

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. In Jesus' time, lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. But Jesus not only grants the leper his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do we approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do we show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion.

Readings for Next Sunday,

February 18, 2024

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



Saint of the Week... St. Valentine of Rome

Saint Valentine of Rome is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. He was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

St. Valentine continued refusing to renounce his faith and was executed on February 14, somewhere between the years 269 and 280. He is the patron saint of love, happy marriages, beekeepers, fainting, travelers, and young people. He is often shown with birds and roses.

Source: catholic.org



Feast Day: February 14

Let all that you do
be done in love

1 Corinthians 16:14



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Gina DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Ash Wednesday Services

February 14, 2024

Assumption

3 pm *Distribution of Ashes*
 5 pm *Mass and Distribution of Ashes*

Our Lady of Grace

8 am *Distribution of Ashes*
 12 noon *Mass and Distribution of Ashes*

Return to God with All Your Heart

Ready or not...this Wednesday (February 14) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent sometimes gets reduced to the simple question of what to give up. The real question is how will you repent and return to God with all your heart? Take some time to reflect on the place in your life where you feel distant from God. Begin your Lenten journey by not only thinking about what you will give up, but on how you can create more time for your relationship with God.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. By taking part in the Stations, we are able to feel as though we accompany Jesus on his final journey and share in his suffering.

Note: Since there will not be Mass this Friday, the Stations will begin at 6 p.m.

Special Visit Next Sunday



Sister Jessica Bernal, HMSP will visit us next weekend for the next in our schedule of events to help us celebrate our Jubilee year.

Following Mass next Sunday, February 18, Sister Jessica will talk to our older CCD students and all CCD parents about how young people can use their faith in the world. Even if you don't have a student, you are welcome to stay and hear Sister's presentation! The event will be held in the church.

Sister Jessica belongs to the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word and currently serves at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, WV.

Please note that the high school class will meet next Sunday instead of February 25.

Recycle Your Religious Items!

A reminder to bring in any religious items you no longer need to be donated to St. Mary Recycle Mission. Accepted items include statues, rosaries (even broken ones), crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, framed pictures, small prayer books, bibles, vestments and linens, altar books, and used musical instruments.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Vestibule through next Sunday, February 18.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 10	4:00 p.m.	Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Joanne & Mike Stickley	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, February 11	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Joe Harber	Margaret McGee
		Soul of Rosalee Freeman	Mary Lambert
Monday, February 12	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 13	No Mass		
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
Wednesday, February 14	3:00 p.m.	Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)	
	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Dorothy Barrick	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Souls of Rosalee Freeman, Anita Grove and Jimmy Calemine.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Thursday, February 15	12 noon	Rosary (No Mass)	
Friday, February 16	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (No Mass)	
Saturday, February 17	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Souls of Maureen, Elizabeth & James Lupis	Bill Lupis
Sunday, February 18	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Marianna Daskal	James Daskal



These CCD students in our grades 5-6 class remind us that we are all pieces of God's puzzle!



Shown here are (front) Maddox Cameron, Micah Alt, Tess Maybury; (back) Brant Pitts, Jude Barrick, Tucker Newlin.

Their catechists are Marie DelSignore, Julie Alt and Jane Placka.



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (February 18) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event.

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held February 1, 2024

\$100 Winners	\$50 Winners	\$25 Winners
Brian Smith	Kathy Grubbs	Melissa Stanislawczyk
Karen Brant	Jay Stanislawczyk	Michael Shannon
		Mike Boyd

Your Faithful Stewardship

February 3-4, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,619
Loose Donations	\$500
Repairs & Maintenance	\$649
Total	\$4,768

Attendance

Saturday, 2/3	77
Sunday, 2/4	93
Total	170

January Balance Sheet

Income	\$37,505
Expenses	\$19,653
Balance	\$17,852

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. A separate basket is available for this appeal.

Donations Accepted for Local Recovery Facilities

We continue to accept donations for two local recovery houses that assist women in recovery from drug or alcohol dependency. Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant or other personal hygiene products. Donations can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule at any time.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 17

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
 EM: Mere Barrick, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
 Cantor: Anita Tetreatl

Sunday, February 18 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
 Servers: CCD Students
 EM: Beverley Iser, Charlotte Delilo (c), Tina Stephen (c)
 Greeters: CCD Students
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, February 24

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
 Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, February 25

Lector: Paul Bogdan
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
 EM: Jane Placka, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
 Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 15 Dave Dunn
 February 22 Jean Harber

A Prayer for St. Valentine's Day

God bless you on this special day.

God keep you in His care.

And may His blessing and His love

Go with you everywhere.