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February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown
616-527-3610, ext. 12
616-755-1742 (evening)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Oscar Londoño, mxy
616-527-3610, ext. 14
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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule
English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m.
Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.
Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.
Spanish: Wed, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Spanish: Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

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Lent and Scholastica

God calls all of us to listen to his Son, Jesus Christ, and to follow him. This we are all striving to do. Yet I have to admit that I, like many of you, have my favorite passages in scripture. These we listen to and seek to follow. We also have our less favorite passages. These we tend to ignore or read quickly as we move on to other passages. But those we tend to skip over may be ones we need to listen to more carefully.

Such was the case today. Jesus told his followers, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." We all nod and say yes. Jesus goes on, "...From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these come from within, and they defile." Now we squirm a little. But we don't want to argue with Jesus! So we say, "Yes, but..." or "I am only human!" or we just quickly turn the page to a different passage.

Before we move on too quickly, let us spend a little time here. Let us acknowledge that we could all use some work on our souls. Let us recognize that while we may be able to easily say that murder or blasphemy or adultery or theft or others may not apply to us, we need to acknowledge that evil thoughts often will. Even for those times in which they are kept silent inside our screaming minds. Our Lord said it comes from their hearts, not out of their mouths. So it includes silent thoughts as well.

Evil thoughts. How many times have I silently (or not so silently) raged in anger at a politician? Or a coworker? Or my boss? Or someone else? How many times have I envied the well-being of another? How many times have I looked at another with a lack of chastity? And the list goes on. All of us have areas that need our attention. The saints can be a big help. Instead of excusing myself with "I am only human!" or some other excuse, look at the saints. They too were only human. But they became saints. So can we.

Just today, February 10, we had the feast day of St. Scholastica, the twin sister of St. Benedict. She saw him only once a year, and she desired him to stay longer to speak of God and spiritual matters. He refused and insisted on returning to his monastery. Scholastica prayed to God, who sent a huge storm which kept Benedict from leaving. St. Gregory said of Scholastica, "She could do more because she loved more."

In a few days we will be starting Lent. Often we are thinking, "What will I give up this year?" This year may I suggest that we look inside at our heart? What is there that God would ask us to let go of? What do we need to work on to be able to "do more because we love more?"

God bless you!

Fr. Tom

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please remember to wear your mask!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Saturday, February 13
4:00 p.m. Jim Hayden (Gary & Sue Swinehart)

Sunday, February 14
8:00 a.m. Tom Harder (Hemenway family)
11:30 a.m. Vernon Brown
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, February 15—Weekday
Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
12:10 p.m. Gus Plantamura (Nancy Harwood)

Tuesday, February 16—Weekday
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Mk 8:14-21
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
5:30 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, February 18—Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
8:00 a.m. Jenna Evans (Hemenway family)

Friday, February 19—Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
7:30 a.m. Fr. Dennis Morrow

Saturday, February 20—Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Saturday, February 20
4:00 p.m. Eugene Dietrich (Barb Dietrich)

Sunday, February 21
8:00 a.m. Marcia Cook (Susie Wohlscheid Koenigsknecht)
11:30 a.m. Intention of Tony Baumgartner (RCIA Rite of Sending at this Mass)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF FEB. 14

GENERAL CLEANING: Pat Duffy
Judy Hamblin, Gwen O’Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING:
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

AH = Apostles’ Hall

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SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

UP = Upper Room

Sunday, February 14
9:15 a.m. RCIA (via Zoom)

Monday, February 15
No School. Mid-Winter Break

Tuesday, February 16
No School. Mid-Winter Break

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 18
2:00 p.m. Adult Faith Sharing (via Zoom)

Friday, February 19
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (English)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, February 20

Sunday, February 21
9:15 a.m. RCIA (via Zoom)
3:00 p.m. RCIA Rite of Election (Cathedral)

OUR PARISH OFFERING - February 6 & 7, 2021		
Regular offertory collection	\$7,281.43	
Electronic Giving	1,475.00	
Total	\$8,756.43	
-5% Tithe	-437.82	
Net Total	\$8,318.61	
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46		
Deficit for the Week: \$282.03		
School Annual Appeal	\$1,080.00	
Flowers	\$385.00	
July 1, 2020-February 7, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection		
Year-to-Date: \$280,782.15		
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$289,230.72		
Deficit Year-to-Date: \$8,448.57		

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We continue to pray for all who need healing in body, mind, or spirit. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months and may then be removed. Requests may be renewed.

