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#### Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism Please contact the parish office to register for the required Baptism class, to schedule a Baptism or for more information. Next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for May 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Saturday 3:15—3:50 p.m.; Sunday 9:15–9:50 a.m. or contact the parish office or email Fr. Jacob at: dbqrouse@dbqarch.org to schedule an appointment to celebrate this Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

<u>Marriage</u> Contact the parish office at least six months before intended wedding date.

# February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1: Mark 1:40-45

Just before we go into the Lenten season we are given another look at Jesus' healing ministry. Today's episode involves the healing of a leper. The New Testament uses the word "leper" to describe a number of skin diseases, all of which render the sufferer "unclean": that is, unfit to engage in the ordinary day-to-day exchange with the rest of the community. The lepers suffered an additional burden, namely, the community saw them as sinful—the disease was an indication of some sort of moral depravity on the part of the leper.

When a leper came to Jesus, as we hear today, he was courting great risk. But he also had great faith, and because of that faith, Jesus made him whole. Jesus broke through the negative power that was so visibly present by His touch and His word. Jesus took on the forces of darkness, sin, rejection, exclusion from community and turned them around at once.

There was a power emanating from the Lord that drew people to Him: it was a power of compassion, light, healing of body and spirit. The Lenten Sundays will bring all this to light in a more explicit manner.

Next week's readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15 Fr. Jacob will continue to live stream all weekday and weekend masses on his YouTube.

You can access it by logging into our new parish website: notredamecresco.com

and scroll down on the home page and click on the YouTube icon

Please keep in mind that the Archbishop has continued the dispensation from attendance at mass until further notice so if you have any concern (including age, health, etc.) about attending mass in church, please stay home!

Monday, February 15 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, February 16 Mass in church and livestreamed Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p. m. +Marlene V. Weigel

Wednesday, February 17-Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. School Mass: school personnel and students only in church. *Public is invited to watch the livestream* +Bernadine Kelly

6:30 p.m. Mass in church for the public and livestreamed

+Stan and Kathleen Humpal

EMs: Janet Andera, Tom and Connie Frana

Lector: Brian Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Cody Kerian

Thursday, February 18- Mass in church and livestreamed 9:00 a.m. +Bob Andera and Anna Havel

Friday, February 19 - Mass in church and livestreamed 8:00 a.m. + John Reiss

Saturday, February 20- Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Paul Sir

EMs: Margaret Ward, Lisa Kimball, Becky McGee

Lector: Ethan Rice

Servers: Cody Sobolik, Awnan Skoda Music: Margaret Sobolik, Polly Jones

Ushers: Adam and Aidan Skoda, Dave and Robin Sobolik

Sunday, February 21- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Bob Andera

EMs: Wayne and Kelly Mashek, Jim Truka

Lector: Jim Truka

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan Music: Katie Ferrie, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Cody Kerian

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed

+Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family

EMs: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Sue Runyan

Lector: Sue Runyan

Servers: Noah Dietzenbach, Hadley Riehle

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz Ushers: Don Dietzenbach Family

Note: If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, daily mass will be livestreamed only. Church will not be open.

I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.

"Do Something Beautiful for God" Books by Mother Teresa are available for you to take in the front entrance of the church.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Urban and Mickie Drilling Altar Bread

Dale Webb Altar Wine

Betty Moen Missalettes (February)

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

Parker Byrnes Dianne Kovarik Makiah Pierce Dean Dietzenbach Dorothy Barnes Debra Winsell Steve McCarville Tom McGee Marcia Murray Arlene Kuennen Kellie Riehle Julia Blaylock Bill Smith Leona Herold Pat Smith Randy Smith Cole Christopher Paula Growden Bill Rink **Bob Stoker** 

Monica McGee Newman Liz Yount
Lavon Hyberger Michaeleen Riehle

We clear the prayer list quarterly. Please contact

the office at that time to have a name put on again if desired.

We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like

to add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permission from the person to have their name published; however, to preserve space if a person has sufficiently recovered and can be removed from the prayer list, also please contact the parish office.

Ministry of Prayer Network: If you would like to serve on this Prayer Network, please email the office at: DBQ047S@dbqarch.org. When a request is received, you will receive an email asking for your prayers for the immediate need. If you have an urgent need for prayer, call the office at 563 547-3565 to activate the prayer network.

#### Stewardship of Offering Feb. 7, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income
Needed each week: \$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$9,162.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$696.00
Last week's offertory income: \$195.50

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!

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend: February 13-14, 2021 Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget—every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA, 52001 or by going to:

www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate

St. Peter's and St. Blasé Circles are collecting dues instead of having a project this year due to Covid. Letters were mailed to members of these Circles. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

"The Word Among Us" booklets are available in the front entrance of the church and on the front porch of the parish office for you to pick up to use during Lent.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 15, 5:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m., KC Room.

