



Assumption Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Righteousness

MATTHEW 5-17:37

May you find Christ here...may you take 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, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

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

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus clarifies His relationship to the Law, emphasizing continuity and fulfillment. He asserts, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." This statement reminds us that the commandments are not obsolete but find their deepest meaning in Christ. Through Him, the Law is not only observed externally but lived authentically in the heart, guiding our thoughts, intentions, and actions toward holiness. Jesus deepens our understanding of the Law, calling us beyond mere external compliance to interior transformation. He addresses the roots of sin—anger, lust, dishonesty, and broken relationships—showing that true righteousness exceeds legalistic observance. For example, He equates harboring anger with committing murder in the heart and equates lustful intent with adultery. By doing so, Jesus teaches that moral integrity requires sincerity, self-discipline, and love for God and neighbor in every dimension of life.

Moreover, Jesus stresses the importance of honesty and faithfulness, urging us to honor our word without the need for elaborate oaths. Our "yes" must mean yes, and our "no" must mean no, reflecting a life of integrity that witnesses to God's truth. This passage challenges us to embrace a holistic discipleship, where the Law is internalized and expressed through love, mercy, and justice. May we allow Christ to transform our hearts, guiding our thoughts, words, and deeds so that we live with authentic righteousness, reflecting God's holiness in every aspect of our lives.

Readings for Next Sunday,

February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



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 at 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 depicted with birds and roses.

Source: catholic.org



Feast Day February 14



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan,

Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Sam Fazzalore, Scott Furey,

Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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This Week's Birthdays

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| February 17 | Rick Jackson |
| February 18 | Judy Dolechek Mike McDowell |
| February 19 | Dennis Rochette |
| February 20 | Brynn Bosley |
| February 21 | David Minnich |

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026 | 6:00 pm

Mass with distribution of ashes

Mass at Our Lady of Grace will be at 12 pm

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one full meal, plus two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal) and abstinence (no meat). All Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence.

Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.

Return to God with All Your Heart

Ready or not...this Wednesday (February 18) 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. Leading the stations this week are members of the Knights of Columbus.



As we look forward to the start of the Lenten season, take time to reflect on these words of Pope Francis.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and
be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date | Time | Intention | Offered by |
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| Saturday, February 14 | 4:00 pm | Soul of Todd Myers | Diana Myers |
| | | Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley..... | Dean & Kathy Alt |
| Sunday, February 15 | 8:30 am | Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor | Assumption Parish |
| | | The Staggers & Casey Families | Sue & Jean Harber |
| Monday, February 16 | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday, February 17 | No Mass | | |
| <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | | | |
| Wednesday, February 18 | 6:00 pm | People of Assumption Parish..... | Assumption Parish |
| Thursday, February 19 | 12:00 pm | Soul of Larry Cleveland | Jean Coviello |
| | | Intentions of Julie Alt | Mike & Rosie Landis |
| Friday, February 20 | 6:00 pm | Soul of Linda Lupis..... | Karen Howard Barrick |
| | | Soul of Michael Mayolo | Assumption Parish |
| | | Intentions of Charlotte Delilo | Anonymous |
| Saturday, February 21 | 4:00 pm | Soul of Dorothy Barrick..... | The Barrick Family |
| | | Soul of Gina DeMasi..... | Her Loving Family |
| | | Souls of Maureen, Elizabeth & James Lupis | Bill Lupis |
| Sunday, February 22 | 8:30 am | Soul of Al Martin..... | Lynn McQuinn |
| | | Soul of Richard Gibson..... | Kathleen Gibson |



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (February 15) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.



Pepperoni Roll Reminder!

A reminder to those who ordered pepperoni rolls from the Ladies Guild that pick up is this weekend after both Masses in St. Mary's Hall!

Your Faithful Stewardship

February 7-8, 2026

Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$2,910 |
| Loose Donations | \$626 |
| Repairs & Maintenance..... | \$35 |
| Votive Candles | \$91 |
| Poor Box | \$58 |
| Total | \$3,720 |

Diocesan Collection

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| Church Missions in the U.S. | \$370 |
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Attendance

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| Saturday, 2/7 | 77 |
| Sunday, 2/8 | 112 |
| Total | 189 |

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process!

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held February 5, 2026

\$100 Winners

Blair Fike
Mike Morgan

\$50 Winners

Sharon Haines
Trey Poland

\$25 Winners

Michael Shannon
Karen Brant
Jay Stanislawczyk

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 21

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: Jean Harber, John Gustafson (c), Karen Yowler (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh/Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, February 22

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Jane Placka & Pippa Dolechek
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, February 28

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, March 1

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 12 Meredythe Barrick
February 19 Pam Williams

