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February 14, 2021 • Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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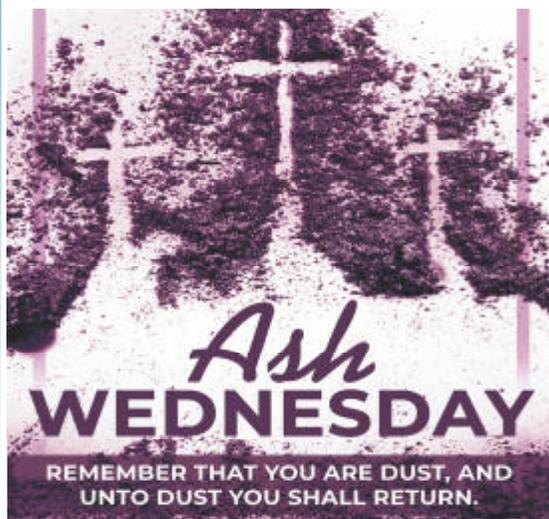
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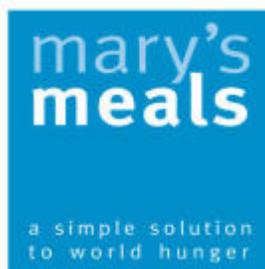
**Ash
Wednesday
Feb 17**

**Mass 7am
Service Noon
Mass 6:30pm**

We will have no-contact distribution of ashes at all Masses & service.

Parish Lent Project

Our goal - \$8,568
to provide daily meals
to 408 school children
in Tafika, Zambia for
one year.



Mary's Meals, is focused on one goal – that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education.



"Before, I felt weak because I was hungry. Porridge makes me feel strong & I can concentrate in class."

Emmanuel, 11, Zambia

Nutritious meals attract children into the schools in impoverished countries. Giving them a brighter future.

School meals owned & run by community volunteers, parents & teachers - as a result 93% of donations go directly to feeding children!

Boosts the economy by utilizing locally produced food when possible. Supporting local farmers, communities & economies.

Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Joan Shonka
Wed	8:00 am	Rita Glenn
Thurs	8:00 am	Don Hartnett
Fri	8:00 am	Sadie Byrnes Family
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Shirley Whitehouse
Sun	8:00 am	For the People
Sun	10:00 am	Al Bock

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns: Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgen, Rhonda Kalainoff, Maureen Blonigan, Mary "Cookie" Dreesman

Next Sunday, Feb 21, 10am

We will have the Rite of Enrollment for our confirmation (junior) students. This will increase the number attending the 10am Mass, but we will maintain social distancing. If you are uncomfortable with a larger gathering, please consider our Sat or 8am Mass next weekend. Thank you for your patience.

Mass Update... The Vatican has ordered a small change in the English translation of the Mass prayers. At the end of the Opening Prayer, the presider has said: "one God, for ever and ever." But, beginning on Ash Wednesday 2021, the presider will say: "God, for ever and ever" (the word "one" has been removed). The Vatican insists on a literal translation from Latin into English, and the word "one" does not appear in the Latin text. This won't affect any of the speaking parts for the congregation; only for the presider.

Just for fun... Lena finally convinced Ole to take a big trip for their anniversary. Lena collected a bunch of travel brochures listing the countries' national sports. Lena exclaimed, "Ole, in Spain you could run with bulls or in England it's Cricket." Ole gasped, "Lena, let's go to England. I think it will be easier to out run crickets."

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was teaching at Loras College, we would have a few days break between the end of January term and the beginning of the spring semester. I would sometimes take this time for a visit to New York City. I have several friends who live there, or nearby, and we would catch up and see some shows and maybe go to the opera. I know it's not everyone's cup of tea; but I do enjoy the opera. I love the sweeping music, the powerful, virtuosic voices, the grand sets and costumes, and the big stories with often overwrought emotions. I relish comic opera like *The Magic Flute* and the tragic romance of *La Bohème*. One of my favorite operas is *The Dialogues of the Carmelites* by the twentieth-century French composer, Francis Poulenc.

The opera is based on a play by the Catholic writer Georges Bernanos. It's based on the true story of a community of sixteen Carmelite nuns who were guillotined during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. It recounts the spiritual journey of Blanche de la Force, a young woman from an aristocratic family who fears the oncoming Revolution. Blanche's fear impels her to join the Carmelite order to escape from the world, but in doing so she goes straight into the target of the revolutionary mob. Arrested and cast out of their convent, the nuns take a vow of martyrdom rather than renounce their vocation. Blanche initially panics and runs away, but at the last moment she finds her courage, and joins her sisters at the guillotine. The final scene of the opera has the nuns walking one-by-one towards the guillotine and singing the *Salve Regina*. Having seen all her sisters executed, as she mounts the scaffold, Blanche sings the final stanza of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, "Deo Patri sit gloria...", the Catholic hymn traditionally used when taking vows in a religious community and offering one's life to God. The spiritual radiance of the music and the compelling drama of the story contribute to a powerful expression of the potential for faith to release and liberate the believer from fear.

