

# St. Mary's Catholic Church



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 14, 2021



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## MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Feb 14	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish
Tues	Feb 16	7:30am	Peace in our Nation
Wed	Feb 17	7:30am	Souls in Purgatory
	<b>ASH</b>	3:30pm	Religious Education Kids
	<b>WED.</b>	5:30pm	All members of our parish
Thur	Feb 18	7:30am	Tom Oskey
Fri	Feb 19	7:30am	Fr. Harold Berryman
Sat	Feb 20	4:00pm	Living and Deceased mem-
Sun	Feb 21	8:00am	Deloris Chizek

## Parish Receipts for February 7, 2021

Parish Support	\$2045.00
Offertory	\$198.46
Votive Candles	\$78.60
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT = \$2322.06</b>	

Weekly Budgeted Amount —\$2015.00

# Thank you!

## Mass is now on our website!

We now have our weekend mass on our website! It is posted by 10:00 am each Sunday. Please check it out! Also the bulletin will be on under the menu—Bulletin. Our website is:

[stmaryblackcreek.org](http://stmaryblackcreek.org)

## Soup is on THIS weekend!

Soup sales will be held after the masses this weekend. **Cheese Broccoli, Chicken Noodle, Minestrone, and California Blend.** \$2.50 a pint, \$5 a quart. Volunteers who can make soup for our next sales can call Nancy Meulemans at 525-4054 **Soup will be sold February 27-28 March 13-14, 27-**



## Black Books

with prayers and reflections for Lent are available at the entrances.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays of Lent (with the exception of Ash Wednesday) **at 6:00 P.M.**

Everyone is invited to come to this venerable Lenten devotion.



reconciliation

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday starting at 3:00 pm.**

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For this coming Wednesday, 17 February—Ash Wednesday, class for Grade 2, will meet at 2:30 P.M. and then go to Mass at 3:30 P.M.

For Grades 8, 9, and 10 there **WILL NOT** be class at 6:30 P.M. Instead we ask that those students, as well as those in home-study and our Confirmation students to please come to Mass at either 3:30 P.M. or 5:30 P.M. if possible. Classes will resume at their regular times on Wednesday, 24 February.



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday—17 February at St. Mary is:

**7:30 AM., 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.**

The Mass schedule at St. Lawrence in Navarino is

**12:00 noon and 7:00 PM.**

This year, because of the COVID pandemic situation, the Vatican has requested that priests distribute ashes on the top of peoples' head rather than on the forehead. Those who wish to receive ashes in this manner will be able to do so at the end of Mass.

**Please Note**—The church purchases ashes from a religious goods store, so please do not leave any used palms in the church. You can dispose of them by burning either in a fireplace, wood-burning stove, barbeque grill, metal container or a shallow pan made out of aluminum foil. Thank you.

## CHURCH REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

### Fasting

- ✠ Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (17 February) and Good Friday (2 April).
- ✠ On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed but eating between meals is not permitted. (The U.S. bishops have also suggested that when possible the Good Friday fast should be extended through the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.)
- ✠ When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Additionally, the USCCB has provided additional direction with regard to who may be excused from fasting:

- ✠ Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

### Abstinence

- ✠ Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (17 February), all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday (2 April). This means no meat, meat-soup or gravy may be taken.

These rules of Fasting and Abstinence are the bare minimum that the Church asks of us during Lent. As such, Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

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## BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021 — WE RISE AGAIN

*The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Mark 1:42*

Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

"...and he was made clean." A fresh start, a clean slate. Don't we all sometimes need a new beginning? Jesus performed miraculous healings we hear throughout the Gospels. He gave people a new beginning and demonstrated his power as the Son of God. Many who witnessed or experienced these healings became true believers. In Christ, they rose again.

