

ORDINARY TIME 2021

SUNDAY MASS

February 7, 2021



St. Mary's Catholic Church Hamburg, Iowa

We come together each Sunday a needy people, a damaged people, a human people, each of us coming to realize that we cannot make it on our own. But we are a faith-filled people, trusting in the Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, whom we know is here with us as we gather together. Buoyed by that knowledge, we celebrate the Eucharist today with our sisters and brothers, giving thanks to God, receiving our Lord in his Body and Blood, and going forth to others renewed and rejuvenated in our mission as disciples.



Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Theme: Healing the Broken-hearted

A young woman gives birth to a child in sorrow. Apparently, there was no father to name the male child, so it is left to the mother to name the child. She gave the name – Jabez because she brought him forth in sorrow. Apart from other spiritual blessings, Jabez prayed for temporal blessings. Laying hold to the blessing made to Abraham, where God said to him, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you... (Gen 12:1-2).” Jabez prayed to God to enlarge his coasts and God granted his prayer.

Today's readings show us that people are not defined by their vocation or by their financial success or by their power. People are defined by their willingness to reach out to others. These are the "real" people who put aside preoccupation with self and set out to repair a hurting world.

In today’s Gospel, we heard the word of God relating to the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law. When Peter’s mother-in-law was sick, Peter, his brother Andrew and the other two disciples John and James, informed Jesus about her sickness. We shall reflect on today’s healing narrative under three heads.

They Called upon Jesus

Peter had invited Jesus to his house. The house would have been shabby, and he would not have been able to entertain his new Guest because the woman of the house was sick. Nevertheless, Peter invited Jesus home. Jesus became a blessing, not only to his household, but to the whole city.

Invite Jesus home, no matter how poor or obscure your house may be. Once He enters your house, He will be a blessing not only to your family, but also to your whole neighborhood.

They told Jesus about her fever

When Jesus arrived home, they told him about her illness. Although, their information did not take the form of prayer, still Jesus perceived an urgent appeal for healing in their voice. It was an appeal which came straight from their hearts, and Jesus who sees the sincerity of the heart more than the sharpness of the mind, granted their request by healing Peter's mother-in-law. In the book of Psalms, the Lord invites all of us – "call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me (50:15)."

God is our loving Father. In our communion with Him, it cannot be right on our part to keep anything away from Him. St. Paul bids us to pray for all that is there in our hearts. He wrote, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God (Phil 4:6)."

Jesus Grasped her hand and raised her

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law by grasping her hand and raising her up. He had a charismatic power in His touch. He often healed people with His touch. When a leper pathetically pleaded for healing, Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out his hand and touched him, and made him clean (Mk. 1:40; Mk 5:27-41).

May Jesus grasp our hands and impart His power to us; may He grasp our hands and lift us from the mire of sin and shame; may the Lord, as He promised through the prophet Isaiah, strengthen us and help us, and uphold us with his victorious right hand (Isaiah 41:10). Amen!



Motivation for the Week

1. Three Feet From Gold

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off. **The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging.**

The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere **three feet** away from striking gold before he quit.

The Moral:

When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but often, **you're closer to the finish line than you may think**, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.

National Marriage Week is February 7-14

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love

that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2021 is **"To Have, To Hold, To Honor."**



Some quotes on Love and Relationships

In life there are mountains and valleys, times of uncertainty and times of bliss, however, John Rohn said, "nothing can bring more joy to life than beautifully fulfilling relationships." According to him, the keys to healthy relationships are communication, patience, loyalty, common goals, an element of fun—and love.

Read and share these inspirational quotes about love to bring a little love into your life and the lives of others:

- 1.** "Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own." —Robert A. Heinlein
- 2.** "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." —Mother Teresa
- 3.** "You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere. You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection." —Gautama Buddha

4. "Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is a quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses."

—Ann Landers

5. "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." —Lao Tzu

6. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

7. "Our first and last love is self-love." —Christian Nestell Bovee

8. "You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love." —Henry Drummond

9. "Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope." —Maya Angelou

10. "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." —Dalai Lama

**"Ask Him to remind you that He'll just listen
to your heart when you're finding it difficult
to pray."**

JANE TRUFANT HARVEY
Ask Him

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday, which kicks off the first day of Lent and signals the approach of Easter.

Here are some things to know about the day.

Origin of Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday has a non-Christian origin and was accepted into the beliefs of the Catholic Church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The council also settled upon the 40-day fast period as the standard length to celebrate Lent.

In 601 Pope Gregory moved the beginning of Lent from the fourth Sunday of the year to Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. This change allowed for 40 days of fasting with six Sundays counted as feast days, for a total of 46 days for Lent. He also instituted the tradition of marking parishioners' foreheads with ashes in the shape of a cross.

What do the ashes mean?

The ashes, applied in the shape of a cross, are a symbol of **penance, mourning and mortality**. Centuries ago, participants used to sprinkle themselves with ashes and repent much more publicly, but the practice fell away sometime between the 8th-10th century before evolving into what it is today. There aren't any particular rules about how long the ashes should be worn, but most people wear them throughout the day as a public expression of their faith and penance.

What else do Catholics have to do?

