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Weekend Masses
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Tues. - 6:30 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Area Parishes—Mass Times
Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
Sat. 6:30 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM
St. Peter, Middle Ridge
Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net **AND** frmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have and intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

February 14, 2021

Readings: 594B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

1) Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
2) 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1
3) Mark 1:40-45

FOCUS: Let us turn to Christ today to heal our wounds.

Jesus enters into our spiritual and physical suffering with his mercy to heal our separation from God and draw us back into the relationship for which we are made. The leper's faith can lead us also to confidently seek Christ out today. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, draws near to us to heal us of every wound.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord gives instructions to Moses and Aaron for how to deal with leprosy. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, a leper asks Jesus to make him clean, and after he is made so, he then begins *to publicize the whole matter*.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Intentions

Feb 13 ~ 4:00 PM - †Steven Thompson
Feb 14 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Family
Feb 16 ~ 6:30 PM - †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Feb 17 ~ 12:00 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roningen
Feb 18 ~ 8:00 AM - †Josephine Sedevie
Feb 20 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfeld
Feb 21 ~ 8:00 AM - Living and deceased members of the Scholze and Stetzer Families

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!
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Next Week in Service — Feb 21st

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **February 16** ~ Finance Council Meeting ****7:00 PM**
- **February 17 ~ *Ash Wednesday Service—12 PM (noon)***
- **February 24** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 3** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 10** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 13** ~ Confirmation Retreat 11 AM–1 PM
- **March 17** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 24** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Our Sunday Mass Streaming Live on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)

Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 02/10/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	$14,465.00	$13,726.42
Target Amount	$12,925.00	$12,925.00
Over Target	$1,540.00	$801.42
Percent Pledged: 111.91%, Percent Received: 106.2%		
Number Contributing:	35	

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL! Thank you! All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. **If you have not contributed, now is the time!** Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://diolc.org/donate-online, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to $100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.

Giving Last Week

		Week 06	2/7/2021
Adult Env.(20)	$1,170.00	Needed Weekly	$1,900.00
Offertory	$255.00	Received This Week	$2,126.42
DAA Rebate	$701.42	YTD Needed	$11,400.00
Total	**$2,126.42**	YTD Received	$8,314.67
		Difference	(3,085.33)

Parish Announcements

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

Joan Urbanek

who passed away on
February 8, 2021

"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17—Mass will be at Noon (12 PM).

Ash Distribution will be a little bit different this year because of COVID. As you enter church you will find a small cup with ashes in it. Please take one for your household and head to your seat. During Mass we will bless the Ashes and then within each household you will put on the Ashes for each other. The words for placing the ashes are in your Bulletin. Please feel free to take extra ashes home for other loved ones or neighbors. You simply dispose of them by dumping them outside on the earth.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Feb 16th is our State Primary. Please exercise your right to vote. In most communities this vote will concern the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. For more information about your ballot visit: **myvote.wi.gov.**

Lenten Devotion of the

STATIONS of the CROSS

On February 24th and each Wednesday of Lent, starting at 6:30pm.

A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who remembered us during this sad time of Woody's passing. Everyone, so kind and loving, thank you.

Love and Prayers Always,
The Roningen Families

Free Lenten Materials
There are several different booklets and flyers for Lent in the back of church for adults and children. Feel free to take whatever speaks to you. Coming soon is the Little Black Lenten Booklet with daily meditations. We hope to have it available by Ash Wednesday or next weekend at the latest.

CRS Rice Bowls: WE ARE CALLED
Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Student Mite Boxes: The student boxes support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) which was founded in France in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin Jansen. Its purpose is to encourage all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission diocese through the world and support them both spiritually and sacrificially. Today it is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner "children helping children", monies raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. **Youth are encouraged to support other children around the world by donating during Lent. Boxes are available in the back of church**.

