

# St. Richard's Catholic Church

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February 7, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Liturgical Year B

# MANY



He cured many who were sick.

MARK 1:34

Curó a muchos enfermos de  
diversos males.

MARCOS 1, 34



**What Does “Prayer • Participation • Generosity” Mean?**

The ways that we live out our baptismal call as Christians can be expressed as our Prayer, Participation and Generosity in our family, our parish and our world! **Prayer** includes both liturgy at church and throughout our daily lives. **Participation** can include joining us for Mass or engaging in conversation around the dinner table. **Generosity** includes sharing your time to help shovel before Mass or calling a fellow-parishioner who has not been at church in a while. Of course, it also includes sharing financial resources with our parish family! That can mean using weekly envelopes, giving by text, setting up automatic withdrawal or using your IRA to support the parish financially. Take some time to pray about how these overlapping stewardship principals are part of your life every day—and how you can grow more fully into these expressions of faith.

**Participate in Re-Opening Our Office!**

We are taking steps toward making our office more accessible during the weekdays, while our staff continue to work a blend of on-site and remote hours. Volunteer hospitality ministers are returning during the week to answer phones and assist with small tasks like sorting mail. Many of the parishioners who participated in this ministry in the past are in high-risk categories and need to wait for the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to the office. You can help by giving a couple of hours of your week as it fits your schedule! We will provide all of the training you need. To learn more, contact parishioner Gaye Mandt (phone number in the parish directory) or send an email to [bulletin@strichards.com](mailto:bulletin@strichards.com).

**Catholic Schools Raffle Tickets**

Blessed Trinity is selling Catholic schools raffle tickets again this year. Each ticket is \$5 and all funds raised stay at the school, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Catholic United Financial. We will have drive-up ticket sales on **February 28** at St. Richard as part of the SnoBall Shuffle!

**Book Club**

If you have never participated in our book club discussion, this is a great time to join us! Our next book club selection is *The Case for Jesus*, by Brant Pitre. We will discuss the book on a Sunday afternoon (TBA) in **March** over Zoom. Contact parishioner Maureen Mahowald for details on how to join in this virtual conversation. Her phone number is in the parish directory or you can send an email to Susie Osacho.

**Fratelli Tutti**

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations and discussions to dive into this encyclical from Pope Francis. On the evenings of **February 24, March 23, April 27** and **May 25**, the online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern how *Fratelli Tutti* can influence and enrich our lives. This series is open to all. Visit [www.centerformission.org/whats-new](http://www.centerformission.org/whats-new) to sign up!

**Drive-Up Mardi Gras & Valentine Dinner**

Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:00—6:00pm on Sunday, **February 14**, featuring ham dinner with cheesy potatoes, green beans and brownies (gluten-free sides available upon request). Orders are due by **February 9**. Use the sign-up link at [www.strichards.com](http://www.strichards.com) or call 612-869-2426 to let us know how many meals you would like. Payment at the door (cash or check only) is \$12 each for 1-3 meals; \$11 each for 4-6 meals; \$10 each for 7 or more. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help this fundraising effort, monetary contributions can be sent to the parish office labeled “Valentine-Mardi Gras dinner.”



**Drive-Up Communion Opportunities**

On the first Sunday of the month, February—June, we are offering drive-up Communion at 11:15am. Please enter the parking lot through 76th Street, stay in your car with your mouth and nose covered and sanitize your hands as the minister approaches. On **February 17**, we will be distributing blessed ashes in a similar fashion at 1:15 and 7:45pm (see the full Ash Wednesday schedule on page 4 of this bulletin). On Palm Sunday, **March 28**, we will offer both Eucharist and blessed palms via the 11:15am drive-up.

**Share Your Feedback**

In order to have an easy way for you to offer your input on the future of our Richfield Catholic parishes and school, we have established a centralized email address and phone number, where you can leave a message and receive a personal response from a member of our leadership team. Just send your message to [info@richfieldareacatholics.org](mailto:info@richfieldareacatholics.org) or call 612-440-7573. Someone else might have the same question you do, in which case we will publish a response here!

**You Asked: What is a Parochial Vicar?**

In Archbishop’s letter to the parish last month, he mentioned that, starting July 1, St. Richard, St. Peter and Assumption parishes, as well as Blessed Trinity School, will share one pastor and one bilingual parochial vicar. That means that we will have **two full-time priests** serving our parishes. Fr. Liekhus will be our pastor and he will be assisted by what is sometimes called an “associate pastor” or “parochial vicar.” Thanks for asking!

**Why Do I Have to Register for Mass?**

To make sure that we can to continue offering the celebration of the Eucharist, we take all precautions based on directions from the archdiocese and Minnesota Department of Health. Part of that means requiring masks and capacity limits. By keeping records of who attends each Mass, we can communicate quickly with anyone who may have been exposed, in the event that an attendee later tests positive for COVID-19 (if that happens, the person’s identity will be kept strictly confidential). Thank you so much for your understanding and help!



