St. Anthony
Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

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Social Hall 402-564-4767
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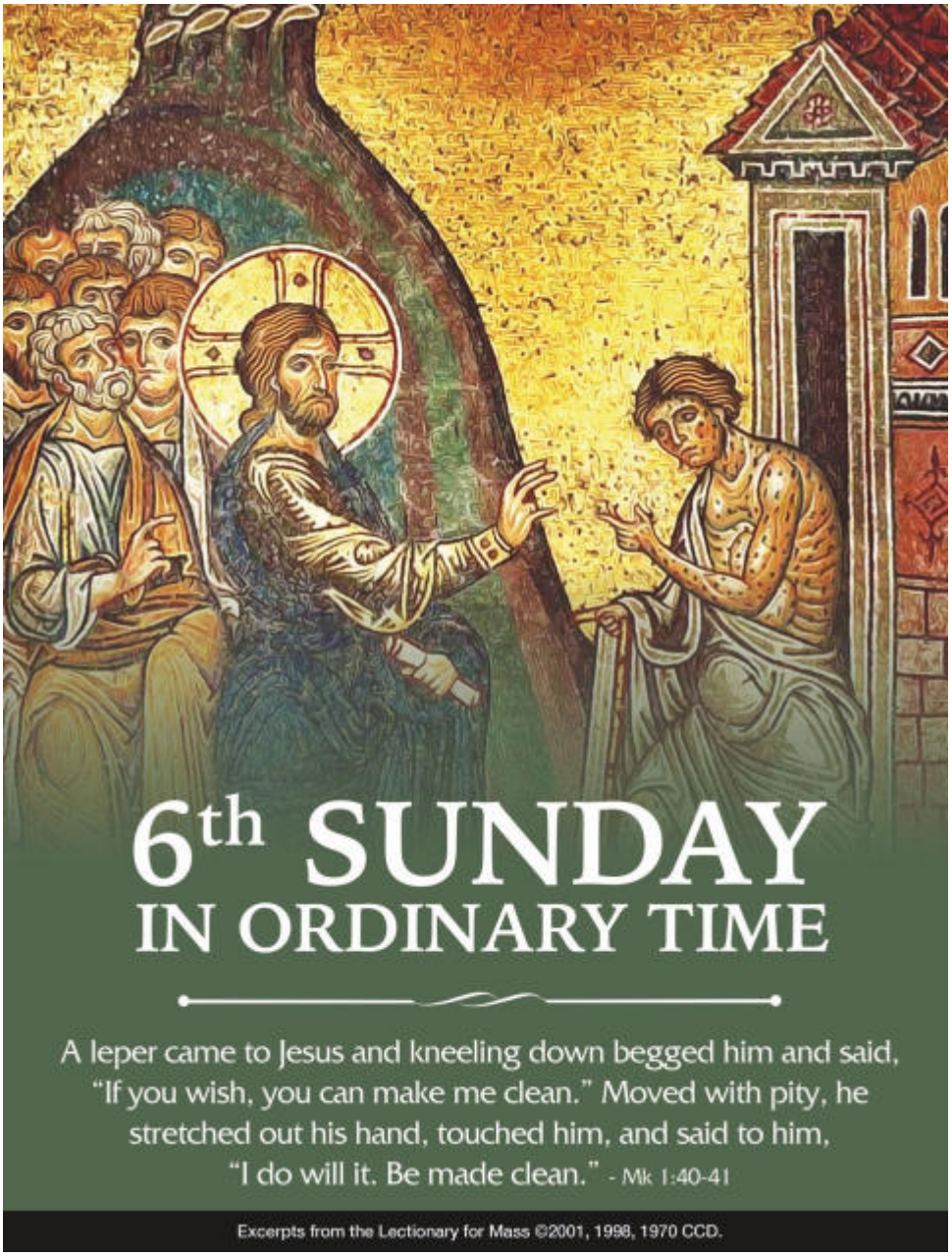
Franciscan Parish Center
For Parish Activities Only: Church Secretary

Liturgy Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM
Weekday: 5:30 PM Tuesday-Thursday
8:15 AM Friday
Holy Day: When Mass is obliged,
5:30 PM vigil and
8:15 AM, 5:30 PM

Sacraments
Penance: 4:30-5:20 PM Tues & Thurs
4:00-5:00 PM Saturday
or by appointment
Baptism: Contact the Church Office
For Preparation Class.
Marriage: Make arrangements at least
eight months in advance.

