisters of North Minneapolis who serve their neighbors in need. These baskets have specific numbers and names and can be a little more customized.

The needs are great this year, if using Sign Up Genius is a barrier, please just buy a \$25 gift card to Target, Cub or Holiday Gas Station and drop off at church. Every card matters.

Please return all items to church by March 14th. Sign up at www.stbeagan.org

Kids Corner

Read the Gospel & Color



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:40-45

Sharing the Gospel

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

Prayer

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY
JESUS
POWER

WELL
WARNED
SHOW

GIFT
HEALED
WALKED

M	O	S	Y	T	E	D	A	G	U	R
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MISSION

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read. Pray for them before you leave. You will brighten their day.

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