

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 14, 2021**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Readings**

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 13**

5:00 PM (J) Linda Murray

**Sunday, February 14**

8:00 AM (P) Mary Fournie Family

10:00 AM (J) Harold Hooten

**Ash Wednesday February 17**

**7:30AM (J) St. Joseph Parish Families**

**7:00PM (P) St. Patrick Parish Families**

**Saturday, February 20**

5:00 PM (J) Fr. Joseph Trapp

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00 AM (P) Gib & Leta Rae Bauer Family

10:00 AM (J) Bill Wiegard

**PRAYER REQUEST**

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Tom Ellner, Roger & Carol Hess, Sandy Duvic, Pam Ozier, Lyle Matthews, Cindy Wilhelm, Regina, Ray Hess, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Armin Depper, Steve Wallach, Jeanelle Dinan, Matt Haas, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Gene Clerc, Michael Brand, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Kathy Ghahkenshah, Tom Candelario, Zachary Glenn, Pat Deterding, Glen Steibel, Richard Zeiger, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Laura, Benjamin & Miles Marler Family

**CHURCH SUPPORT-February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's**

Envelopes: \$1,461 Loose \$60

TOTAL COVID: \$14,600

**St. Joseph's:**

Envelopes: \$1,154, Loose: \$87 Messenger (10) \$255

**Weekly goal: \$1,700.**

**When you get your refund, don't forget to donate to the Churches.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE? GO HOME AND LOVE YOUR FAMILY.**

(Mother Teresa)

**WEEKEND REFLECTIONS**

On this last Sunday before the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday, both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped to hear about on this Valentine's weekend. In Moses's day, leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus reaches out and touches the leper. The leper is literally not separated from God at all, not even leprosy is a barrier to Jesus' healing touch. As members of the body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through those barriers. How will we do this as we journey through Lent? Let us begin now to listen to the word of God and take St. Paul's words as a true Lenten challenge: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

**REST IN PEACE**

The parish community or Ruma and Rocher would like to offer their prayers of PEACE to the family and friends of Allan McCarthy (Joan Smith's brother). May he share in the Joy of the Risen Lord.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Do I Create Unity or Division?) We must all ask ourselves: how do I let myself be guided by the Holy Spirit in such a way that my life and witness of faith is both unity and communion? Do I convey the word of reconciliation and of love, which is the gospel, to the world in which I live? At times it seems that we are repeating today what happened at Babel: division, the incapacity to understand one another, rivalry, envy, egoism. What do I do with my life? Do I create unity around me, or do I cause division, by gossip, criticism, or envy? What do I do? Let us think about this.

**WHAT IS LENT...THE BASICS**

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance—calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins. **WHAT SHOULD I DO?** Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God. **SHOULD I SET LENTEN GOALS?** Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

**FFA FUNDRAISER**

The Waterloo High School FFA is holding a BBQ fundraiser starting now through February 19<sup>th</sup>. BBQ is ready to eat...pork steaks and brats. Contact Emma/Dave Krebel at 618-719-5510 if you would like to place an order. Orders will be ready for pick up on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PARTNERSHIP CORNER**

**REOPENING OF PARISHES**

Mass schedules are: 5pm Saturday and 10am Sunday at St. Joseph's, 8am at St. Patrick's. Mass at St. Patrick's will be celebrated at the parish hall, where we have more room to social distance.

If you are hesitant about coming back to Mass, come and see what we are doing so we can help ease your fears. We are wearing masks, sanitizing your hands, seating you safe distances apart and cleaning after each Mass.

If it is crowds you don't like, you can attend the weekday Masses at St. Pat's and St. Joseph's same guidelines apply! **DON'T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED.** 284-3314-St. Joseph's, 282-3176-St. Patrick's.

**300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY—UPDATE!**

All of the 300<sup>th</sup> merchandise and fundraising items will be available. We will place a link on the website or you can pick the information up in the back of church. Most orders are preferred to be placed online. If you have trouble with technology please come to the office and Jill will help you! We will be using PayPal for the brick orders.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PSR**

**Burning of Palms Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30am weather permitting!**  
**Jr high grades will be hosting Stations of the Cross @7:30am beginning on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> for anyone wanting to come. This is part of their Lenten project.**

**PARISH COUNCIL-ST. JOSEPH**

Meeting: 7pm Feb.15<sup>th</sup> in the hall

**FR. SEBASTIAN**

He is home and LOVING the weather here!

He will say Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7:30am at St. Joseph and 7pm at St. Patrick.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you know someone who is in need of emergency prayer, contact Fr. Sebastian at 284-2404, St. Joe's rectory at 284-3314, St. Pat's rectory at 282-3176 or Marie Henry at 618-559-6511. If you would like to be part of the chain, please call Marie to get set up.

**RECONCILIATION**

Please call the rectory to schedule appt.

**CARE MINISTRY**

Do you know a fellow parishioner that's going through a rough time? Please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 284-7702, and she will reach out with a care package.

**MESSANGER RENEWAL**

The Messenger, your local diocesan newspaper brings news of events important to you from your parish and diocese. **St. Patrick's parish offers to its parishioners a subscription to The Messenger...free of charge. If you would like to continue to receive The Messenger in 2021, please contact Sandy at the parish office by February 12<sup>th</sup>.** You can now subscribe to print or Electronic.

**St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. February's collection will go to the food pantry at the Rocher School. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.**

**KUDOS**

- To Fr. Dennis for sharing Eucharist with St. Patrick's Parish Families.
- To Southern Illinois Crankshaft Inc., our bulletin advertiser of the week.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Katheryn Chartrand 2/14, Dan Neptune, 2/14, Margaret Vaughn 2/14, Amy Wiegard, 2/14, Bill O'Hara 2/15, Albert Deterding 2/15, Tom Lucash 2/17, Mary Ann Klein 2/18, Drew Manning 2/18, Sarah Schaefer 2/19, S. Annette Embrich, ASC 2/20, Floyd Roy 2/20, Amanda Mudd 2/20, Justin Roy 2/21

**Greg & Marilynne Henry 2/14**

**Raymond & Dorothy Reinhold 2/14**

**UPKEEP OF PARISH GROUNDS**

We are looking for someone that would be interested in helping a few hours a week with the mowing/upkeep of St. Patrick's parish grounds. (This is a paid position) If interested contact Sandy at the parish office @ 282-3176.

**RECYCLE**

St. Patrick's Parish is trying to recycle and be more aware of our environment. There will be a soda flat on the back table in the hall. After Mass, please place the bulletin inserts...if you prefer not to take them home in the box and not in the trash can and they will be recycled. THANK YOU

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

St. Patrick's will be having Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM in church starting February 25<sup>th</sup>.

John 3:16