Bulletin Notices
Submit in writing to the Church Office or
E-Mail Kathy Podraza by 10:00 AM Tuesday.



From the Pastor

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass times are 8:15am & 5:30pm. However, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation to attend Mass, but it is a fast day. What it means to fast is having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not equal the one full meal. On a fast day, eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Liquids however are permitted. Everyone from 18 but not yet 60 years of age is bound to the law of fasting. The same law applies to Good Friday, April 2nd. These are the only two fast days that remain on the Church's calendar.

On all the Fridays of Lent Catholics who are 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Abstinence from meat is a partial fast. Fish and other seafood are permitted. Please consider attending Stations of the Cross after the KC fish fry every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm. The Stations are a traditional devotion of Lent meditating on the Passion of Christ. Daily Mass is also a common Lenten practice.

Operation Rice Bowl will again be conducted this year. Pick up your Rice Bowl in church on Ash Wednesday or next weekend. The monies collected go to Catholic Relief Services. The money you save from abstaining can be turned over to the poor in this way. Rice Bowls should be returned Holy Week. These are just some traditional ways that Catholics have practiced prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent.

Confession times will be offered on Tuesday & Thursday from 4:30-5:20pm and on Saturday from 4:00-500pm.

And again we have provided *Five Minutes with the Word* for your prayer during this holy Season. Books are located at church entrances.

Fr. Ross

School News

When people ask me why I work in a Catholic School, the obvious answers always come up. I have the opportunity to share my faith with my students and walk with them on their faith journey, our school is like a family, our parents are very supportive, and our staff is the best! Well, this past month I witnessed why I teach at a Catholic School. A group of 5th graders approached me about starting a Rosary Club at recess on Wednesdays and Fridays. They wanted to start praying for our world and in their words, "Try to put it back together one person at a time." They made posters and a signup sheet and hung them around the school. They even made rosaries to sell for $1 if someone needed one. This amazing group of 5th graders had 35 of their schoolmates plus several staff members join them the other day. This group of young people inspired not only me but everyone around them. I am honored to be their principal. Hats off to Bella, Ceily, Emma, JR, and Leah - I am very proud of you!

Scrip sales for January were $26,205 with a profit of over $1,021. Our Sunday morning scrip sales are going great! Thank you so much for visiting us on Sunday mornings! Sweet Harvest Popcorn has scrip available in $10 cards. They are giving us 15% back.

Valentino's Night is Monday from 4:30-8:30. The buffet is open so you can visit them in person or order takeout.

Amy Sokol

St. Anthony School Lunch Menu - February 15-19, 2021

Monday…chicken fajitas, whole grain soft shells, whole grain rice, romaine lettuce, frozen peas, green/red peppers & onions, pineapple chunks, black beans, milk

Tuesday…mini corndogs, whole grain rotini, romaine lettuce, cooked carrots, applesauce, root beer floats, milk

Wednesday…grilled cheese, tomato soup, romaine lettuce, pickle spears, frozen berry cups, milk

Thursday…BBQ rib patty, whole grain bun, romaine lettuce, tater tots, canned peaches, milk

Friday…fish patty, whole grain bun, romaine lettuce, Sunchips, sliced pickles, mandarin oranges, milk

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Today we include in our prayers the following parishioners and friends who are ill. Please pray for those who need the hope and strength of the Lord: Ken Vetick, Barbara Pensick Forman, Megan Kuehler, John Czapla, Sarah Lippert-Wong.

For prayer chain requests call Elaine McGuire, 402-910-0818.

For prayers at Mass & listed in bulletin, call the church office, 402-564-3313. Our policy is to list a person by name for four weeks.

