

February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY SPIRIT, COME DWELL IN US.

Who can turn the other cheek,
give away their coat,
go two miles instead of one,
love enemies and pray for all those
who persecute them?

Us?

Not without you, Lord.

As you did from your cross,
let us wage love, not war.

Help us go way beyond being nonviolent.

Give us generosity of spirit.

We want to love as you do.

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Be Perfect

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does perfect mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be holy, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between perfect and holy, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian Code of Hammurabi states, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime. This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete. † (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

February 19 – Jerome and Vi Prickel

February 26 – Cindy Mistler

March 5 – Floyd and Erma Harlemert

MASS INTENTIONS

February 18 – Charles Simon

February 19 – Richard Wagner

February 22 – Gene Simon

February 25 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

February 26 – Sheila Tunny

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday – February 22 at 7:00 PM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Donna Harlemert

Gifts: Children

EM: Terry Harmeyer (Hall), Judy Steuri, Janet Wagner

Saturday – February 25 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner

EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Judy Steuri, Beth Simon

Sunday – February 26 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle

Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty

EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Susan Schutte, Kevin Tunny

Saturday – March 4 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

Sunday – March 5 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

EM: Vicki Wagner (Hall), Amanda Schutte, Scott Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3286.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 58.22
Loose Collection	\$ 471.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3815.22
Capital Improvement	\$345.00
Religious Ed	\$60.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$25.00
Criterion	\$40.00
Lent	\$25.00

**MAY GOD BE PRAISED THROUGH YOUR
WEEKLY GIVING!**

SOUP LUNCHEON – TODAY at 11:00 AM!

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF – Rather than taking up a second collection for the people of Turkey and Syria, I strongly encourage you to send a donation directly to Catholic Relief Services at: **Catholic Relief Services, Turkey Earthquake Relief (include in memo line), P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.** You could also make an online donation through the CRS website at <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>. If you would rather send it directly to the parish, make your check out the way indicated above, and we will send them in.

PRECIOUS BLOOD – We will begin offering the Precious Blood of Christ at our Masses beginning on Ash Wednesday. There will only be two wine ministers, at least in the beginning, and a smaller amount of wine will be poured in the chalices until we have a better understanding of how many will receive from the cup. **Dipping your host in the chalice is not permitted.**

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, February 22, 6:45 PM. They will attend our Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next week, February 26, at 8:30 AM.

YOUTH MINISTRY – The next outing for the youth will be Sunday, March 5, to go bowling at Greensburg. You will meet after the 10:00 Mass that morning.

MINISTRY OF EXORCISM – Don't miss Fr. Vince Lampert's talk on "The Church's Ministry of Exorcism" to be held here at St. Maurice Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 PM. He is the exorcist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. His talk is being sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign seen in Kelley, IA: "People tell me to follow my dreams, so I am going back to bed." (The Joyful Noiseletter, via Rev. Dale Schoening)

MASS GREETERS

February 22 – Paul Simon, Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner
(3rd for Side Door and Hall, if needed)
February 25 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch
February 26 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide



ASH WEDNESDAY

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

As we begin another Lenten season, Jesus invites us into a space of repentance so that we might grow ever closer to our Creator. Let us, this Lenten season, embrace the mercy God longs to offer us.

+ **Fasting:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone of ages 18 to 59 must fast unless exempt due to medical reason.

+ **Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent, everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from eating meat.

MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 7:00 PM.

+ **Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each Friday in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, beginning on Friday, February 24. Come, let us adore Him!

+ **Way of the Cross and Holy Communion:** Each Friday of Lent at 6:00 PM, beginning on Friday, February 24.

----- *Deanery Happenings* -----

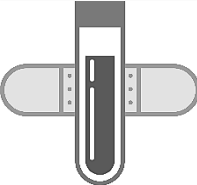

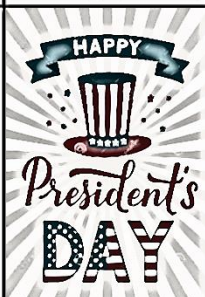

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – The Batesville Deanery is comprised of 6 counties: Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Shelby. During the 6 weeks of Lent, we will offer a period of 24 hours of public Eucharistic Adoration in each particular county to pray for revival and renewal in belief and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will begin weekly on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM and go through the night and all during the day on Thursday. Adoration will end on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM with closing service, reflection, and benediction.

- + Feb. 22-23: All Saints Parish – St. Joe Campus
- + March 1-2: St. Joseph, Shelbyville
- + March 8-9: Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
- + March 15-16: St. Mary, Aurora
- + March 22-23: St. Louis, Batesville
- + March 29-30: St. Nicholas, Sunman

*****PLEASE NOTE:** The first public Eucharistic Adoration is this week at All Saints Parish.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM			RE Classes 6:45 PM	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Feast of St. Blaise NO ADORATION: See February 24	Mass 4:00 PM Blessing of Throats Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Blessing of Throats Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks Donuts and Coffee		 BLOOD DRIVE	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RE Classes 8:30 AM SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM Donuts and Coffee		Happy Valentines Day 	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM SOUP LUNCHEON AFTER MASS			ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fast and Abstinence</i> RE Children 6:45 PM MASS & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM		ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8:00 - Noon WAY OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 10:00 AM Donuts and Coffee				THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH  For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.		