

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Feb. 7	TBA
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Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Feb. 13	5:00 PM	For John L. & Myrtle Jennings
Sun. Feb. 14	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Feb. 15		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Feb. 16	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK ONLY
Wed. Feb. 17	6:30 PM	For Tom Geiman (Ash Wednesday)
Thur. Feb. 18	8:30 AM	Special Intentions of the Ed Reilly Family
Fri. Feb. 19		<i>No Public Mass</i>
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		
Sat. Feb. 20	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Feb. 21	9:00 AM	For Drew Kordenbrock

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Tony Kidwell, Bill Woodall, and everyone affected by the coronavirus.

BIRTHDAYS – Feb. 1-Dan Cooper, Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 2-Marie Cooper, Feb. 5 –Maxine Kordenbrock, Feb. 6-Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 13-Cathy Oldiges, Feb. 20-Kathy Bach.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Wed. 5:30-6:20 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS FOR NEEDY—Our February collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be canned goods. Containers will be in the gathering space for your donations. Thanks so much.

TAX STATEMENTS—The 2020 donation statements for taxes will be in the gathering space. Please pick yours up after Mass. The statements not picked up will be mailed.

SPECIAL PRAYERS REQUESTED—The nuns at St. Walburg have asked for our prayers since nearly all of them have Covid. Two of the nuns have passed away from the disease. Please join others in our Diocese in praying for all the nuns.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Ash Wednesday Mass—Wed. Feb. 17 @ 6:30 PM; confessions 5:30-6:20 PM
- Stations of the Cross—Fridays beginning Feb. 19 @ 7:00 PM
- Lenten Penance Service TBA

CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; one main meal; two other lesser meals may be consumed which should not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS OF LENT

Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc) permitted

FROM THE PASTOR—CONFESSION: A RESTART WITH GOD

An interesting genre in some eastern media is one that is called the *isekai* or “world change”. In this genre, the protagonist dies in this world and is transported into another world, in which they seem to have a second chance to live their lives, hopefully for the better. This can sometimes be done to hilarity or for serious dramatic effect. We can see a similar motif in media where the main character goes back in time somehow and is able to change the past which changes the future for the better (the classic being the *Back to the Future* trilogy). If only it were that easy.

Yet for those who believe, something similar is possible through Jesus Christ. While baptism is always seen as the freshest start in our life in Christ, we are still fallible, weak creatures. We are still prone to fail in our observance of all that Jesus teaches and commands us to do, even after baptism. Even worse, we are still susceptible to losing our salvation through our continued fall from grace. Even if we are baptized in Christ, that is no guarantee that we shall receive the reward of eternal life with Him.

The sacrament of confession gives us an opportunity to restart our life at that moment we receive the mercy of God. When we are absolved of our sins, Jesus tells us the same thing He told the woman caught in adultery: “Go and sin no more.” (John 8:1-11) God washes away all of our sins, our failings, and our mistakes, and grants us a renewal of mind and heart. We need this if we are to grow close to Jesus, to truly become His friends.

As we gear up to begin Lent this coming week, let us resolve to return to confession and be renewed by the mercy of God poured out through the blood of Christ. Let us not remain away from this sacrament of healing, but let us permit the Holy Spirit to renew us and to give us a restart with God. Do not remain in your sins and your pride, but humble yourself to approach the throne of mercy and be renewed in Christ to become not dust, but saints on the way to eternal life.

Rev. Jacob Straub



Remember, man, that thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return