Knights of Columbus: Every knight joins for a reason whether to grow in faith, to serve our communities or to protect those most in need. There is much work to be done in our world. Faith and Service are the reasons Knights of Columbus exists. We invite you to join us putting our Faith in Action. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus now till June 30th for free online. Use promo code McGivney2020.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room. Note date and time change.

Notre Dame Preschool registration has started for the 2021-2022 school year. Preschool is for children 4 years old by September 15. We have two sessions available M,T,Th, F AM 8:10-11:10 or M,T,Th, F PM 12:10-3:10 free of charge. You can also add a 5th Day session Wed. 8:1--11:10 for \$48/mon. A registration form can be found on the school website: www.ndcschool.weebly.com or sent to you by contacting the school office 563-547-4513

Liturgical Ministry Schedule: There is a liturgical schedule for the month of Feb. available on the parish website. If you are willing to serve as an EM, Usher, Lector, Server or Musician during the upcoming months, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Long John Silvers, Sue-Z-Q and Kwik Star. Gift cards are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call to order, 563 547-3565. Scrip will be available in church the weekend of March 6-7.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and every evening at 6:00 p.m. during Lent on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Sponsors are welcome to support this broadcast. Cost is \$30.00 per broadcast. If you are interested in contributing towards this, please contact Mary Gansen, 563 547-5495 or the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thank you!

Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counselors are is accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the

ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at 563-588-0558 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

CASA Volunteers Needed: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they are the children of God"- Matthew 5:9 Spread the love by volunteering with children in your local area who need extra support. For more information about becoming a Court Appointed Support Advocate, email kerry.brennan@dia.iowa.gov

### Thank You

We are grateful for all the volunteers who offer their time and talent as good stewards for the betterment of the parish. This week we thank the Liturgy Committee members.

#### Lenten Guidelines:

Fasting & Abstinence: Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each

*Prayer:* Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more on God's abundant grace.

Help Wanted: Part-time janitorial position available at Notre Dame School to help with cleaning from 3:15—5:30 p.m. when school is in session. For more information contact Randy Greenfield, 512 718-4634.

The 2021 Men's Conference to be held on March 13 will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, host of "The Patrick Madrid Show" on Relevant Radio. The day also includes breakout sessions. Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Participants can join in-person at Xavier Catholic High School (Cedar Rapids), or virtually as the conference will be live-streamed. For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org

VFW Breakfast Sun., Feb. 21, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at VFW Hall Post 4561. Free will donation. Serving regular, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, butter and syrup. Masks and Social Distancing required. Carryout or Dine In. Proceeds to be used for all local VFW Functions. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

Cresco Area Blood Drive Thursday, March 4, 1:00—6:00 p.m., VFW Hall. To make an appointment please call Pat at 563 547-5839 or call 800 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org Please bring a phot ID, your blood donor card or two other forms of ID. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Fish Fry - Friday March 5th @ Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Festina. Advance Tickets: \$13 available thru February 21st. Drive Thru Only. Serving 4:00 - 7:30pm Tickets can be purchased from Circle 1 members, Drillings All Season Sports, Einck's Service, The Zipper and Fidelity Bank (Ossian & Calmar) thru February 21st.

#### Let's look at Lent differently?

2020 was a year we had to look at everything differently. 2021 is continuing to be a time to look at things differently. Let's start by looking differently at Lent this year.

If you've always thought of Lent as a time for ashes and giving up chocolate, it's time to think differently.

