

February 14, 2021 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

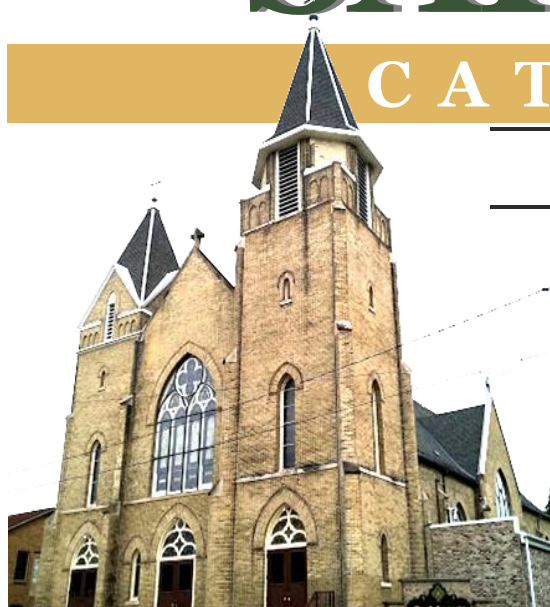
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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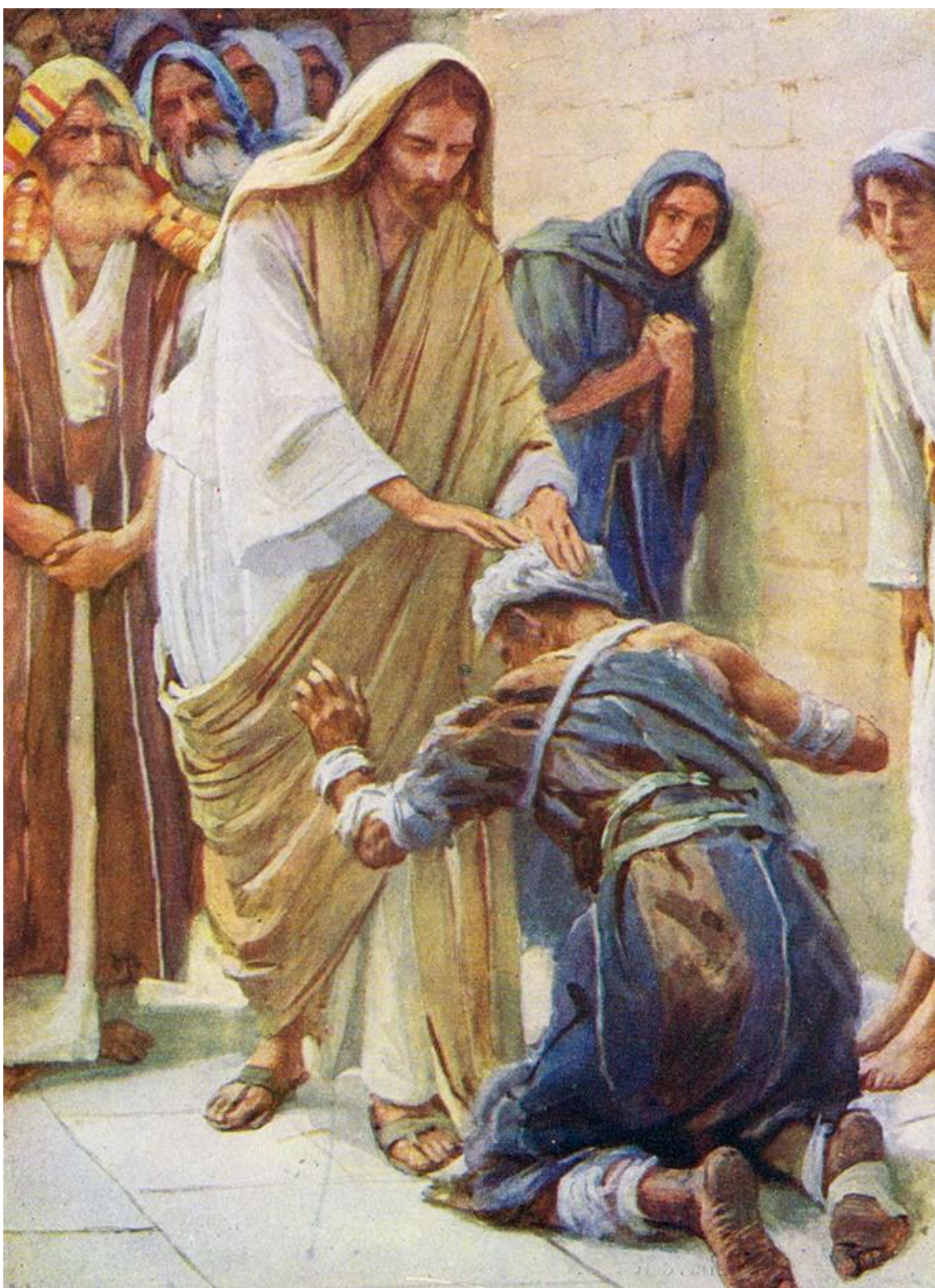
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"If you wish, you can make me clean."

