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St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Mass Times

St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE

Deer River, MN

Sunday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 8:30 AM
Friday 8:30 AM

St. Joseph

51061 Wolf Drive

Ball Club, MN

Saturday 4:00 PM

St. Charles

308 Central Ave N

Cass Lake, MN

Sunday 11:00 AM

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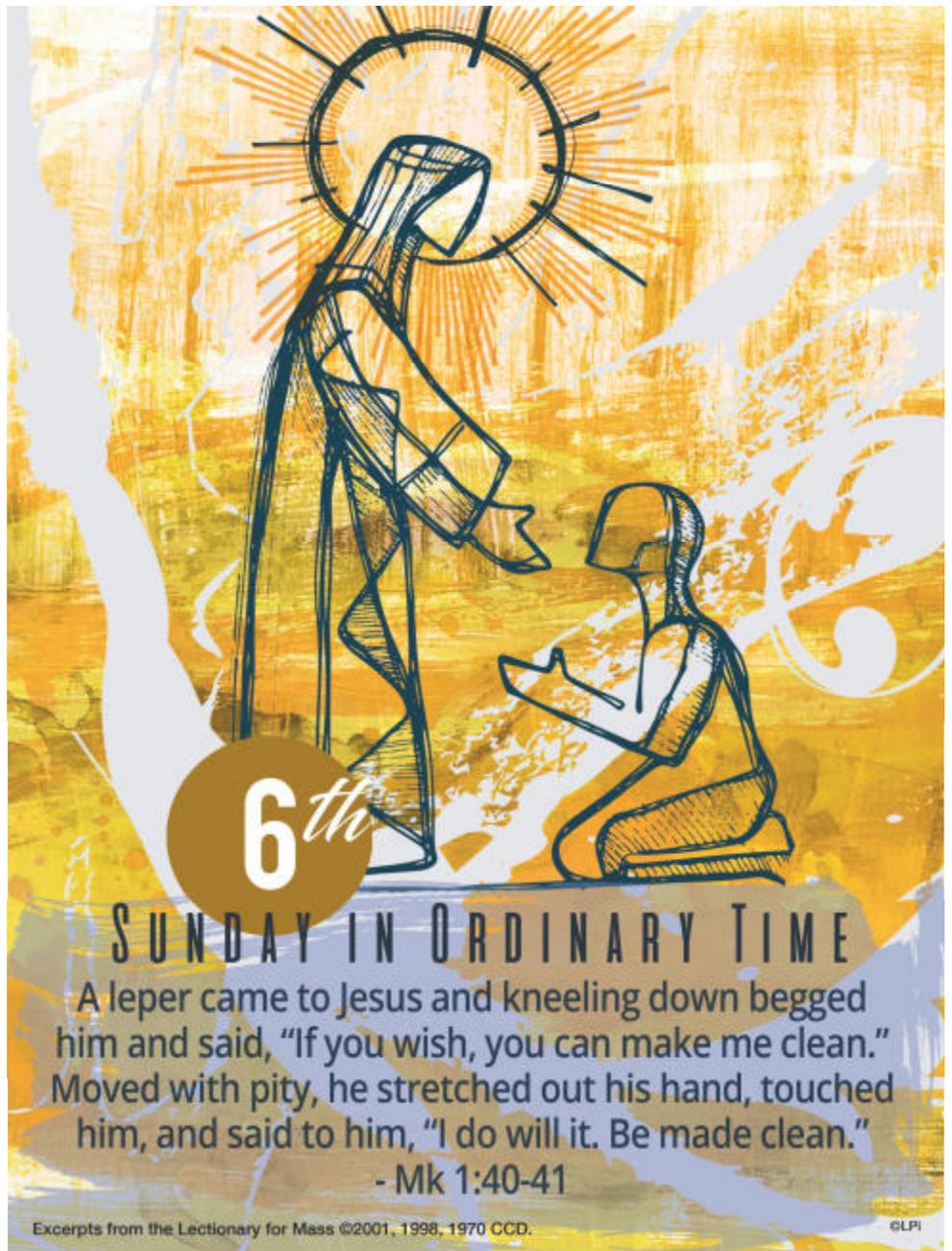
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February 15—21

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Presidents Day</i>	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	Ash Wednesday 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 11:30 Conf SJ Noon Mass SJ 5 Conf SC 5:30 Mass SC	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> 8 Conf SC 8:30 Mass SC	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM 5:30 Stations SM	3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		



Gospel Meditation

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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



Mass Intentions February 15—21

Mon Private Mass	Spencer Yurrick †	
Tues. 8:30	Greg Villeneuve	SM
Wed. 8:30	Al Schaller †	SM
Wed. Noon	Anthony Grauman	SJ
Wed. 5:30	Helen Pfeifer †	SC
Thur. 8:30	Loretta Bretl & Gert Pfeifer	SC
Fri. 8:30	Nellie Hansen †	SM
Sat. 4:00	Spencer Yurrick †	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Tiffany Vogl	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SC

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next weekend we take up the collection for Black and Indian Mission. Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125 year old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection. The Diocese of Duluth currently receives a substantial grant each year from this collection.



Set up a one-time or recurring donation by following these three easy steps:

1. Go to our websites listed on the front of the bulletin. Click on the Online Giving link.
2. Select the collection you wish to donate to and click to make a donation.

Holy Father's February Prayer Intention

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Charles Prayer Requests

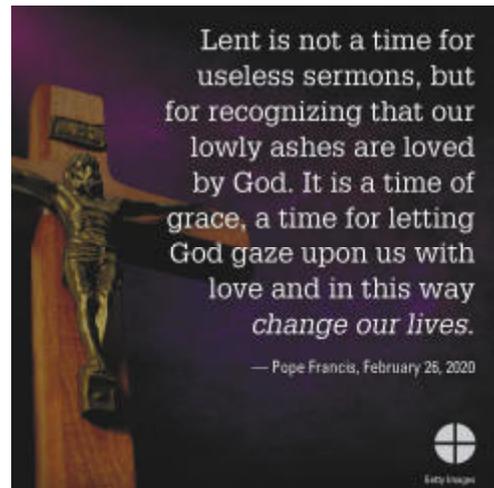
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Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's: Prayer requests may be submitted to our prayer chain by calling Elaine at 218-246-8099. We have a great group of prayer warriors.



- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent* and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



Ash Wednesday

8:30 Mass St. Mary
Noon Mass St. Joseph
5:30 Mass St. Charles

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth. People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities. ©LPI

Stations of the Cross

5:30 Wednesday St. Charles
5:30 Friday St. Mary

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. The intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

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