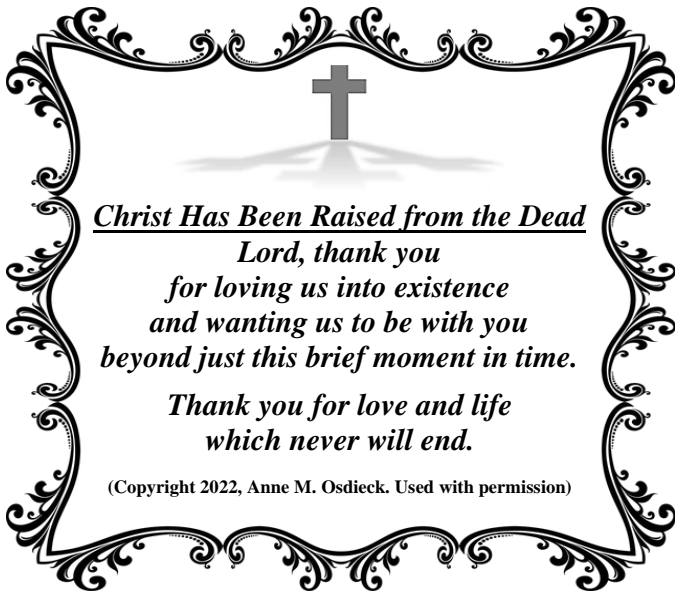


# February 13 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Christ Has Been Raised from the Dead

Lord, thank you  
for loving us into existence  
and wanting us to be with you  
beyond just this brief moment in time.

Thank you for love and life  
which never will end.

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## Pursuing A Higher Moral Standard

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, "Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 11).

A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so, we can pray with St. Augustine, "Give me what you command, and command what you will." (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

February 13 – Jim and Ruby Freeman  
February 20 – Vi Prickel  
February 27 – Kathryn Conrad

## MASS INTENTIONS

February 12 – Jeanne Schene  
February 13 – Sheila Tunny  
February 19 – Thelma Grossman  
February 20 – Bud and Vi Prickel

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 19 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Judy Steuri

*Gifts:* Ken and Terry Harmeyer

*Eucharist Minister:* Roseann Wirth

### Sunday – February 20 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Susan Schutte, David Hardesty

*Gifts:* Paul and Arlene Gehl

*Eucharist Minister:* Leslie Hicks

### Saturday – February 26 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Terry Harmeyer

*Gifts:* Mike and Cathy Wagner

*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – February 27 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Donna Harlemert

*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner

*Eucharist Minister:* Vicki Wagner



## BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love – and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Leo Buscaglia said, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God, and that when we love one another, God lives in us. There are so many ways to do that – beyond candy and roses! But Valentine's Day is as good a reminder as any.

*MAY EVERY DAY BE A DAY OF LOVE.*

**SECOND COLLECTION** – The second collection next weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift will support the rebuilding and strengthening of the Church in more than 25 countries. Please place your envelope in the regular collection.

**CYO VOLLEYBALL** – Our CYO Volleyball team, coached by Shaylee Volz, has won 11 of the 12 sets that they have played. Today, they play at St. Leon's at noon. Our girls are so supportive and respectful of each other, and Shaylee is doing a great job coaching. We are proud of all of you!

**DON'T FORGET** – For several years, donuts and coffee have been served following the 10:00 AM Mass. These past months have seen a significant decrease in the number of those attending. If you would like to have this social time continue, please mention it to Susan Schutte or call the parish office. Thank you.

**GRATEFUL** – This letter of gratitude is from Sister Agnes at our Motherhouse: “Thank you, thank you, thank you so-o-o much for the many wonderful, usable, practical, appreciated needs you all sent to our home here at Oldenburg. When I saw all the bags filled with so much, my heart cried with joy and thanks to each of you for thinking of us and sharing your gift of love with all our Sisters. I can't begin to thank you enough, and I know every Sister who uses the “goodies” you sent will whisper a prayer of love and God bless you for all of you. Again, thanks from the bottom of my heart. May the New Year of 2022 be Happy, Healthy and Holy for each of you! God bless you all abundantly!”

**SOUP AND SALAD** – Mark your calendar for a Soup and Salad Supper on Sunday, March 20, 4:00 PM, sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee. “We're better together in His love.”

**FAITH FORMATION** – Faith Formation Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 16, 4:30 PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Preschool through Grade 5 will have religion class on Wednesday, February 16, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on Sunday, February 20, 8:30 AM.

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL** – As of December 13, St. Maurice parishioners have pledged \$8,860 to the 2021 United Catholic Appeal. Thank you. Our goal is \$13,683.00.

**SUPER BOWL – GO BENGALS...GO BENGALS!!**  
*Help Coach Wirth win the Super Bowl!*

**BLOOD DRIVE** – St. Maurice will be hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 15, 12:30-6:00 PM. Schedule an appointment at [hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon), or call Arlene at 812-614-3388.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Ladies, when it is extremely cold outdoors, the priest sacristy door is difficult to unlock. If you come to clean and do not find that door open, please check the sacristy door closest to the parish center, and if that door is locked, then the parish center door near the kitchen will be unlocked.

**QUESTIONS TO PONDER** – Do I consider myself a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness? Would JESUS consider me a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus...Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant – one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's – can remain with Jesus. (Journey to Colombia. September 7, 2017)

**PRAYER** – Lord, you never forget us; you answer all our needs. Keep us from being anxious about many things. (Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – After church, a woman found she had locked her keys inside the car, so she tried to open the car door with an old coat hanger she found nearby. She was unsuccessful, so she bowed her head and asked God to send her help.

A scruffy old man passing by stopped and asked her what was wrong. She explained her problem and asked him if he could use the coat hanger to unlock her car door.




“Sure,” he said, and in less than a minute, it opened.

The woman hugged the man and through tears, said, “Thank you so much! You are a very nice man.”

“Lady,” the man replied, “I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday. I was there for car theft.”

The woman, sobbing, hugged the man again and cried out, “Oh thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!” (Columnist Smiley Anders, Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM  <i>Feast of Presentation of the Lord</i>		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon  	Mass 4:00 PM  Pick Pocketers
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Mass 10:00 AM  Pick Pocketers  BAPTISM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Mass 4:00 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Religious Education Classes 8:30 AM  Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM		St. Nicholas Healing Service 7:00 PM  Confessions at 6:30 PM Praise and Worship Music at 6:45	Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM  Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM	Presidents' Day	<i>Feast of Chair of St. Peter</i>  	Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM  Liturgy Committee Decorate for Lent			<b>The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month:</b> <b>Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women:</b> We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.			