An essential belief of Christian faith is that a new beginning is always possible. To believe that is not to say everything always stays the same, that there is no struggle, or life turns out according to our plan. It is to say that whether we are mildly inconvenienced, or facing the most difficult challenge of our life, Christ wishes to heal us of those inner voices, the misguided visions, that tells us we are no good, or new life is not possible. Often it is fear that isolates us from God and one another. Jesus grasps us by the hand, and brings us to God saying, we are loved with all our imperfections.

The lesson of today's readings, the meaning of Christian life, is that only love changes things; not the love of Valentine cards, or group hugs. But the love of having a bigger vision; the love of exhausting all the possibilities; the love of listening and looking. This is the love of Christ; the love that shows a new beginning when none seems possible. May each of us be a sign of Christ; and bring a touch of hope to our world.

- Fr Doug Wathier

GLORY TO GOD:

Priest: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

W: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

M: we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

All: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

M: you take away the sins of the world,

W: have mercy on us;

M: you take away the sins of the world,

W: receive our prayer;

M: you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

W: have mercy on us.

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 103: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

Bob Dufford, SJ



- 1. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Let all that is in me bless his name.
- 2. Slow to anger and quick to heal,
and mighty in justice to those in need.
- 3. Keep in mind the works of God,
who redeems you from evil
and brings you home.
- 4. As high as the sky is above the earth,
so far God lifts us above our sins.

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COMMUNION: (Refrain) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

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Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly offertory budget \$8,913

Gifts Feb 1-7, 2021:

- Offering Gifts.....\$4,455
- On-Line Offering.....\$2,049
- Food Pantry Gifts..... \$455
- Loose Offering.....\$47
- Easter Offering.....\$95

Fiscal Yr July2020 - Feb 7,2021:

- Offertory Received \$299,933
- Budget Yr-to-Date \$285,231
- Overage** + \$14,702

SONGS FOR FEB 13-14

Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; **Prep. Of the Gifts** Your Words are Spirit and Life (Farrell); **Communion:** Taste and See (Angrisano); **Sending:** Go Make a Difference

During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ. Please leave your masks on until the minister passes by.

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Reading II 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

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." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. 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. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (up)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Weather Cancellations

Weekday & weekend cancellations or closings are posted on KWWL, our parish webpage & Facebook page.

If W-SR school is cancelled or out early due to weather, parish events and afternoon/evening Mass are cancelled.

If W-SR school starts late due to weather, morning Mass is cancelled.

As always, if you are uncomfortable with road conditions due to weather, please stay home. Your safety is most important.

Calendar: Feb 15-21

Tues: Finance Council, 6pm, room B & zoom
Pastoral Council, 7pm, room A & zoom
Exodus, 8pm, room B

Wed: EDGE (5-8th), 6pm, hall

Thurs: Deliver backpacks to WSR schools 9am in hall. Volunteers needed!

Fri: Women's Group, 8:30am, room B

Sat-Sun: Peanut Butter Collection for backpack program

Sun: Lenten Book Study, 9am, room B

Rite of Enrollment (11th), 10am Mass

RCIA, 11am, room B

Confirmation Retreat (11th), 1pm, hall

Lenten Book Study, 6pm, room B

Chosen (10th), 6:30pm, hall



Outreach

We need HELP to deliver Food Backpacks to WSR Schools!

Thursdays of February at 9am!

St Mary will deliver kid-friendly food provided by the Food Bank to just inside the WSR schools' doors (no need to enter the school to ensure social distancing). Meet in our **hall at 9am Thursdays of Feb** to help children over the weekends, who are on free & reduced lunches.

A graphic of a stack of books with various colored spines (red, blue, green, purple, brown, etc.). The text is overlaid on the books.

Last weekend to sign-up for our Book Study

Sign up now for the Lenten book study! Spend time in prayer and building community with others from St Mary Church. Discussions will be based on Matthew Kelly's book

I Heard God Laugh.

*Feeling tired or disconnected?
This is the opportunity for you to
renew your soul and reconnect!*

Sign up information can be found on our church website and in the church hall.

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We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.
-1 John Chapter 4

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