

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021**

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The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A leper came to him (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." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-42).

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 and concerns the regulations enforced by the priests regarding certain bodily diseases which made a person unclean and a menace to the health of his neighbors.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:40-45. We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

His compassion for suffering humanity was, however, co-terminus with his power, it was also divine. It was out of compassion for the sad lot of the human race on earth that he descended to man's level, becoming man, equal to us in all things except sin, in order to suffer with us and for us. By his human sufferings he made an atonement, a satisfaction for all the sins of the world—a satisfaction which all mankind could never make—to his heavenly Father, and so obtained for us God's pardon. At the same time, 'by joining our human nature to his divine nature, he brought us into the divine orbit and made us adopted sons of God and heirs of the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Because this seems almost too good to be true, there are men who deny it or refuse to accept it. Such men make the mistake of measuring the infinite compassion of God with the limited yardstick of their own finite and puny compassion.

Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What we sinners need is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves that. The fact that he left the power to forgive sins to his Church is another proof of both his will and desire to help us. "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," he stated. Part of that power which he left to his

Church is in the sacrament of penance where the leprosy of sin can be washed away and the sinner restored to new and perfect spiritual health. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent.

In courtesy of Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Message of Lent 2021



On this Wednesday, February 17th, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass. It is important to attend this Mass that officially begins our Lenten season of the next 40 days. For Mass times, look at the schedule on the next page. As we enter into the season of lent, we should all be grateful for the gift of life and good health. The pandemic has taken away so many lives of our people and others have developed a long-term effect on their health. Perhaps it is time to reflect on why did God give me this chance of life? Am I more special than others? What does he want of me? Let us not take for granted our good health. If we do, then it becomes pride. These questions lead us into a deeper meaning of life especially when we see what is happening to others. It is time to look for answers to these deep questions and perhaps think of what you would like to give to the church and the needy in return as a gratitude to God. I do have some suggestions. It could be in terms of donation of money, give up some food as a way of personal discipline, attend at least one week day Mass, go for confession every other week, say a rosary daily, spend some 15 minutes a day praying before Eucharist in the church like before Sunday or Saturday Mass. These are just among many other things you can do.

Rite of Election – Sunday, February 21

Next week during the 10:00 am Mass on the 1st Sunday of Lent, we will celebrate a milestone for those who will be receiving the sacraments of initiation in our parish at the Easter Vigil. For months, these catechumens have received initial instruction in the faith. The RCIA catechists and their godparents have observed their sincere desire for conversion in mind, heart, and action. With 40 days until Easter, they will embark on the final, more intensive "home stretch" of their journey into our faith community. The "Rite of Election" celebrates the moment when our catechumens make an official "pledge of fidelity" to enter into this period, inscribing their names as those called or "elected" by Christ for membership in the fullness of his body the Church. Normally, the Archbishop celebrates this ritual at the cathedral with all catechumens gathered. Due to COVID-19 precautions we will celebrate this as a parish community. The ritual will occur after the homily. Although it does not require prior practice from the assembly, your presence signifies the support we pledge to these brothers and sisters at this special moment in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers.

We have 3 Candidates from Wisner:

Cameron Wittstruck, Abby Dixon, and Jerae Schweers

Team leaders are: *Fr. Vincent Sunguti & Steve Ausdemore.*

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer
Weekend of February 21st**

WORD: Shelly Wellman
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky, Dawn Peatrowsky
PRIASE: Marge Gentrup, JoAnn Steffensmeier
SERV:
USHER: Gerald Gentrup

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner
Weekend of February 20th & 21st**

LEC: Chris Ruskamp
EMHC: Madonna Servi
SERV: Luis Lara, Mariah Andersen
USHER: February Men's Group

LEC: Bonnie Styskal
EMHC: Capri McGuire
SERV: Spencer Batenhorst, Sarah VonSeggern
USHER: February Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts Holy Cross—February 7, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$305.00
Plate:	5.00
Totals:	\$310.00


MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, Feb. 14th—Team #3 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore
Sunday, Feb. 21st—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE after Mass for anyone wishing to take one home as we need to have them gone by Ash Wednesday. Please leave the tray.

RICE BOWLS and Lenten prayer helps will be on the table this week. Please make use of them.

MEN'S WORK GROUP—February 2021

Chair: Chris Liermann
Co-Chair: Ken Duncan
Members: Marvin Seier, Greg Schlautman, Tony Lampman, AJ Kluthe, Rich Bodwell, Russ Loberg, Gavin Lampman, Alex Kluthe



Celebrations:
Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays:
Winfred Batenhorst February 13
William Robertson February 14
Tim Oligmueller February 16
Sam Steffensmeier February 18

Stewardship of God's Gifts St. Joseph—February 7, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,605.00
Plate:	174.00
Insurance:	120.00

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
February 17th: 8:00 a.m.—Holy Cross
5:00 p.m.—St. Joseph (Rel. Ed.) everyone welcome
7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph


EXPOSITION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
At HOLY CROSS
6:30 pm—Adoration & 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
Fridays, Feb. 19th—March 26th

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	15	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	16	—	—	Private Mass Lvng & Dec'd Relatives of Ron Stalp
Wed	17	8:00 AM	HC	+ Vergil & Frances Liermann
Thu	18	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Herb Albers
Fri	19	8:00 AM	HC	+ Ruth & Harold Benson
Sat	20	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Theodore & Lillian Cech
Sun	21	8:30 AM	HC	+ Conrad Wordekemper
Sun	21	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		
Fr. will live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass via both Facebook pages...				
St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"				
Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"				

ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH FUN FEST, DODGE

Online auction bidding began Feb. 1st and will close on Feb. 27th at 12 pm. There will be having a drive thru meal Feb. 28th from 11 am –1:30 pm. The meal consists of roast beef and dumplings.

Winning auction bidders can pick up their auction items at the drive-thru meal event, or via other arrangements. Our online site also includes a quilt raffle, cash raffle, and you can purchase meal tickets ahead of time as well ...all online!! See posters in the back of church.



Religious Education

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6
The 3rd grade discussed the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well and how we thirst for Jesus and how he gives us the "Living Water". The 2nd graded started their preparation for First Communion with the Blessed Book and Video series.
This week: Class at 4:00 p.m. follow by Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)
Grades 7th & 8th: We finished our lesson on the language of our bodies and how they show chastity and modesty. Also, how we speak with our attractions. We ended with prayer.
Grades 9th - 12th: The class finished the lesson about being pro-life and the issues surrounding abortion. Psalm 139 was discussed and how it relates to the pro-life message. Class ended with an adoration reflection, adoration song (You Are Not Forgotten) and a Litany of Trust.
This week: Class 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m.

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Valentine's
DAY ♥