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 16

Private Special Intention
Mass By: Fr. Clayton

Wednesday, February 17

8:30 am † Joe Cauley
By: Steve & Jane Powers

7:00 pm † Anna McGowan
By: St. Mary's
Ladies Sodality

Thursday, February 18

8:30 am Special Intention
By: Ostrowski Family

Friday, February 19

8:30 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior

Saturday, February 20

7:00 pm Rylee Crowley
By: Jim Crowley

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am † Andrew Kwit
By: Maria Podczewinska
1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Masses
February 17th at 8:30 am & 7pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Parish Pastoral Council
March 9th @ 6:30pm

Parish Finance Council
April 13th @ 6:30pm



Within the Word - Worth the Risk?

Folks, have you ever had to take a great risk? Or go to great lengths to take a risk for a great reward? Like saving a life, or one's own life? In a make-or-break moment a leper risks it all to be healed. From the risk of being stoned to death for violating the laws, he bets on his faith in Jesus Christ. It seems people will do just about anything to get what they need...not so much what they want, but what they 'need.'

Lepers were among the most piteous of peoples in ancient times. Although little was known of the origins of the sickness, it was clearly known to be contagious and greatly feared. Just reflect on the world today, how much violence and injustice that has come about from people and nations because of a deadly virus. When people get afraid or need protection from the common good, the only solution was to isolate the person and not allow them to approach anyone. Sound familiar? So, apart from the physical disintegration of body and limbs, there was the complete social ostracizing they also suffered.



What was even more tragic was, that many were branded as lepers who easily could've been suffering from some other ailment, which may not have been contagious at all – such as cancer or other skin diseases. The signs for diagnosis are given in chapter 13 of the Book of Leviticus and by our standards today, are rather primitive indeed. The room for a wrong diagnosis was huge. It was a question of being safe rather than sorry, sound familiar? Here's the thing, Jesus is filled with a deep sense of compassion for the man's plight. What Jesus feels is compassion not just pity. In pity we feel sorry for the person; in compassion, we enter into the feelings of the other, we empathize with their experience. And in doing so Jesus does the unthinkable – he reaches out to touch the leper. This must have been a healing moment in itself. The leper was by definition untouchable. "I do will it." says Jesus, "Be made clean." The man is immediately healed. But that is not the end of the story because the man has still to be reintegrated into the community – this is the second part of the healing process. He is told to go to the priests to make the customary offering of thanksgiving. Later they would examine him and then pronounce him fit to re-enter society.

To End, the leper in the story indicates a great faith and trust in Jesus, a necessary and sufficient disposition for healing in the Gospel. "If you wish, you can make me clean," he says. He knows this because he has undoubtedly seen or heard of what Jesus can do. Friends, pray for one another, and pray for those who are suffering from our present pandemic. We need not to lose our faith but to double down. God will not disappoint or abandon us...God the Father, will never abandon us in His Son...He is our compassionate God.

Fr. Clayton

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Jamie Donnelly, Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton & John Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, Nancy Zingsheim, Bob Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please...PRAY THE ROSARY!!!



Poinsettia Adoption!

Our beautiful Christmas flowers are looking for a good home. If you would like to adopt a plant, please help yourselves. This Sunday will be the last weekend. Take 1 or take 2, & give one to a loved one. There are plenty of folks with green thumbs around here. God Bless folks, & TY to all who donated!!



Lenten Booklets

As a way to enhance your Lenten journey, there are daily devotionals available at the entrance of the church. Please help yourself to a copy of *The Word Among Us*. I hope it helps you on your Lenten journey. I pray that you experience Christ's paschal mystery, in which we all share in through Baptism. May grace fill your Lenten weeks with God's mercy & love; don't forget to observe our traditions & practices of this season.

Financial Stewardship

February 7, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2150.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$10.00
Offertory.....	\$359.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$70.00
Votive Candles.....	\$31.00
Total	\$2620.00

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(161 registered families)

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$81,538.87
Contributed	\$91,898.71

Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph, Pray for us!



Ash Wednesday Collection

On Ash Wednesday, the collection will go towards supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than forty-six million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work, and to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development.

Rest in Peace

Folks, we've lost several members of our parish faithful these past several weeks. Please take time to pray for the souls of these loved ones: Leo Schneider, George Smith, Fr. Eugene Trainer, Anna McGowan, Mildred Blank and Lisa Marie Braun. May they find a joy-filled welcome, into the kingdom of Heaven and may all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace...

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



Fr. Clayton's New Cell

As announced earlier, Fr's contact number has changed. The new parish cell # is, **(608) 404-6014**. This number can be found on the front cover of the bulletin. You can call, leave message or text, and Father will get back to you as soon as he can. God bless and thank you for your patience. If you were trying to reach out to Father since Christmas and he hasn't responded, he apologizes for the no-reply as he didn't have his old cell or number.

PLEASE HELP: Volunteer Readers Needed!

The parish office is in the process of rescheduling readers for all three Masses. There are no greater words to read in life than the living and divine words of God. If you are interested in proclaiming the word of God at the privilege and honor of the Mass, please contact the parish office to be placed on our reader's list. Efforts will be made to work around schedules, and we will continue this form of scheduling until there are no longer restrictions due to Covid-19.

St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal: \$75,000
Total Received: \$72,650.00
Percent of Goal received: 96.87%

2020-21 Annual Appeal

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