

# 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."

MR 1:40

February 14, 2021



This week we will begin another season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Many of us remember the days when prayer, fasting and almsgiving were much more challenging. We went to church a lot more for Mass, Stations and other devotions as well as confessions and personal prayer. We saved the money we didn't use for candy and fun activities and gave it to charitable groups. We followed the rules but I enjoyed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and, of course, pierogi.

Lent may be easier in some ways. We are encouraged to do positive things. However, the Church asks us to accept adult responsibilities for our own spiritual growth. We are called to do more than the minimum.

Let's use the next few days to determine what we're going to do for Lent this year — not minimum, not just fulfilling the law, but what will really help us to become a better person and a joyful disciple of Jesus.

This year, as I reflect on my own Lenten resolutions, one of them will be for your benefit as well as my own. It is this. On the Wednesdays of Lent (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24) I will offer a Mass in the Church at 12:00 noon. It will be simple and basic, an opportunity to spend a half hour to celebrate Mass amidst our hectic schedules. There will also be an opportunity for confession half hour before Mass begins on every Wednesday except March 10—only Mass that day.

Even though receiving ashes will be a little different this year, let the ritual be a sign of true commitment to take Lent seriously and to allow the grace of God to truly renew us in the next 40 days.

It is not too late to bring in your old palms. We will burn them for use on Ash Wednesday.

The Archdiocese of Detroit is recommending three ways for parishes to be united this year in our Lenten focus.

- 1). Spend more time reading Scripture
- 2). Celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)
- 3). St. Joseph

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, proclaimed 2021 as the year of St. Joseph. This can be a focus for us in our prayer, reflection, or devotion. The litany, novena or consecration to St. Joseph are wonderful ways to pray and to deepen our spiritual life.

Many opportunities for Lent along with Stations of the Cross, Fish Fries, etc. etc.

Let us not forget the special people in our lives this weekend as we mark St. Valentine's Day. Let's show love and appreciation to the people who mean so much to us all year long. Just another great way to begin the season of Lent.

Tuesday is Paczki Day. God Bless our feasting and fasting. May the discipline of 40 days of Lent prepare us for the 50 days of Easter celebration!

See you at the Fish Fry this Friday!

**Ash Wednesday  
is February 17th.  
Mass times are  
8:30 am and 7:00  
pm in the Church.  
There will also be  
an Ash Service at  
12:00 pm in the  
Church.**

## Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday  
8:30 am in Church

Saturday  
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday  
9:00 am and 11:00  
am in Church

Confessions will be  
heard every Saturday  
at 3:30 pm

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# This N That by Deacon Skip

Well, Valentine's Day is here. I have spoken before of meeting Kathy on a blind date. I don't think that I ever mentioned that the first date after that I asked her out to the movies. Since I am obviously an incredible romantic I took her to see Blazing Saddles. Years later she told me that she didn't care for the movie much but enjoyed listening to me laugh. For my part, I think Blazing Saddles is a cinematic triumph, equal in quality to Citizen Kane and Casablanca. Harrumph!

I'm not sure how Steve met Audrey. There has to be an interesting back story since Audrey lived and worked in Petoskey and Steve lived and worked down here. They will be married 19 years already this summer.

Mark met Soojin at some sort of Korean Cultural society, as I recall. What I do remember is that before their first date, Mark called me and asked what I thought would impress her more: Would she be more impressed by his frugality if he picked her up in his pick-up, or by his sophistication if he picked her up in his Corvette? (Bear in mind that I was driving a Pinto when I met Kathy and followed that up with a VW Dasher. By virtue of those two cars I had permanently forfeited my right to have any opinion about cars.) I did opt for the Corvette. They've been married twenty years, and I am getting old.

My Dad's been married for over 70 years. There is an asterisk to that. It took two women to get there; my mother passed away nearly 40 years ago. As the song says, "Love is a many splendored thing."

Calling all lectors. I'm going to make a stab at creating a schedule. It will be rudimentary at best, but it will help our sacristans have peace of mind and should prevent me from tapping you on the back 2 minutes before mass begins. If you would, please give me a slip of paper with your name, phone number, e-mail address, and preferred Mass time. Include any conflicts that you know of. Do not tell me. I will forget. I guarantee that. Speaking of forgetting: thank you for your service and flexibility. All of our lectors have risen nobly to the task.

By the same token, if there is anyone who would like to be a lector, do the same. It's a great ministry. We will set up some sort of orientation before you start.

## 2020 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2020 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket or mail the request to us. Thank you.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021

### Sunday, February 14, 2021

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### Monday, February 15, 2021

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8,  
16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and  
2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10;  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 17, 2021

#### Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,  
14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;  
Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, February 18, 2021

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
Lk 9:22-25

### Friday, February 19, 2021

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,  
18-19; Mt 9:14-15

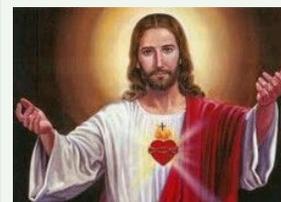
### Saturday, February 20, 2021

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Lk 5:27-32

### Sunday, February 21, 2021

#### First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with recitation of the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of each month.

Ministriꝝ Cēnter  
(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: cans of soup, ravioli or Spaghetti-O's; macaroni and cheese (box); laundry detergent; paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10 am-12 pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

### Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

#### A prayer for 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 in 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.*



### You're Invited to our World-Famous Fish Fry!

Join us on Friday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for our "World-Famous Fish Fry" in the Activities Building. Please call the Parish Office at 734-427-1533 (you can leave a message) **OR** fill out the reservation below to help us determine how many guests we can expect. We will have extra dinners to sell but calling ahead is a big help. You will still get in line to pay for your meal and take it home or eat it in the Activities Building. We will be practicing social distancing in line and in the dining room.