Donations: We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and $.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* you contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Diocesan/Local Announcements

National Marriage Week Feb. 7 to 14
This year our theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor. Here's how you can join us: Spend time in prayer and reflection by participating in our seven-day at-home retreat focused on marriage. This year the retreat theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." Visit: https://www.usccb.org/resources/NMW%202021%20At-Home%20Marriage%20Retreat%20EN.pdf

Marriage Preparation Retreats - The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

Week of Feb. 14th Readings

Monday 15 February
Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Sibling rivalry is present through the book of Genesis, seen in the tension between a whole series of brothers. There is more at stake: the rivalry between the settled farmer (Cain) and the nomadic shepherd (Abel). There is more: a lesson in not imposing too great a punishment. As usual, the book of Genesis is not history or indeed science but rather acute observation of the human condition.
Mark 8:11-13; Though not explicitly observed, we see in this reading the frustration, not to say the anger of Jesus. The Pharisees are looking for some kind of guaranteed evidence—this could be true of us today.

Tuesday 16 February
Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; The story of Noah's ark is a very ancient tale, being older than the bible itself. Myth in popular usage means simply something untrue. Myth in religion means a deep story, which somehow captures important dimensions of our human experience and reflect that experience back to us.
Mark 8:14-21; This passage must always sound extraordinary. Why the *seven* questions? Why the exasperated insistence? What could it mean today? Mark is forcing the hearer of his Gospel to think again about the double multiplication of the loaves. Mark is declaring: unless you believe Jesus is "bread" for both Jew and Gentile, you have no idea who Jesus is as Messiah.

Ash Wednesday 17 February
Joel 2:12-18; The passage which opens the journey of Lent is an invitation, an invitation to come back to the Lord with all our heart. The whole community—all of us without distinction—is called to change of heart and life.
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Paul's message insists on today, now, as the moment of conversion. The past is over and the future is not yet. All we have is the present moment: let us take hold of it with all our energy.
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18; There was a traditional triad in Judaism: almsgiving, prayer and fasting—all really good and necessary. That inherent good can be compromised by the desire for notice and approval. It is enough and more than enough that the Father who sees in secret sees our good deed done in secret.

Thursday 18 February
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Life is full of choices, minor and major. Today, we hear a major choice: life and prosperity or death and disaster. Such sharp alternatives are found also in the wisdom writings of the people, such as today's Psalm 1. We know, of course, that things are often not quite so stark and clear. But even in the minor choices, we are implying greater choices and even a fundamental direction of life.

Week of Feb. 14th Readings (cont.)

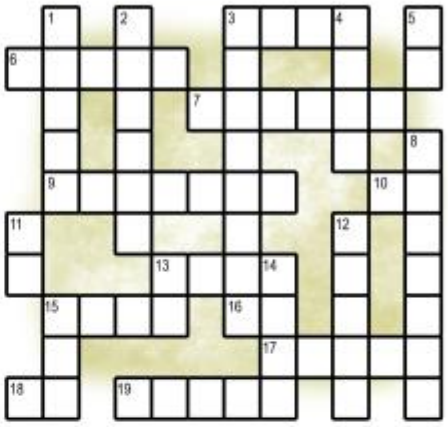
Luke 9:22-25; As usual, a prediction of the passion is joined to a teaching on discipleship. In this Gospel, the death of Jesus casts a long shadow, starting with the words of Simeon to Mary. The immediate context is the question to Peter: who do you say I am? Once we say who Jesus is, we find ourselves also saying who we are.

Friday 19 February
Isaiah 58:1-9; What is true fasting? What does God require of us? Isaiah does not mince his words. Sure, fasting means to live your ordinary life with integrity and justice.
Matthew 9:14-15; It looks as if Jesus did not practice fasting (apart from the forty, symbolic days). Naturally, people wondered why not. In the later tradition, disciples did take up fasting and in our Gospel Jesus gives "permission" for that to happen.

Saturday 20 February
Isaiah 58:9-14; Continuing from yesterday, we are reminded that righteousness—right living from the inside out—is what God hopes for from us. If you listen carefully, this prophecy is strongly against violence of any kind.
Luke 5:27-32; Eating was always regarded as a kind of sacred fellowship, a kind of holy communion. Hence the shock of onlookers who saw Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinner, in effect, establishing communion with them.

