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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **FEBRUARY 14, 2021**

OUR MISSION

TO BE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST, INVITING ALL TO LIVE THE GOSPEL AND GROW IN FAITH.

Worship Times

Saturday: 4:30PM LIVESTREAMED
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM
Tuesday: 6:30PM LIVESTREAMED
Wednesday: 8:30AM LIVESTREAMED
Thursday: 8:30AM LIVESTREAMED
Friday: 8:30AM LIVESTREAMED

Confession

Saturday: 3:15-4:15PM

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member needs to receive the Sacrament of Anointing please call the parish office, 651-463-3360

Baptism

Baptism class attendance is required. Baptism 1 is offered the 3rd Thursday of the month. Baptism 2 is offered the 2nd Thursday of the month. Both classes are at 6:30pm. Group Baptism is held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Call 651-463-5237 to pre-register for class & sacrament.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office. Allow at least 9 months to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Homebound Eucharist

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer Schneider 651-463-5224

Prayer Line

Email your prayer requests to: jschneider@stmichael-farmington.org or call 651-463-5224

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00am-4:00pm
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FROM THE PASTOR

We will enter the solemn season of Lent this week, commencing with Ash Wednesday. The season of Lent is a time for us to re-invigorate our spiritual lives, to stir up deeper ardor in our hearts, and to practice works that will win us treasure in heaven. It is a season for growth; thus, it is appropriate for it to occur alongside the earliest beginnings of spring. Bishop Peter Elliott from Melbourne, Australia reflects on this theme in his *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year* (page 53). In it, he writes:

> The distinctive English word 'Lent' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for 'spring', which appropriately coincides with the great forty-day fast, common to both East and West at least since the fourth century. Notwithstanding the fact that autumn occurs at this time in the Southern Hemisphere, the English word has the advantage over the Latin words based on '*quadraginta*' or 'forty' because it calls to mind the new life, growth, hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and conversion, this season of initiation into the grace of life of the Church.
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> In these forty days, Mother Church vests herself simply in violet. Her sacred halls are bare, and much of her gracious music is muted. Flowers at her altars and shrines are set aside, and, at the end of the season, the lamps will be extinguished, the bells will fall silent and her altars will be stripped. But this is her true springtime, when her children grow in grace, in ways often imperceptible, subtle and varied. Lent thus reminds us that the great graces are given by God, not when our senses perceive them or when our hearts are full of consolations, but in the silence and the stillness of 'the night'.

The austerity of the church and her liturgy during this season is meant to mirror an austerity taken up in our lives during this season. Still filled with faith, hope, and love, we are called to strip away those excesses that keep us from God. Indeed, this is a hard task, which can only be accomplished through cooperation with grace paired with fidelity to prayer and the sacraments.

My hope is that our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will lead us into deeper union with God and our neighbor. The more seriously we take this season of Lent, the more joyfully we will enter the glorious season of Easter.

In Christ,

Fr. Froehle

MASS ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020
December	3990	1238 + 753 YouTube views
	5 weekends	4 weekends
	2020	2021
January	2931	1551 + 1051 YouTube views
	4 weekends	5 weekends

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study
3:15PM Confessions
4:30PM Mass Intention—Brian Kadlec+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
8:00AM Mass Intention—James Pilger+
10:30AM Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
President's Day—OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
5:00PM Adoration
6:05PM Rosary
6:30PM Mass Intention—Pepera Sisters+
7:15PM Pastoral Council Meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:30AM Word and Ash Service
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—Cindy Detjen
12:00PM Word and Ash Service
6:30PM Stations of the Cross
7:00PM Mass Intention—William Cook+

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—John Mihm+
6:30PM Baptism Class

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—Steven Grundman+
6:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study
3:00PM Confession
4:30PM Mass Intention—Stephanie Lohrenz+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:00AM Mass Intention—Madonna Olson
9:15AM Faith Formation PK—8

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Calendar cont.

9:15AM	RCIA
10:30AM	Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community
11:45AM	Faith Formation Committee Meeting

LIVE THE LITURGY

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. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

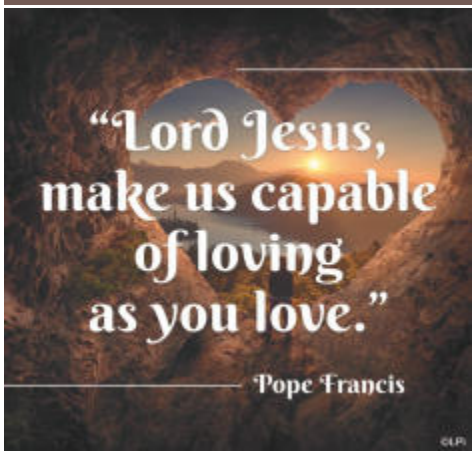
Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPi

GROWING IN FAITH

Do You Know?!