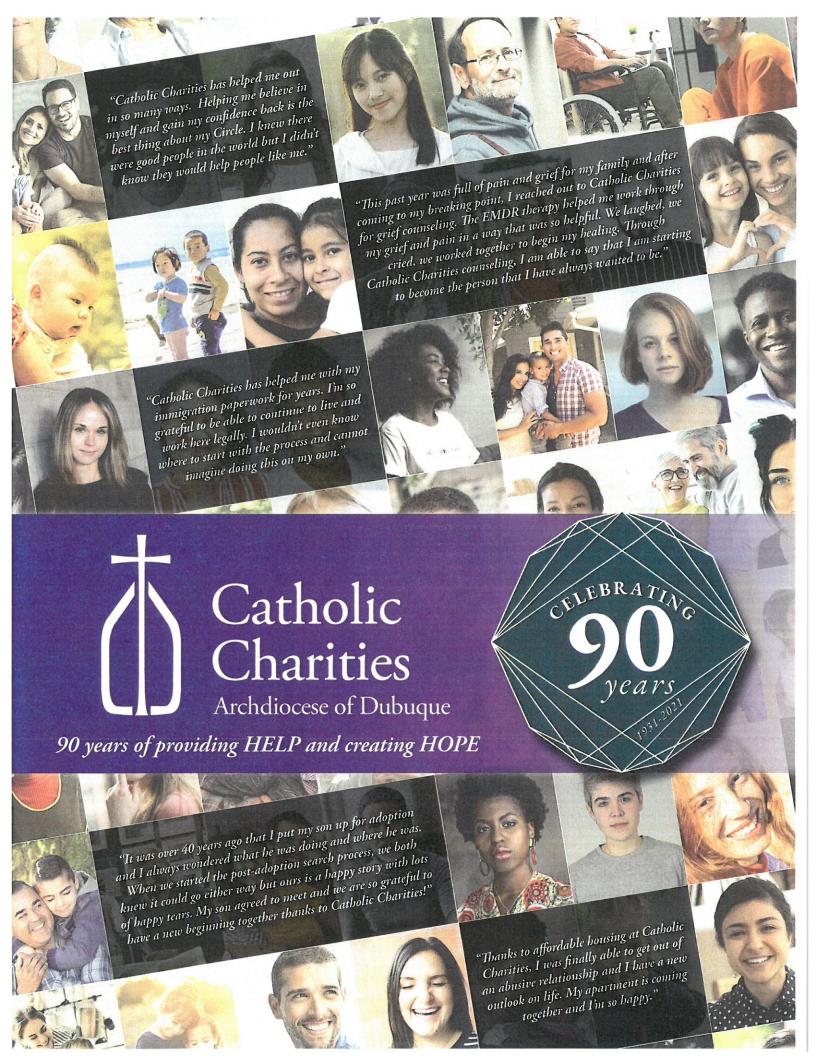
Let's look at Lent as a time to change up our routines and do what God calls us to do all year long: fast, pray, almsgiving.

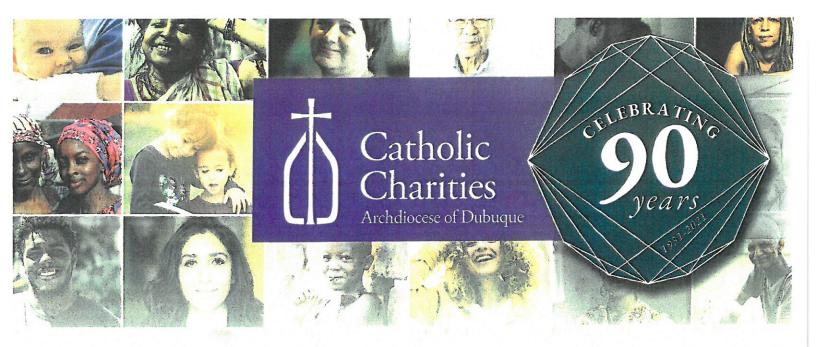
A time to turn away from what is physically and spiritually separating us from God. A time to change the way we look at our lives, and look for God's presence and listen for Christ speaking to us.

A time to rethink what it means for us to trust.

A way to do this is every day pick a quote from the day's Mass reading (readings are available in "The Word Among Us" booklets), or find a short reflection or prayer to say with your family and maybe an activity to do together.

Hopefully by Easter Sunday your family with be ready to experience Easter with greater joy and peace and faith in God.







"We Catholics are known for helping people who can't provide for or protect themselves."

Dear friends.

Monsignor Jim Barta once said to me: Quakers are known as peacemakers, and Amish as furniture-makers (and living simply), but what are Catholics known for? What comes ready to mind are things like rituals, rules, and the rod of punishment; Bingo, fish fries, capes, and swords. Those aren't bad, but not really powerful enough to attract or retain members in the Catholic Church. So, what is? Here's the deal, Parker: We are followers of Jesus in his Catholic Church.

For us, living by his teaching and example are vital, and the most important is love of God and neighbor. Loving God by loving our neighbor is practiced by helping people who can't protect themselves – like the unborn and immigrants – or provide for themselves, such as the poor.

Protecting and providing for others is pure and undefiled religion. It is the basis on which Jesus will judge us: those who did will enjoy heaven, those who did not will not. It also has the ability to cover a multitude of sins and it can thwart the worldly allure and spiritual threat of power, privilege and perks.

"No one among them was in need." – That was said of the first Christians, in the Acts of the Apostles, because they shared with the poor. Can that be said of our generation too? It can if we share - that's what Jesus wants us to be known for! Yes, devout prayer, a beautiful Mass, great RE or Catholic school, but not without serving the poor.

When Catholic Charities makes its appeal for 2021, help them to help the poor. And helping them (please, God) will help us to be able to answer Monsignor Barta honestly: We Catholics are known for helping people who can't provide for or protect themselves.

Confident of your generosity, and grateful for it, I am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels

Michael O. Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque

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