



**February 11, 2018**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

When I was in the seminary, I remember having Ash Wednesday fall on my birthday. It was our standard practice to have a Day of Recollection on that day, which mean silence in the house until dinner that evening. Add to that the fact that Ash Wednesday was a day of fasting, you might think that would be a terrible day for a birthday! However, I found it to be a nice break during which I could spend some special time with the Lord who, after all, was the one who gave me the gift of life.

I was thinking about that Ash Wednesday as we prepare to enter into the desert of Lent this coming Wednesday. It just so happens that the beginning of this penitential season of the Church falls on February 14, which is best known as Valentine's Day. Some might think this to be unfortunate for those couples who look forward to this as an opportunity to show their love for one another. As I mentioned earlier, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (1 full meal and two partial meals max...no snacking in between) and abstinence from meat. That sort of ruins any plans for a nice dinner!

Why not look at this situation in a different way? Think about how our society celebrates Valentine's Day. It's a day focused on relationships. People often do something special for that special person as a sign of their affection for them. Ash Wednesday is not much different. It's all about our relationship with Jesus Christ. Lent reminds us of the greatest act of love possible as He suffered and died for us so that we might have the opportunity to share in the love of the Trinity in Heaven for eternity. Instead of dreading the notion of fasting that day and Good Friday, not eating meat that day or any Friday in Lent, and whatever else we might choose to do for Lent, let's see these all as a special sign of our love for Jesus and all that He has done. And when we feel the strain of making these sacrifices, say to yourself - "This is for you Jesus, because I love you", or something else that reminds you of why we do these things during Lent.

So this Wednesday, don't worry about "missing out" on being able to celebrate Valentine's Day, thank God for the opportunity to show the Lord a special sign of our gratitude for the love He has given to each of us in giving us the gift of life, sustaining that life each day, and preparing us to share in eternal life with Him in Heaven!

*-Father Alford*

**Anointing of the Sick:**

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receiver the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.



**Prayer List:**

- Danny Tinsley**, parishioner
- Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner
- Kathy Smith**, parishioner
- Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner
- Jim & Mary Kates**, parishioners
- JoAnn Camille**, parishioner
- Harold Sheppard**, parishioner
- David Laub**, parishioner
- Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners
- Rita Spannagel**, mother of Jill Whitney
- Aidan Horstman**, son of Laura & Terry Horstman
- John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler
- Diane Bartlett**, sister of Jeannette Waters
- Tommy Martin**, nephew of Debbie Decker
- Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare
- Nick Riordan**, cousin of Amy Zack
- Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock
- Mary Ann Midden**, mother of Kathleen Quinn
- Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab
- Joanne O'Connor**, sister of Ginger Rentschler
- Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack
- Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
- Mary Alice Tuxhorn**, friend of JoAnn Camille
- John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White
- Logan Flotkoetter**, friend of Mary Bruno
- Elizabeth Moose**, friend of Barb Scoggins
- Fr. Barry Harmon**, Diocesan Priest

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 11– Feb. 18**

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|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>LV 13:1-2, 44-46</b> | <b>1COR 10:31-11:1</b> |
|                   |                         | <b>MK 1:40-45</b>      |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>JAS 1:1-11</b>       | <b>MK 8:11-13</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>JAS 1:12-18</b>      | <b>MK 8:14-21</b>      |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>JL 2:12-18</b>       | <b>COR 5:20-6:2</b>    |
|                   |                         | <b>MT 6:1-6,16-18</b>  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>DT 30:15-20</b>      | <b>LK 9:22-25</b>      |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>IS 58:1-9A</b>       | <b>MT 9:14-15</b>      |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>IS 58:9B-14</b>      | <b>LK 5:27-32</b>      |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>GN 9:8-15</b>        | <b>1PT 3:18-22</b>     |
|                   |                         | <b>MK 1:12-15</b>      |

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

**Saturday, February 10th**  
9-3:00 p Retirement Peace University  
3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Robert Green†)

**Sunday, February 11th**  
7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
9:10 a NO PSR  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson  
9:45 a Confessions  
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)  
1-4:00 p Retirement Peace University

**Monday, February 12th**  
5:00 p Confessions  
5:30 p Mass (Int: Corban Soaga, b-day)  
6:00 p *The Bible Timeline*  
7:00p Pastoral Council mtg

**Tuesday, February 13th**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Eric Park†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
9:00 a Counting Team #2  
6:30p Pre-Jordan  
6:30 p Mission Trip meeting

**Wednesday, February 14th**  
7:00 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)  
6:30 p NO PSR  
6:30p Mass (Int: for the Parish)

**Thursday, February 15th**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: all souls†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

**Friday, February 16th**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Bill Sinkus†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
5:00 p Stations of the Cross  
5-7:30 p K of C Fish Fry

**Saturday, February 17th**  
3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Marilyn Bertrand†)  
Doehring Baptisms

## Sunday, February 18th

7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)  
9:10 a PSR  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: J&N Calvert  
9:45 a Confessions  
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)

## Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (91)	\$ 5298.30	\$171,085.97
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,263.70
Bldg. Dev. Fund (24)	\$ 975.00	\$ 9,200.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,501.00
Poor Fund	\$ 78.00	\$ 1,797.82
Children's Stewardship(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Catholic Times (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,550.00
Latin America (3)	\$ 41.00	\$ 1,168.72
Number of collection envelopes used: 120		
Number of electronic contributions: 0		