Where is the site of the Shrine of the North American Martyrs?

Last week: *How many books are in the New Testament? 27*



High School Bible Study

If you are a 9th—12th grader looking to grow in your faith, join us for our High School Bible Study. We are currently talking about God's love for us and how to love Him in return. Join us on **February 17th at 8:30 PM** in the Gathering Space for faith and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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Pick of the Week: *Mardi Gras: Prepare Your Heart for Lent.*

On **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm CST**, join Dr. Tim Gray as he welcomes Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS to the Augustine Institute Show. Also, sign up for the Lenten Daily Reflections with Dr. Gray. Sign up and receive daily emails to engage with your faith this Lenten season. These are just two of the resources that are available to all parishioners FREE of charge. If you do not have a FORMED account, go to signup.formed.org and enter our parish's zip code and then enter your name and email and begin enjoying these Catholic resources.

Bible Study

Panorama of the Old Testament
Mondays – 9:30-11:00AM (in-person)
Mondays – 1:30 –2:30PM (virtual)
Tuesdays – 7:00-8:30PM (in-person)

Join us for this 4-session study that surveys the variety of books found in the Old Testament. We will uncover interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan for salvation. Cost is $10/person and begins on March 1 & 2. For more information, contact Laura Shupe.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____Morning _____Afternoon _____Evening

Registration deadline: February 24

Center for Mission Writing Contest

"How are you living out the Church's mission to share God's love during the COVID 19 pandemic?" This is the theme of this year's contest. Children in grades K—2 draw an 8.5 x 11 picture in response to the question. Grades 3—5 write an essay up to 250 words (typed or neatly printed) and grades 6—12 type an essay up to 500 words that answers the question. **Submissions must be postmarked by February 16** and contain the name, grade and parish of person making the submission. Email it to rickerj@archspm.org with the subject line of Writing Contest.

CENTER for MISSION

GROWING IN FAITH

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
TUES 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
WEDS 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
THURS 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

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

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

Schedule Change

After some consultation and discernment, Fr. Froehle has decided to make some changes to the Mass, Holy Hour & confession schedule.

Tuesday Mass is moving to 8:30am. Tuesday, February 23 will be the first Tuesday that we will celebrate Mass at 8:30am instead of 6:30pm.

The weekly Holy Hour will be moved to Fridays at 9:00am immediately following 8:30am Mass with Benediction at 10:00am. Friday, February 26 will be the first Holy Hour observed on Friday instead of Tuesday.

Saturday afternoon confession will move to 3:00—4:00pm. February 20 will be the first Saturday that confession will begin at 3:00pm.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Pick up your rice bowl in the Gathering Space beginning on Ash Wednesday. Set it out on your dining room table and use it as one of your Lenten almsgiving opportunities. We will collect the rice bowls on Palm Sunday through Easter. 75% of your donation supports CRS' work around the world and 25% stays in our Archdiocese. The Rice Bowl contains a daily reflection calendar and recipes.

For more information, please contact Laura Shupe.

CRS CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

REFLECT

First Reading: Lv 13:1—2

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

Second Reading: Cor 10:31—11:1

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

Gospel: Mk 1:40—45

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?

MAKING DISCIPLES

Hunkered down for winter? Looking for movies that will touch your soul?

UNPLANNED—the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation .

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Confirmation Prayer Partners

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Jul 2020 - Jan 2021	Jul 2019 - Jan 2020
Sunday Collections	$ 491,028	$ 456,639
Budget	$ 447,664	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ 43,364	
Debt Reduction Fund	$ 35,323	$ 56,453
Budget	$ 37,917	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (2,594)	
Maintenance Fund	$ 30,802	$ 33,226
Budget	$ 32,083	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (1,282)	
Operating Expenses	$ 564,062	$ 557,716
Budget	$ 601,085	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (37,023)	
Loan Debt		
Balance 1/31/21	$ 1,049,949	$ 1,281,767
Monthly Payment	$ 14,725	*Principal/Interest*
YTD Add'l Principal Pmts	$ 36,000	*Principal Only*

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