On Ash Wednesday, Catholic adults must observe a fast—eating only one large meal or two small meals. Those meals must not contain any meat. In fact, Catholics 14 and older must refrain from eating meat on every Friday from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. In accordance with Lent as a time of abstinence, many Catholics choose to give something up or change an ingrained habit during the 40-day period. The Church also encourages the faithful to give more time to prayer and charity before the celebration of

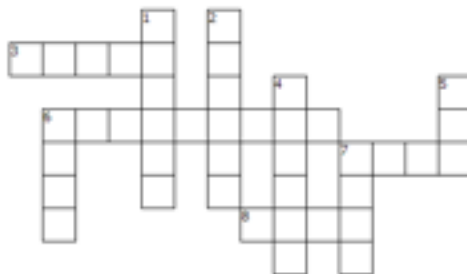
What to expect for Ash Wednesday?

- The celebrant blesses the ashes with the formula from the Missal. He then sprinkles the ashes with holy water (saying nothing further).
- He then says once for all the formula of imposition: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
- He then sanitizes his hands, puts a mask on and distributes the ashes in the following manner.
 - He may have people approach in a line or he may go to them.
 - He says nothing further while distributing ashes.
 - **The ashes are sprinkled on the top of the head, "left to fall" or "scattered" as the original text says; they are not imposed on the forehead with the thumb.**

Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:39

Based on Mark 1:29-39



ACROSS

3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

FEVER	HEAL	HAND	BED	SYNAGOGUE
SICK	HELP	PREACH	DEMONS	SUNSET



Sweetheart's Dinner

TO GO

St. Mary's Church  **1306 Washington Street
Hamburg, IA**

**10:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday,
Feb. 14**



**PLEASE CALL by
Feb. 8 to Pre-order:
712-382-1512 or
712-313-1320**

Take out or
Drive-up on the 14th for
Curbside Delivery

~ MENU ~

- *Gourmet Ham Balls with Sauce*
- *Sweetheart Potatoes*
- *French Style Green Bean Medley*
- *Hot Roll*
- *Light Decadent Cake w/a surprise on top*

\$15.00 Per Meal

Proceeds from this event go to the
St. Mary's Building Fund to construct a
new Religious Ed Center

The following is a list of needs for the dinner if you would like to contribute:

- ◆ ***Cream of Chicken soup***
- ◆ ***Cream of mushroom soup***
- ◆ ***Shredded cheddar cheese***
- ◆ ***Shredded frozen hash browns***
- ◆ ***Onions***
- ◆ ***Sour cream***

If you can collect any of these items for us, we would like you to leave them at the church by Feb. 8th. We appreciate your help!

Coming Soon~~~~~

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday--Hamburg Masses --10 a.m & 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Masses --6:55 a.m.-12 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 18—Stations of the Cross Teaching--Via Zoom @ 6:30 p.m.

Feb 19—Stations of the Cross—Shen Zoom@ 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 26—Stations of the Cross—Hamburg Zoom 5:30 p.m.

March 1-19 —Month of St. Joseph—Read "Patris Corde" (With a Fathers Heart")

Mar 5—Stations of the Cross—Shen Zoom 5:30 p.m.

March 10—Lenten Retreat via Zoom 6:30 p.m.

March 12—Stations of the Cross—Hamburg Zoom 5:30 p.m.

March 17—Stations of the Cross—Shen Zoom 5:30 p.m.

March 18-19—Talk on St. Joseph via Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Mar 24— Stations of the Cross—Hamburg Zoom @ 5:30 p.m.

Mar 26—Hamburg St. Mary's Fish Fry



Readings for week of Feb 7.

Sunday: 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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON
COLBY MCGINLEY

Your Contributions

January 31, 2021
Tithes—\$855.00

Plate—\$22.00

Thank You!!

BORN IN FEBRUARY?

YOU'RE...

- 1.) LESS IRRITABLE
- 2.) BIRTHSTONE IS AMETHYST
- 3.) EXTREMELY HONEST
- 4.) VERY MYSTERIOUS
- 5.) INNOVATIVE
- 6.) UNIQUE
- 7.) DETERMINED
- 8.) LOYAL
- 9.) GENEROUS
- 10.) STRONG
- 11.) DEVOTED
- 12.) ENJOYING YOUR LIFE



2-7 — Larry Phillips
2-8 — Seth Ettelman
2-9 — Cameron Whitehead
2-14 — Rick Jamison
2-17 — Joyce Travis
2-21 — Monica Whitehead
2-21 — Cara Goodman



Greg & Beth Phillips 2-2
Rick & Teresa Jamison
2-13
Denny & JoElla Travis
2-22



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Noah Howe
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnson
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Glen Whitehead
Zayne Osborn
Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Chuck Mitchell
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher

2021	February 7 5th Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	February 14 6th Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	February 17 Ash Wednesday 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	February 21 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30	February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:30
Lector	Carolyn Maher	Susan Hilton	10- 6:30-Dave Dowling	Rick Jamison	Kathleen Lorimor
Mass Setup	Joe Travis	Rosie		Joe Travis	Rosie
Cantor	Cora Hirner	Beth Phillips Anna Zavadil	Beth Phillips	Kate Roberts	Kim and Evan
Accompanist	Kate Roberts	Nicole Zavadil Emily Welch Cale Phillips	Nancy Pitts	Donna Whelan	Kate Roberts
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God, help us to remember that just as our bodies must be renewed by proper rest, our spirit must be renewed by spending time with You in prayer, Bible study, and worship. In Jesus' name, amen.