60th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration
All are invited to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at St. Bonaventure Church on Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 PM. Reflection and testimony by Fr. Bill Cremers, plus Adoration and Benediction, followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

Scotus Central Catholic Tuition Assistance Applications are now open for grades 7-12, 2021-2022 school year. Please visit www.scotuscc.org.

Safe Environment Training
Interested in working with our Catholic youth as a volunteer, substitute teacher or PRE instructor? Don't know where to begin? The first step is participating in Safe Environment training. There is a session Tues., March 9, 6:30-9 PM, at Scotus Central Catholic High School. You can contact Laurie L. Hergott via email at *lhergott@scotuscc.org* or at 402-564-7165 Monday through Friday 7:30am-4:30pm for information on signing up for the class. You must register for the class; no walk-ins.

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Tri-Parish Legion of Mary
Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium

Established March 13, 2020
Mr. Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary on September 7, 1921. We pray for the Beatification of the Servant of God, Frank Duff to be realized soon. The Legion of Mary is open to both men and women. The primary purpose of the Legion of Mary is to lead people to Jesus Christ so they can benefit from the love and mercy of God. Specifically, the Legion of Mary seeks to lead the people we encounter in our works to a greater knowledge and faith in God and to increase the faith and holiness of our own members through prayer and service to Our Lord.

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium is reaching out to expand membership either as an Active or Auxiliary member. Active members meet once a week on Friday mornings at 9:30 at St. Anthony's Parish Franciscan Parish Center. Fr. Ross Burkhalter is our Spiritual Director. Auxiliary members are the prayer backbone of the Legion of Mary and can attend meetings if they so desire.

Please call Shari Liss (402) 270-5340, Kelli Csukker (402) 276-6027 or Joan Jahn (402) 910-0958 for more information. We would love to visit with you! We invite you to join us in prayer each Friday morning in service to Our Lord through Our Lady!

St. Wenceslaus Parish, Dodge, Fun Fest
February 28th, 11am-1:30pm Drive thru meal, including roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll, dessert. $12 meal. Add dumplings & sauerkraut for the same price. Online auction & raffles. Bidding opens February 1 and closes February 27, 12pm.

Visit: www.stwenc.org for information.

EMMAUS RETREAT
Just as Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus after his crucifixion, He joins us in our suffering and grief. The EMMAUS RETREAT is for all grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, including miscarriage, no matter how long ago. The EMMAUS RETREAT will take place on Saturday, March 20 from 10:15am-3:30pm. Join us virtually, or in person at St. Patrick's Elkhorn, for a spiritual retreat focused on the fact that life for your child has changed, not ended. Space limited. Please email Erin Keller, St. Patrick's Director of Faith Formation, at ekeller@stpatselkhorn.org. To register visit https://www.emfgp.org/registration/

DRIVE-THRU TAKE-OUT ONLY
There will be NO dining in the social hall.
If you are not able to drive to the social hall,
ask a friend to pick up a meal for you.

St. Anthony's Social Hall
1719 6th Street · Columbus, NE
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Every Friday from February 19 – March 26, 2021
(No Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 2, 2021)

Prices: $10.00 – all meals; $15.00 – all fish

Menu: fried/baked fish, potatoes, cole slaw, bread
Contact Andy at 402-910-3008 with questions.
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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SUN **2/14**	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MON **2/15**	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
TUE **2/16**	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
WED **2/17**	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
THR **2/18**	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
FRI **2/19**	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
SAT **2/20**	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
SUN **2/21**	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Lent

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.

"God is waiting for you."

