

**February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

— Mk 1:40-41

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**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, February 15 (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45)**

8:00 am- Ernest & Janie Hermes and William & Emma Meyer Families

10:30 am- Our Parish Family

**Monday, February 16 (Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13)**

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Joe J. & Cecilia Fabian Family

10:00 am- Anne Mae Technik (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the**

**Servite Order (Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21)**

7:00 am- Sarah Jansky

**Ash Wednesday, February 18 (Jl 2:12-18/2**

**Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)**

6:45 am- Adolf, Ludmilla & Mary Novak, Olga Supak & Leon Janca

8:05 am- Terry Lynn Bludau

12:05 pm- August & Amilia Linhart, & Lou Kubena

6:30 pm- Terry Wick (CCD)

**Thursday, February 19 (Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25)**

7:00 am- Frances Hermis

10:00 am- Emil Veselka (Stevens)

**Friday, February 20 (Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37)**

7:00 am- Ben & Emilia Bludau Family

8:05 am- Frank & Maribel Polasek

12:05 pm- Raymond & Elizabeth Brosch, & Helen Marie

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Feb. 21, St. Peter Damian, Bishop &**

**Doctor of the Church (Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32)**

5:30 pm- Our Parish Family

**Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent (Gn 9:8-**

**15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15)**

8:00 am- Louis R. & Julia Kallus, & Carolyn Steffek

10:30 am- Joe & Bernadina Bludau

5:00 pm- Steven Lehman (Spanish Mass)

**Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 18**

**St. Mary's-** 6:00 p.m. **Moravia-** 7:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In memory of August and Amilia Linhart, and Lou Kubena

**Radio Broadcast:** James & Mary Honish Family in memory of Leo & Viola Henke and Anton & Francis Honish

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$8,429.50; Initial Envelopes-\$10; Loose-\$1,420; Children-\$30.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.
- Catholic Daughters Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
- P.I. Classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 7-9 p.m., Family Center.
- Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- God's Embrace, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Family Center.
- RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., SHCS New Computer Lab.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- K.C.'s Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Church.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
- Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Maurice Parr, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

*Happy Anniversary!*

Clarence & Beatrice Brown	57 years	Feb. 15
Joe & Ana Henke	35 years	Feb. 16
A.J. & Jo Kutac	50 years	Feb. 20
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	65 years	Feb. 21
Lester & Dorothy Sicko	55 years	Feb. 21



**Country Music Benefit for Manna Food Pantry, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,** First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Admission: Monetary donations or canned goods (all to be given to Manna). Featuring Chris Rybak, Elvis Johnston, Garrett Johnston, Glen O'Neill, along with other singers & musicians.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Terry Wick* of our parish family. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*



**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Feb. 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m.,** K.C. Hall. Fried Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Hushpuppies-\$9 per plate, dine-in or drive-thru. Tickets available at Hoffer's Drive-In and K.C. Hall. Benefits Knights of Columbus Texas State Charities.

### *From the Desk of Msgr. John*

Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

During the weekdays of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

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All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat. After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten-Easter Season.

### **Sacred Heart Youth News ~~**

If your child is interested in going on our Summer trip to Steubenville on the Bayou, please contact Troy Spring at [troy@splashwaywaterpark.com](mailto:troy@splashwaywaterpark.com). More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

### **Sacred Heart CCD News ~~**

**Feb. 18:** 10th Grade participates in Mass.

### **Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Feb. 16:** No school. Faculty retreat.

**Feb. 18:** Mass day for Ash Wednesday.

**Feb. 20:** Dismissal at 1:00 pm. No extended care.



### **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):**

Next Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with the catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) in the RCIA. This offers our parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress these catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of our parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or

candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. In the Rite of Sending, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. The catechumens will then be referred to as the "Elect." The candidates will sign their name in the "Book of Promise" as a sign of their desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Godparents and Sponsors will give testimony as to the readiness of each catechumen and candidate.

Later in the day the Elect and Candidates, along with their Godparents and Sponsors, will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop David Fellhauer in Victoria. Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on the first Sunday of Lent welcome those sent by their parishes. May we keep these Elect and Candidates in our prayers as we offer our support and example.

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**Pancake & Sausage Supper**, February 17, 4:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, St. Peter Lutheran Church. \$6.50 per plate, dine-in or plates-to-go.

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### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time –**

"He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to Him from everywhere." Nothing could stop the crowds from gathering. Men, women, and children traveled from near and far--everywhere--to find Jesus. Even when He was not easily accessible, even when He was in deserted places that were probably remote, hard to find, and not welcoming to weary pilgrims, they found Him. Word had spread quickly about the miraculous healing of the leprous man. And people wanted to know what it was all about.

Undoubtedly, once they found Jesus, they knew that this was no ordinary man. Yes, He had the power to cure illnesses and drive out demons. But more than that, He had the power to change hearts. His words of compassion and mercy, and the actions that backed them up, must have caused many a conversion during those encounters in the deserted places.

Whether it was simple curiosity or profound faith that led all of those people to find Jesus we'll never know. It was most likely some of both. But regardless of the motivation, once they found Him everyone could see Jesus for who He really was. Although we don't have the opportunity to see Him in person, we do have the chance to search for Jesus and to find Him. Sometimes, He may seem remote. Maybe we don't automatically feel His presence. Perhaps, when times are tough, we wonder where He is hiding. But when we persevere in our journey by praying, reading the Bible, and receiving the sacraments, we too can find the Lord. And as we bring our needs to Him, Jesus will be "moved with pity" for us as well and will extend to us the healing love that has transformed so many hearts throughout Christian history.