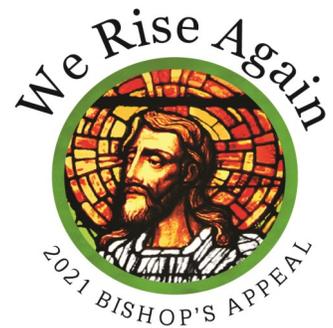
Catholic Charities continues this mission of Jesus today. They help people create new beginnings. Through the counseling services they provide in mental health, debt management, addiction, adoption and parenting support, and marriage and family conflict, Catholic Charities helps people heal.

Here are some of the things the Bishop's Appeal supports that benefit St. Mary's Parish:

- The office of Catholic Charities extending outreach social services to people most in need.
- Catholic schools, like Xavier High School in Appleton which we help support.
- Religious Education programs by providing curriculum development and Religious Education Coordinator and catechist training so that we can share our Catholic teaching with people of all ages.
- The office of Marriage and Family Life which provides marriage preparation programs for couples wishing to be married in the Church.
- Efforts like Parish Ministries, Evangelization and Mission Planning to help our parish develop and enhance ministries that encourage prayer, service, sharing and engagement in parish life.
- "The Compass" newspaper.
- The Bishop's TV Mass on Sunday.
- The Clergy Congress that Fr. David and the other priests and parish leaders attend in the fall.

**The goal for St. Mary's Parish is \$13,236.00.**

As of 9 February, 3 people have contributed \$1,336.00 which means we now have \$11,900.00 remaining to reach our goal. Together with everyone's help we can do it! To make your gift please use the pledge card you received at home, or pick up the materials at the entrance or breezeway of the church, or visit the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).



Please note—if you write a check please make it out to “**CF/Bishop's Appeal**” and not to St. Mary's Parish. Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal, and for your support of St. Mary's Parish.

## **PARISH STAFF INFORMATION**

After a lengthy search, we are pleased and happy to announce that Ms. Corinne Sorensen has been hired to be our Parish Secretary! Corinne is currently the Parish Secretary for St. Lawrence Parish in Navarino and works there in the afternoons. She will continue in that position and work here at St. Mary's in the mornings. Corinne will begin this Monday, 15 February. Initially her hours will be Monday-Thursday from 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon, and may be modified later on. Corinne brings with her a wealth of talent and experience as a parish secretary and we look forward to the skills she will bring to the parish office. Let's all give her our support.

We want to very much thank Rita Theobald for volunteering her time in the parish office these last few months. Her experience and help have been invaluable and we wish her God's blessings and all the best as she moves back into retirement. Thank you Rita and happy retirement!

We also want to very much thank Randy Van Handel for his help and support in the parish office these last several months and to again congratulate him on being hired as the Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Mary's Parish. Randy brings with him experience and enthusiasm for educating the youth of our parish in the Catholic faith and we wish him God's blessings and all the best in this important endeavor. Thank you Randy and good luck! He will continue to be the music director, liturgist, and organist for us also.

## **A BRIEF STORY OF ST. VALENTINE**

Information for this story came from the article "*History of St. Valentine*" written by Fr. William Saunders for the *Arlington Catholic Herald* and found on the *Catholic Education Resource Center* website.

There are three saints named "Valentine" who all share 14 February as their feast day. The first was a priest and physician in Rome who comforted martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. He was arrested, beaten with clubs and beheaded on 14 February 270 A.D. The second was the bishop of Interamna—now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome. He was arrested, scourged and decapitated also during the time of Emperor Claudius II. The third one was martyred in Africa along with several companions, but nothing more is known about them. All three of them showed their love for the Lord and his Church. While many of the customs associated with Valentine's Day originated from various pagan practices, the lives of the three men who share the name "Valentine" should inspire us to love God, love our neighbor and love ourselves. As Jesus said: "This is my commandment love one another as I have loved you."

## **ENVELOPES FOR EASTER**

Envelopes for Easter Flowers are available at the entrances. This is a special way to remember loved ones at Easter and also a way to help support the Parishes liturgical environment.

## **RICE BOWLS**

Rice bowls for the home are available at the entrances. Put your extra change in the box as an offering for the poor. Bowls may be dropped off at church during Holy Week. (March 29—April 2)