—POPE FRANCIS

Perpetual Adoration

Open hours of adoration:
Sunday 1:00am
Sunday 1:00pm (every other week)
Monday 2:00am

To sign up for an hour of adoration or as a substitute adorer, call a division leader:

12 AM - 6 AM: Open
6 AM - 12 PM: Connie Tworek, 402-564-1140
12 PM - 6 PM: Mary Shevlin, 402-562-8047
6 PM - 12 AM: Nora Fuchs, 402-276-7096

Head Co-Coordinators:
Amy Harrington, 402-270-4378
& Ann Kudron, 402-910-1467

February 2021

14- Respect Life Holy Hour 5-6pm
15- Valentino's Night 4:30-8:30pm
16- RCIA 7pm parish center
17- Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:15am & 5:30pm
PRE Class 6:30pm
19- Church Cleaning Crew #2
Legion of Mary 9:30am Franciscan Parish Center
St. Anthony's School noon dismissal
KC Fish Fry 5:30-8:00pm
21- Respect Life Holy Hour 5-6pm
23- No RCIA; Fr. Flanagan League after 5:30 Mass
24- PRE Class 6:30pm; First Communion practice
Finance Committee 6:30pm parish center
Parish Pastoral 6:30pm parish center
25- St. Anthony's School Board meeting 6:30pm
26- Legion of Mary 9:30am Franciscan Parish Center
KC Fish Fry 5:30-8:00pm
27- RCIA retreat at St. Benedict Center
Church Cleaning Crew #3
28- Respect Life Holy Hour 5-6pm

St. Isidore Childcare Opening

St. Isidore Childcare is hiring for daycare aide. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Please contact Dani at 402-563-2305 for more information.

Black & Indian Missions

The second collection on February 20/21 will be for the Black & Indian Missions.

Mass Intentions

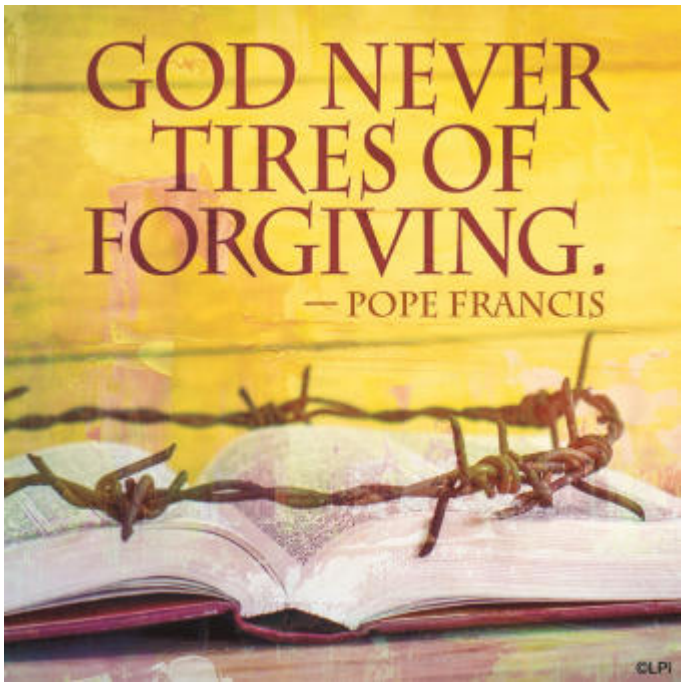
Monday, February 15, 2021
No Mass
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
5:30 PM † Travis Starman
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
8:15 AM Living & Deceased Benefactors of St. Anthony's Church
5:30 PM † Troy Jindra
Thursday, February 18, 2021
5:30 PM Living & Deceased Norman & Jane Davis Family
Friday, February 19, 2021
8:15 AM Living & Deceased Kresha & Hurt Families
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 20, 2021
5:30 PM Intention of Dave & Mary Swierczek (50th wedding anniversary)
Sunday, February 21, 2021
7:00 AM † Connie Diamond, Anniversary
9:00 AM St. Anthony's Purgatorial Society
10:30 AM St. Anthony's Parishioners (Rite of Election)

Servers - Stations of the Cross

2/19 7:00 pm Brooke & Mike Krienke

Five Minutes with the Word

With Ash Wednesday beginning February 17th, please take a few minutes a day and use *Five Minutes with The Word* to grow closer to the Lord throughout Lent. Spending just a few minutes a day reading *Five Minutes with The Word* is one great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Copies are provided by the parish and can be picked up at the church exits.



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