We will also be having a BAKE SALE so save room for dessert! Bake sale donations are appreciated Friday morning after 7am to the Activities Building.

Please wear a mask to enter.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support of Our Parish FUNdraisers!

**Please submit orders by FEBRUARY 14th**

God Bless!

Jill Kolpacke

Tom Pociask

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DINE IN \_\_\_\_\_ or CARRYOUT \_\_\_\_\_

#1 - Beer Battered Haddock w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 - Baked Haddock w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 - Combo: Fish, Shrimp, Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#4 - Shrimp w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#5 - Cheese Sticks w/sauce - \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#6 - Macaroni & Cheese - \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Pop & Water available for \$1.00

Arizona Iced Tea - \$2.00

Worship Schedule		February 20 & 21, 2021	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK KRISTEL ALEGADO	TOM WILHELM	ANTHONY WOODWARD
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL	GAIL COZZAGLIO DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	IRENE PATTOCK	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +JERRY TESARZ JOHN "PEPSI" PEPERA 91ST BIRTHDAY MARK BOYAK RICHARD HALL SAM VITALE +BERNICE KARWAN	+FIROELLA ARCANGELI	+BRIAN DEMPSEY +MARGUERITE BOYCE +FIROELLA ARCANGELI

Weekend Collection February 6 & 7, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$7,843.00
Loose contributions:	305.47
<b>Total Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,148.47</b>
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	<b>-2,255.53</b>
Total # of envelopes	134
Average envelope contribution	\$60.80
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Holy Day	\$ 55.00
Utility	\$ 675.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 740.00</b>
Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.	

Weekday Masses February 15-19, 2021	
<u><b>Tuesday, February 16</b></u>	
8:30 am.....CHURCH	
+JOHN DORR SUNSHINE GROUP	
<u><b>Wednesday, February 17</b></u>	
8:30 am.....CHURCH	
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	
7:00 pm.....CHURCH	
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	
<u><b>Friday, February 19</b></u>	
8:30 am.....CHURCH	
+BERNIE FOX +FIORELLA ARCANGELI	

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org).

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

**Bulletin Editor**  
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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

## Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Carol and Ronnie Chicila, Pam	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Saenz, Carlos
Ainsworth, Ron	Cunningham, John	Kusluski, Walter	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Sanregret, Anna
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Daughtery, Jeff	Larry, Bruce	Murray, Colleen	Serafini, Loretta
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Colleen	Levoir, Lorraine	Nantz, Janice	Shankin, JoAnne
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Sam	Luther, Brian	Needham, Jim	Skorupa, Peter
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Lynn, William	Newman, Theresa	Smitt, Deb
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Maddix, Erin	Niemczewski, Gordon	Sokol, Dennis J.
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Malek, Thomas	Palucki, Rachel	Stacherski, Ann
Asini, Margaret	Galdes, Julie	Malone, Della	Pardo, Charel	Staudacher, Jason
Bargardi, Carl	Gau, Sandy	Marchand, Susan	Parker, Sharon	Summet, Fred
Bargardi, Frances	Hamm, Jo	Marsh, Bob	Pastula, Shirley	Szura, Samantha
Bartlett, Carol	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mathison, Bonnie	Perreira, Dennis	Tetreau, Audrey
Boyak, Carolyn	Henry, Bernadine	Mathison, Jackie	Persondek, Cristina	Thomas, Michael
Bufalini, Rose	Herlihy, Patrick	Mayfield, Sally	Pietszak, Carol	Tomasi, Jack
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Charlene	McGrath, Jim	Pryce, Mary Ann	Turner, Sandy
Burke, Larry	Hrlac, Charles	Maddix, Erin	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	Vaughn, Kelly
Burrell, Fred	Humphrey, Dawn	Merritt, Dan	Rawlings, Therese	Wood, Virginia
Burris, Nikita	Irwin, Mary	Miklousich, Lena	Robertson, Michael	Woodward, Todd
Burris Family	Jones, Marie	Mirabatur, Timmy	Rodgers, Hiedi	Wysocki, Ken
	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Audrey	Romanowski, Ronald	Zonca, Barbara
				Ziolkowski, Norm

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
In loving memory of Aline Mele	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families	

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



**Missy Taylor**  
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION REMINDER!!**

Our next PRAYER SERVICE/MATERIALS PICK-UP is this **Monday, February 15th at 6:00pm** in the church! Look forward to seeing you!

**BEST LENT EVER!!!**

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys with Matthew Kelly through his book, ***I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*** (This book was our Christmas gift to you; while extra copies are still available, you can participate without it)



Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever! [www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever)



**Invite God Into Your Marriage**

Every couple needs the Lord to love them as a couple. Only in Christ and with the grace of the Holy Spirit can we live a married life full of the Love of God. **Make your marriage stronger in five weeks!!**

In honor of National Marriage Week and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is **free** for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021. The Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is an easy-to-use program for ordinary couples. Only five sessions. Simple and practical. At your own pace. In the comfort of your home. You connect with God and deepen your friendship and unity with each other. ***The At Home Seminar includes:***

**Weekly session**

- Watch a 20-minute video presenting each week's topic. Have a short discussion as a couple with questions to guide the conversation.

**Daily activities**

This time that you spend with your spouse at home every day is the real heart of the Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar. The easy-to-use activity packet will guide you each day to:

**Pray:** prayer as a couple

**Talk:** conversation starters

**Act:** practical acts of love

**SIGN UP at [www.marriageinchrist.com](http://www.marriageinchrist.com)**



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