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

<b>SUN 2/7</b>	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
<b>MON 2/8</b>	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
<b>TUE 2/9</b>	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
<b>WED 2/10</b>	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
<b>THR 2/11</b>	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
<b>FRI 2/12</b>	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
<b>SAT 2/13</b>	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
<b>SUN 2/14</b>	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

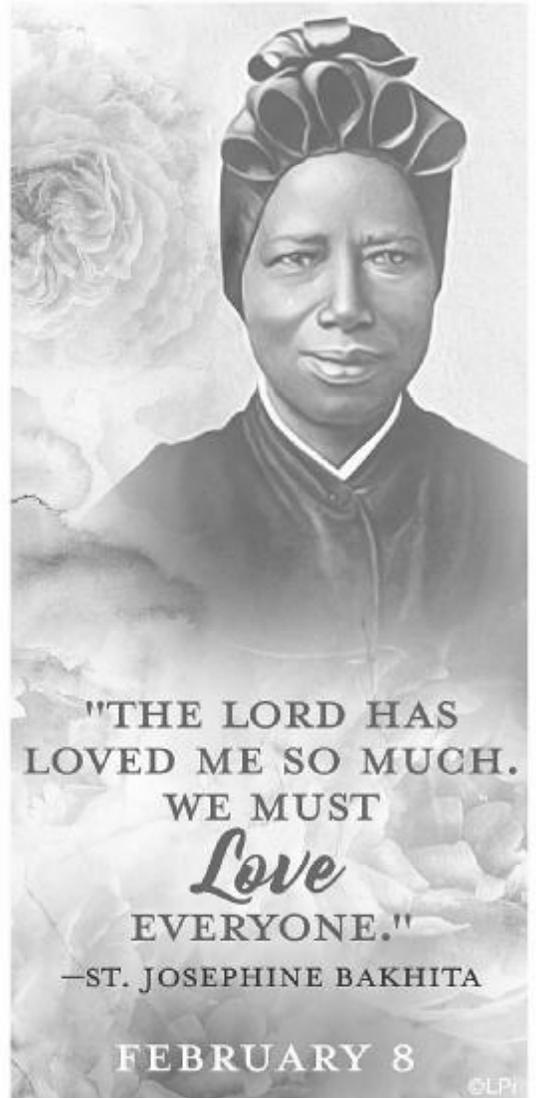
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



All you  
need is  
Grace



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*Our Lord Jesus Christ...*

*May we see you more **CLEARLY**  
LOVE YOU MORE *Dearly*  
Follow you more **NEARLY***



### St. Richard Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 6	For the Parish
Sunday, February 7	Schmidt Family
Tuesday, February 9	Jonathan O'Shaughnessy†
Thursday, February 11	Carole Maddent†
Saturday, February 13	For the Parish
Sunday, February 14	Chuck Spraggt†



## Liturgy Schedule

### Weekend Masses at St. Richard

**Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am**

*Weekly registration required for in-person weekend liturgies*

[www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up](http://www.strichards.com/mass-sign-up)

### 8am Daily Masses

**Monday & Saturday** at St. Peter

**Tuesday & Thursday** at St. Richard

**Wednesday & Friday** at Assumption

### Reconciliation at St. Richard

**Sundays 9:00-9:30am**

### Online Mass

[www.strichards.com/from-home](http://www.strichards.com/from-home)

## Ash Wednesday

### Feb 17 Liturgies with Distribution of Ashes

*Links for registration will be provided a week in advance*

**8:00am** Mass at **Assumption**

**12:15pm** Mass at **St. Richard**

**1:15pm** Drive-up communion and ashes at **St. Richard**

**7:00pm** Liturgy of the Word at **St. Richard**

**7:00pm** Misa en español a **Assumption**

**7:45pm** Drive-up ashes at **St. Richard**

### Last Month's General Operating Support

*Two live Masses per weekend during January 2021*

Budgeted Giving for January	\$ 76,368
January 2/3 Mass Offertory	\$ 1,118 (29 envelopes)
January 9/10 Mass Offertory	\$ 2,102 (27 envelopes)
January 16/17 Mass Offertory	\$ 730 (21 envelopes)
January 23/24 Mass Offertory	\$ 973 (22 envelopes)
January 30/31 Mass Offertory	\$ 3,301 (33 envelopes)
Mailed Contributions	\$ 12,780 (96 envelopes)
IRA & Donor-Advised Funds	\$ 14,200 (8 contributions)
Electronic Contributions	<u>\$ 24,767</u> (264 contributions)

*January Budget Shortfall (\$16,397)*

### Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021)

YTD Budgeted Giving (FY 2021)	\$502,935	FY 2020 \$491,413
YTD Actual Giving (FY 2021)	<u>\$435,998</u>	<i>This time last year ↗</i>
<b>Year To-Date Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$66,937)</b>	



## Message from Fr. Liekhus

### The role of the Parish Council

What is our mission, and are we accomplishing it? Those are questions that every organization should keep in mind; parishes are no exception. If we lose sight of our goal, we won't know if what we're spending our time and energy and money on is doing any good, and our parishes will suffer for it. What is our mission, and are we accomplishing it? Those are the questions I envision the combined Parish Council keeping front and center.

Our mission is not something we need to discern; we have been given our mission by Jesus Christ: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:19) Our mission is to reach out to everyone, and make disciples of Christ. How to best do that is where the Parish Council comes in. There are empty places in our pews. What can we do to fill them?

This will mean having an open mind and a big imagination. The path of least resistance is to keep doing what the parishes have always done, only now together. But is it possible that together, we can accomplish something even greater? Can we work together in new ways to reach more people and make disciples? That is the mission we've been given, so we can't ignore it. The Parish Council is not for those who are content with those empty places.

For whom is it, then? Stay tuned! Next week, we will speak about the qualities that are a good fit for this role. Please, continue to bring this to prayer, and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire those He has chosen to answer the call.

#### Prayer for Discernment

God our Father,  
You have a plan for each one of us,  
You hold out to us a future full of hope.

Give us the wisdom of your Spirit  
so that we can see the shape of your plan  
in the gifts You have given us,  
and in the circumstances of our daily lives.

We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.

# Together in Hope



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