KIDS CORNER

The Leper Cross-Word



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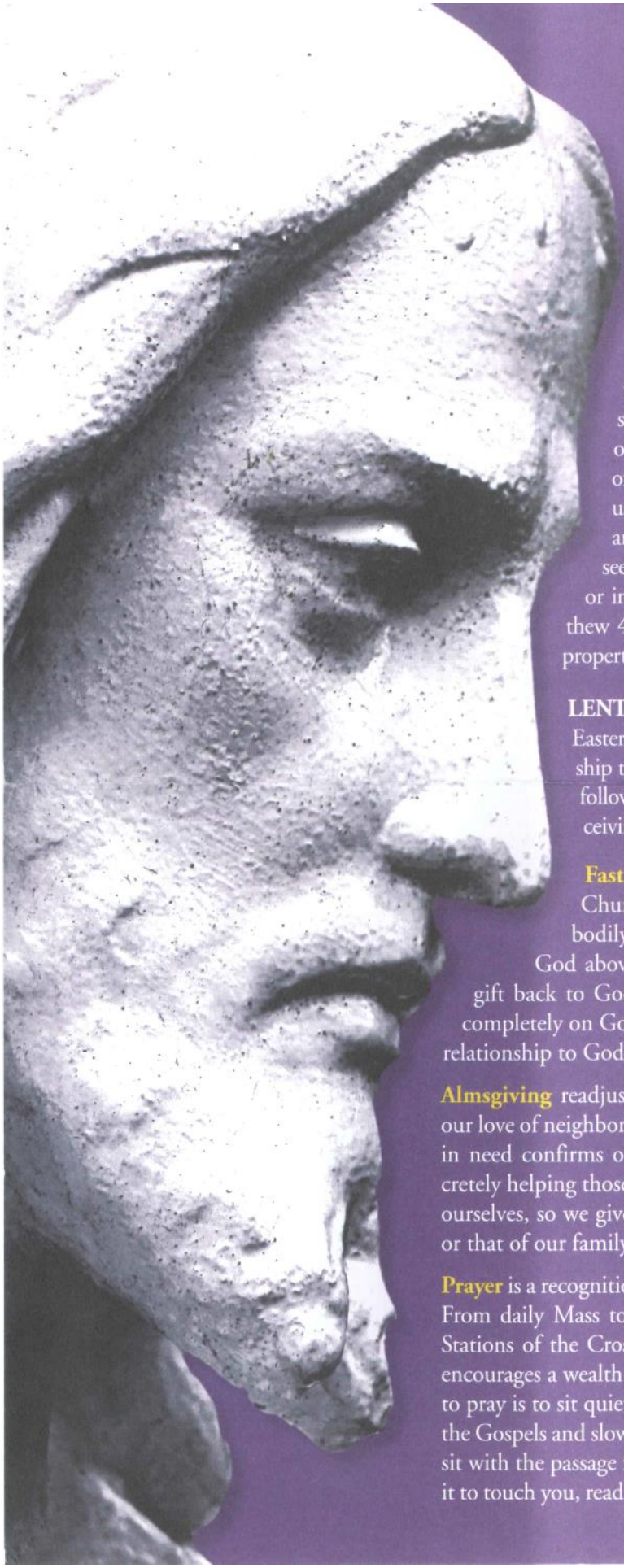
He said to him, "See that you _____(4d) no one anything, but ___(16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be _____(12d) for them."

The _____(15d) went away and _____(19a) to publicize the _____(17a) matter. ___(13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for _____(1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside ___(18a) deserted places, and _____(7a) _____(3a) coming ___(10a) him from everywhere.

Answers: across: 3.kept 6.leper 7.people 9.sternly 10.to 13.hand 15.made 16.go 17.whole.18.in 19.began down: 1.Jesus 2.begged 3.kneeling 4.tell 5.if 8.touched 11.be 12 proof 13.he 14.down 15.man



THE FOUNDATIONS OF LENT

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING anyone can do for Lent is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). That's the root meaning of repent: to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of **fasting**, **almsgiving** and **prayer**—which help to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11), we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property or power ahead of our relationship to God.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ's victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.

Fasting and abstinence practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary to Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God.

THE EVENTS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning *spring*. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, often observed by receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead at Mass.

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm or **Passion Sunday** has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to the waving palm branches), the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering and death.

Paschal Triduum, from the Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (*mandatum* in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically the Catholic Church now refers to this day as **Holy Thursday** and it is also notable for being the day on which the *Chrism Mass* is celebrated.

Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special *Tre Ore (three hour)* observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is celebrated on Holy Saturday evening after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming and receiving new members.