Lector Schedule for February 13—26, 2021					
Saturday, Feb. 13	4:00 p.m.	Cecilia Luke	Saturday, Feb. 20	4:00 p.m.	Phill Wizorek
Sunday, Feb. 14	8:00 a.m.	Denise Peabody	Sunday, Feb. 21	8:00 a.m.	Steve O’Mara
Sunday, Feb. 14	11:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza	Sunday, Feb. 21	11:30 a.m.	Nancy Wilson
Monday, Feb. 15	12:10 p.m.	Jackie Franz	Monday, Feb. 22	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Feb. 16	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke	Tuesday, Feb. 23	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wednesday, Feb. 17	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Wednesday, Feb. 24	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Wednesday, Feb. 17	5:30 p.m.	Sue Wizorek	Thursday, Feb. 25	8:00 a.m.	School Lector
Thursday, Feb. 18	8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Luke	Friday, Feb. 26	7:30 a.m.	Cecilia Luke
Friday, Feb. 19	7:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza			

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Knights' Corner

On this Valentine's Day, I'd like to share a quote from Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, the longtime president of the University of Notre Dame. He said that the most important thing a man can do for his children is to love their mother. This is very much in line with the goal of the Knights of Columbus, namely, to help us to be better Catholic gentlemen. So, brother Knights, don't just give your wife chocolates and flowers because it is Valentine's Day. Show her your love, respect, and affection day in and day out. She, and your children, will thank you!

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Are you discerning the priesthood?

'Exploring the Priesthood' is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly for young men (ages 16 – 35) to discern God's will for their lives.

This year's discernment opportunities will be offered on the following Sundays at noon: Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

If you are interested in joining these events, please email Pattie Reynolds in the Office of Priestly Vocations at preynolds@grdiocese.org.



Pray for our Seminarians:

Logan M. McGahan

St. John Vianney College Seminary
2115 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Loving God,
You call me to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you. Help me to know how to bring justice and love to a world desperately in need of you and your values. Strengthen us all with the courage to respond to your invitation to serve. Amen.

February 14, 2021— World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The event was so successful that the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership.

By 1982, 43 governors officially proclaimed the day, and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessing on World Marriage Day (WMD). WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

Journée Mondiale Du Mariage World Marriage Day 세계 결혼의 날



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Our World Marriage Day symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world.

The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

Lent 2021 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

Ash Wednesday Mass times are as follows:

12:10 p.m. Mass in English

5:30 p.m. Mass in English

7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent, starting February 19:

6:00 p.m. in English

7:00 p.m. in Spanish

Lenten Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat.

Finding healing after abortion

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion will be held virtually on the weekend of March 12-14. The retreats are designed to help you with forgiveness, allow you to experience the mercy of God, and help you to grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. Retreats are open to women, men, and couples. For more information or to register, contact Maggie Walsh at (616) 340-1824 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org. All inquiries are confidential. Financial aid is available.

The meaning of ashes on Ash Wednesday

Blessed ashes placed on the forehead hint at the ancient ritual of covering oneself with ashes in penitence. Receiving the cross-shaped "smudge" reminds us that we are dust and is a public statement of repentance. The priest, deacon, or other minister uses one of these formulas as he applies the ashes:

"Repent and believe in the Gospel."

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Stations of the Cross

In the early Church, Christians would make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus on his way to the cross. As the Church grew, such a pilgrimage became unrealistic, and a tradition was born to retrace the steps of Jesus by reflecting on pictures that depicted those steps. During Lent, especially on Fridays, Catholics reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus by praying the Stations of the Cross, which has become a time-honored tradition.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

In-person classes suspended through February 21. Students to return February 28.

As much as we would like to finally get back to our regular Sunday Faith Formation schedule, the diocese has directed parishes to suspend in-person classes through February 21. This means that we will not meet in person again until Sunday, February 28. Catechists will continue sending lesson plans to students' families by email for the Sundays through February 21.

As you well know by now, this may change! We will continue to provide updates as we receive information from the diocese.

We would love to hear your feedback on how you are engaging in faith formation in your homes! We encourage you to share by sending email to your children's catechists or by contacting Toni McKay at the parish office.

ZOOM FAITH SHARING SESSIONS—JOIN US!

Thank you to those who have joined in! Our next session is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please contact the parish office so we can send an email invitation to you for the session, which will give you access to the ZOOM group. We'd love to have you join us.

—Toni McKay