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

**Saturday, February 17th – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Adam, Biesiada, Tomashavich  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Krug  
**Servers:** Sommer, Zack  
**Hospitality:** Egizio, Auxier, M&H Bruno

**Sunday, February 18th – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Adam, J&N Calvert, Nelson  
**Lectors:** Merriman, Deimel  
**Servers:** Deen, McClintock, Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** McClintock family, Parnell

**Sunday, February 18th – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Adam, Livengood, Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Toliver, Petty  
**Servers:** A&A Livengood, Ryan  
**Minister of Care:** J&N Calvert  
**Hospitality:** Brewer Family  
**CLOW:** Kohlrus & Toliver

**Volunteer for this week – Feb. 12th – Feb18th**  
**Church Duster:** Diane Felts  
**Recycling Vol. Feb.:** Ron Wojcicki  
**Feb. Food Volunteer:** Teri Dambacher  
**Coffee & Donuts: Sun., February 18th:**  
Jan Pietras & Diane Rowden

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

**Prayer & Fasting** **Abstinence** – (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fast** – (2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed.

(3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

### **St. Jude Parish Confession Times**

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.  
Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.  
Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.



### **Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY**

each Friday beginning **February 16<sup>th</sup> until March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We welcome any parishioner who would like to assist. Your help is important for the success of our only fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Fry's benefit our parish and community.

**PSR NEWS** – February is when we collect boxes of **canned meats** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

### **Last call for Lasagnas!**

We have some extra lasagnas available for purchase! Please see Deacon Ray after the Masses this weekend if you are interested. Any remaining lasagnas will be donated to the Food Pantry as of Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mission Trip Meeting**

There will be a meeting for all Mission Trip Participants on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend as we will be completing the forms that are needed to attend the camp.

### **Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:**

Mon., Feb 12 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tues., Feb. 13 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan  
Tues., Feb. 13 6:30 p.m. Mission Trip meeting  
Wed., Feb. 15 Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Fri., Feb. 26 – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Fri., Feb. 16 5:00-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry  
Mon., Feb 19 – Parish Office Closed, Presidents Day  
Tues., Feb. 20 – 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting  
Fri., Feb. 23 – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Fri., Feb. 23 5:00-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry



**THANK YOU** to all who purchased our fresh made lasagnas in support our mission trip participants. We had a very successful fundraiser and prepared just over 600 pans this year.



**Operation Rice Bowl** is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Rice Bowls are available at the back of the Church. The collection for the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl will be gathered formally during the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

### **The Meal Train has room for new passengers!**

Since late December, parishioners have provided 15 dinners for our pastor through the "Meal Train" website. We have a new set of dates now that would allow you to get on the train and provide Fr. Alford with a nice home-cooked dinner in late February and on through March. To participate, simply go to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360>, scroll down the calendar to find the date that works. You can learn more details on what to prepare under the "Special Instructions" section. Your kind gesture allows Fr. Alford the ability to focus his energies and time on the many tasks that our diocese and our own parish ask of him. Contact the parish office with any questions you might have about getting involved. Thank you!

**PARISH MISSION** - St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Sherman will be having a parish mission on the evenings of Feb 18-22, presented by nationally renowned Redemptorist priest, Fr. Pete Schavitz. Each evening mission session starts at 6:30 pm in the Church, located at 902 St. John Drive, and is open to the public at no charge. This is an opportunity to participate in a tremendous faith experience, which offers great fellowship, music and inspiring prayer. Please come join us for the entire mission, or on a nightly basis as time allows. If you have any questions, please contact Gina at 217-415-6392, or contact the parish office at 217-523-3816.

**PARISH MISSION** - Little Flower Parish at 800 Stevenson Dr. is inviting our parishioners and acquaintances to a renewal program entitled "Simply Live! True Religion for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!" Beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It is being conducted by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. For more information call the parish office at 529-1606.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp of joy. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend is in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2018. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**FORMED.ORG** is the newest offering from our Parish to you. FORMED.ORG is an online Catholic media center, offering movies, talks, ebooks, and Bible Studies.

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- Visit [stjude.formed.org](http://stjude.formed.org) with a web browser
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- Enter Parish Access Code: 3VFNXZ
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
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**Pre-Jordan Class.**

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail

Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or [twalker@stjude.dio.org](mailto:twalker@stjude.dio.org)

**SHG POMS-** Attention all INCOMING FRESHMEN! The Golden Angel Poms Squad is now opening tryouts to all incoming SHG freshmen! To find out more, please attend our Informational Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm in the SHG East Campus Cafeteria. Tryouts will begin March 12th. Please contact Anna Washko at [ALWASHKO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALWASHKO@GMAIL.COM) with any questions.

**SHG JUNIOR CHEER CAMP-** The SHG Cheerleading Squad will be hosting a Junior Cheer Camp on Monday, February 19, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the SHG East Campus. The campers will perform at the halftime of the JV Basketball game on Friday, February 23, 2018. Pick a form up from your school's main office or email [shgcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:shgcheerleading@gmail.com). GO CYCS!

**RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School!



**FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES**  
 Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin De Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.