Easter, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled.

READINGS FOR LENT 2021

Ash Wednesday: . Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

1st Sunday: ..... Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

2nd Sunday: ..... Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

3rd Sunday: ..... Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

4th Sunday: ..... 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

5th Sunday: ..... Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Palm Sunday: .... Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

Holy Thursday: .. Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday: ..... Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil: ..... Gn 1:1—2:2 ; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1;
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Christ in the Desert

Lenten observance in the early centuries of the Church was closely linked with Christ's forty days of testing in the desert. So the Lenten journey has long been seen as going with Jesus, figuratively, at least, into the desert. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (#540).

"Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry" (Luke 4:1-2). Jesus was tempted by the devil to use his divine and human powers only for his own personal desires rather than to use them generously and unselfishly for others according to God's plan of redemption.

During Lent, we practice disciplines that are aimed at renewing and transforming our lives, to help us rise with Christ to the often harsh challenges of self-giving love.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health should 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 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older should 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.

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February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our **Gospel**, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community. Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community.

The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness, and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

Free Daily Lenten Reflections

Sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus. This begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and continues through the forty days of Lent.

- Sign up for Bishop Barron daily Lenten reflections lentreflections.com/
- Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever
- Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit diolc.org/deeper for adult resources and diolc.org/prayer for children and young people resources.

Excellent Lenten resources for Individuals and Families

- **33 Days to Merciful Love: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC** in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings to light one of the most beloved saints in modern times, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Topics include trust, the Little Way, the Offering to Merciful Love and spiritual darkness. The 33 days is a preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. A book can be purchased at ShopMercy.org
- **Consecration to St. Joseph** by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC During this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, a six-week preparation beginning on February 15 and ends on March 19th on the Solemnity of St. Joseph would be a most-timely study during Lent. The book is arranged for the consecration with 10-15 minutes of reading per day. Books can be purchased by clicking here: A book can be purchased at ShopMercy.org
- **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit** with Fr. Dave Pivonka This is 14-part series features Fr. Dave Pivonka, a regular host of Steubenville Youth Conferences. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, the presentations invite viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. The entire series is available for free on wildgoose.tv or if you prefer you can purchase the DVD set as well.

Virtual Formational Series – Thursday, Feb. 25th

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will be the speaker for the next Virtual Formational Series on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 2 p.m. Msgr. Hirsch's presentation is entitled Sacrament of Reconciliation: God's Sacrament of Healing for our Wounded World. This is a timely topic for Lent. Msgr. Hirsch gave this presentation to another Diocese and it was very well received, which deals with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This series is FREE but registration is necessary. Contact Paula Boyle at pboyle@diolc.org to register.

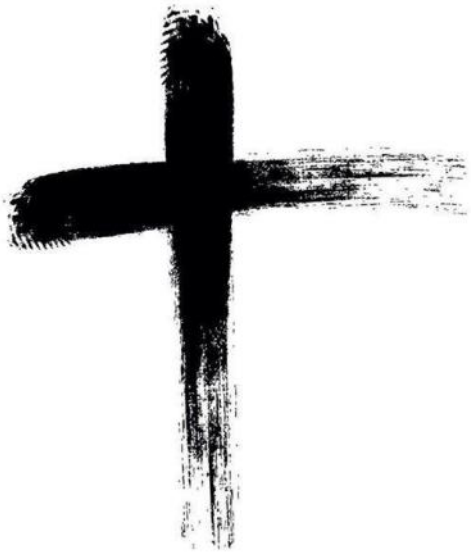
Bishop Callahan's Lenten Video Message

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available at: youtu.be/tN3ivPPh3x0

February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat

We will have a free virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. To register please visit: https://diolc.org/virtual-lenten-mens-retreat/

Ash Wednesday Ashes



Please share our Ash Wednesday prayers with your loved ones through these blessed ashes. Sign yourselves with the Cross, and then take a moment to ask God to bless your journeys through Lent. Pause briefly, then you can pray either of these blessings as you put the ashes on their forehead:

"REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"

or

"REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL"

After you have put the ashes on, pray the Our Father together. Then, the Sign of the Cross, which closes the time of prayer.

Thank you for sharing your faith and love with others! Anyone at all may receive these ashes, whatever their faith may be. If they ask, please share!