

February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If You Wish, You Can Make Me Clean.



O Healer,
wounded by our sins,
we kneel
before you.

Reach to us.
Lay your hand upon us.
By your terrible wounds, please
heal us.

And moved with pity,
send us, damaged and ragged,
to heal the broken-hearted,
and anyone who suffers.

Caress your world.
Make us yours.

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SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

In Greek, the word Pentateuch means “five rolls” and describes the first books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Today’s first reading comes from Leviticus. As the third book of the Torah or law, following Genesis and Exodus, Leviticus is like a handbook of rules for the Levite priests and was compiled after the exodus from Egypt.

The detailed instructions about leprosy are part of the Jews’ legal purity code. Cleanliness was an important prerequisite of worship. Entrance into the temple required physical and spiritual cleanliness. This code is reflected today in the Mass when the priest prepares by washing his hands. He whispers the timeless words: “Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.” (Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration)

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 14	7:45 AM	NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Feb. 16	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 10	4 PM	Thomas Merkel
Sun., Feb. 11	10 AM	Don Gilland
Wed., Feb. 14	7 PM	Ruth Gehl
Sat., Feb. 17	4 PM	Mike Fasbinder
Sun., Feb. 18	10 AM	Louis Dickman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday – February 14 at 7:00 PM

Greeters: Ray and Mary Merkel
George and Mary Bultman
Servers: Blake Simon, Shaylee Volz
Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning
Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Amy Kinker
Euch. Ministers: Jane Pictor, Rita Kress
Beth Simon, Judy Steuri

Saturday – February 17 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Glen and Diane Bohman
Brian and Karen Horan
Server: Macey Moorman
Cantor: Brooke Payne
Lectors: Jack Ferkinhoff, Dottie Hellmicih
Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Beth Simon
Gene Moorman, Katy Schmidt

Sunday – February 18 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Bob and Shirley Schwartz – *back*
Mike and Katie Spreckelson – *back*
Matt and Leslie Hicks – *side*
Servers: Caleb Simon, Lilly Simon
Cantor: Rachel Toops
Lectors: Julie Stephens, Cindy Weisenbach
Euch. Ministers: Dana Newhart, Scott Simon
Amanda Schutte, Vicki Wagner

"There is every reason in the world for mercy. There is some good in the worst of us, and there is some bad in the best of us. The good are those who try to find some good in others, and they generally do find it. The evil are those who look for the faults of others, and as a result never see their own." ~ Fulton Sheen

STEWARDSHIP – In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! (1 Corinthians 10:31)

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn February 11 through February 18 for James and Ruby Freeman. Openings for these memorials are available for March and April.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE – This weekend you are asked to help support seminaries, pastoral care, and youth ministry in Central and Eastern Europe. Please drop your envelopes in the regular collection. Next weekend, we are to help local African and Native Americans.

EPIPHANY PARTY – We speak words of gratitude to Vicki Wagner for creating the Three Kings' costumes; to Ben, Nick, and Marc Miller for their role as the Three Kings; to Paul and Margie Thole and James Collier for providing the music for the sing-a-long; for all who donated soup, cakes, and other food items; and lastly, for those who dropped off Christmas trees.

Those who came enjoyed the evening. The Faith Formation Committee hopes it will be an annual event!

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU – Thank you to the 55 donors who came to our Community Blood Drive! Because you cared enough to share your good health, healing treatment can be provided to hospital patients throughout the tri-state area. Thank you also to our youth who baked delicious cookies for the event. God bless you all!

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2851.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 12.49
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 213.25</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3076.74
Religious Ed	\$1000.00
Criterion	\$140.00
NCYC	\$120.40
Capital Improvement	\$250.00

Peace and All Good to You!



On this day we mark the beginning of Lent as we receive the mark of ashes on our forehead. These ashes are a sign of our sinfulness, but also of our repentance. Young and old, rich and poor, male and female, we are all in need of God's forgiveness. As we listen to the Word of God on this, another Ash Wednesday, let us think of how we can turn away from sin and return to God.

(Refer to your Lenten insert for Mass times.)

INSERT – Please see, read, and keep the Lenten insert in today's bulletin containing all Lenten and Holy Week happenings and services.

GUEST SPEAKER – Don't miss Father John's talk next Sunday, February 18, 3:00 PM, in our Parish Hall. He will share with us what "setting his faith on fire" means to him by sharing personal and ministry experiences with us.

THANK YOU – Thanks to Elena Leemans, an exchange student from Poland, for donating the DVD "Heaven is for Real" to our library.

WAY OF THE CROSS – The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held on Friday, February 16, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice.

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 14, 6:45 PM. The children will attend Mass and sit up front as a group. No meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, February 18, 8:30 AM.

FOOD FOR THE POOR – Fr. Robert White, a priest working with Food for the Poor will be our celebrant and speak of the work of this charitable organization the weekend of March 3-4.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Anyone who thinks women talk too much has never sat through a six-hour Super Bowl pregame show. (Nora Barry)