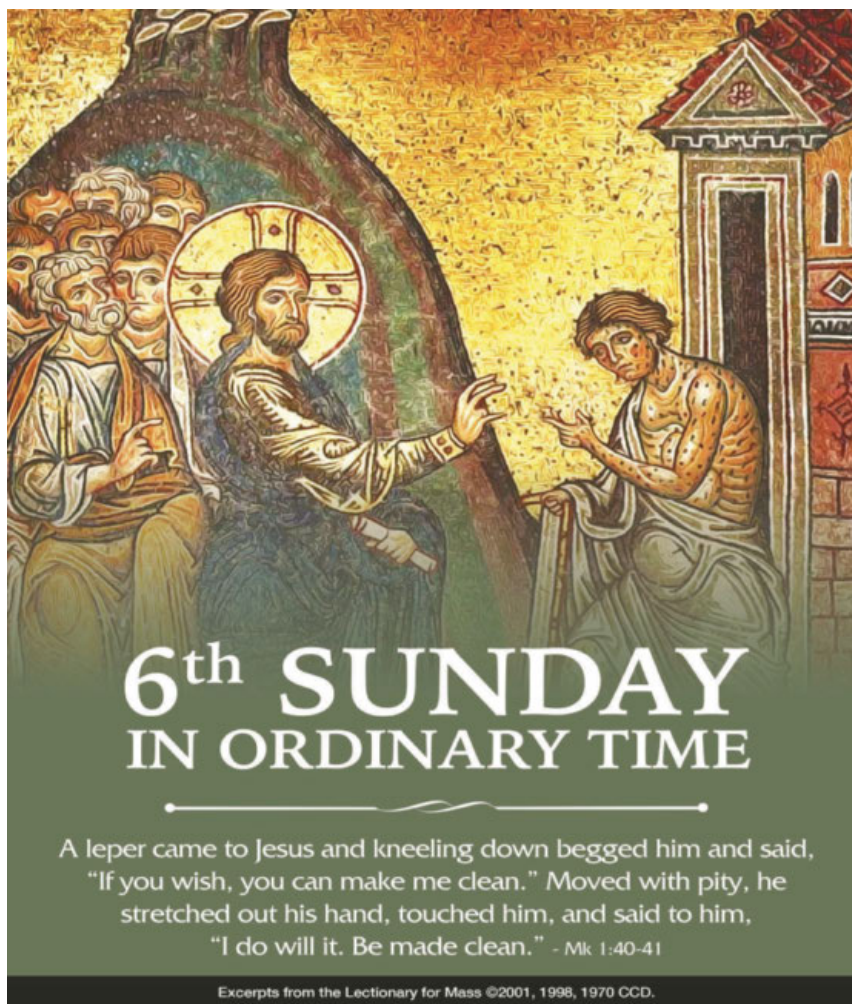


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Weekly Meditation

A leper came to Jesus. (Mark 1:40)

Jesus' disciples must have recoiled when they saw the man approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean (Leviticus 13:46). But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That's why the Book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease!

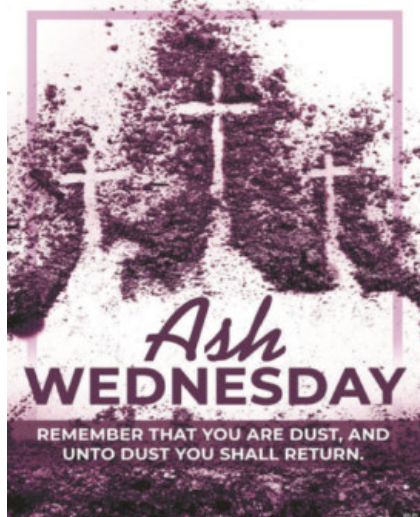
So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn't he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to heal and restore all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society.

Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41).

So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurity. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

*"Jesus, in my weakness and need, I come to you!
Cleanse me and make me whole."*

The Word Among Us - February 2024 Edition



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th
Masses 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Opportunity for Lent

Sunday, February 18th
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Come at your convenience

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent
February 21st - March 27th
6:30 pm

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14th 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Server: Luke Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Goodale & Kathy Schultz

Greeter: Gerald Dock

Lector: Gael Zachman

Live Stream: Julie Petersen

Sacristan: Diane Fournier

Ushers: Paul Manuel & Randy Latour

Wednesday, February 14th 7:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Server:

Eucharistic Ministers: Red Petersen & Pat Athman

Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun

Lector: Janet Braun

Sacristan: Jennifer Braun

Ushers: Dominic Braun & Peter Braun

Saturday, February 17th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Rylan Mackedanz & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Burkhardt & Bren Stepp

Greeter: Ann Waldschmidt

Lector: Isaac Millner

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Tim Waldschmidt, Cliff Zimmermann, Jerry & Deb Goodale

Sunday, February 18th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Ryan Steinhoff & Caleb Danzeisen

Eucharistic Ministers: Ric Fournier & Renee Logeais

Greeter: Jen Holte

Lector: Jackie Steinhoff

Live Stream: Pat Athman

Sacristan: Diane Fournier

Ushers: Randy Latour, Doug Zachman, Dan Oliver, Brad Holte

Sunday, February 18th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Wyatt & Wesson Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Roy Martin & Kathy Schultz

Greeter: Al & Lori Guck

Lector: Angie Manuel

Sacristan: Connie Nelson

Ushers: Bob Guck, Al Guck, Traci Arends & Joe Martin

40 Hours for Our Lord

You are invited to join the churches of St. Ignatius and St. Timothy in a special forty hour period of continuous prayer and adoration made before the Blessed Sacrament. **40 Hours for Our Lord will be held Friday, March 8th – Sunday, March 10th.** There are led prayers scheduled at various times, opportunities for personal prayer, guest speaker presentations, and times of soft music and reflection. A detailed schedule is available on the websites for both parishes www.stignatiusmn.com or www.churchofsttimothy.org



Lent Pamphlets Now Available

The Adult Faith Formation has a variety of Lent pamphlets available for you. Daily Reflections, Prayer and Activity books, something for everyone. Lent is the season for renewing our encounter with Christ. We hope these pamphlets allow you and your family grow a little more in understanding the love of God, in each other and the world around us. Pamphlets can be found in the gathering space, please help yourselves.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts"
Psalm 28:7



CRS Rice Bowls

Lent is coming! Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the gathering space. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Catholic Service Appeal

In today's Gospel story, Jesus cleanses a leper with the words, "Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). The faith of this leper moves God to give him the outward cleanliness he sought. This healing would allow him to re-enter Jewish society, from which he had been cast out.

Jesus says he came that "they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He didn't just come to cleanse the outside, like the Pharisees, who "cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish" (Luke 11:39). He came to renew all of us, outside and in.

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you. Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you" (Luke 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly. Our Catholic Services Appeal is in full swing and encourage you to take this opportunity to help us help others. Use the QR code to give online, visit hope.archspm.org, or use the envelopes that are available on the table in the gathering space.



**Scan here to
donate to the 2024
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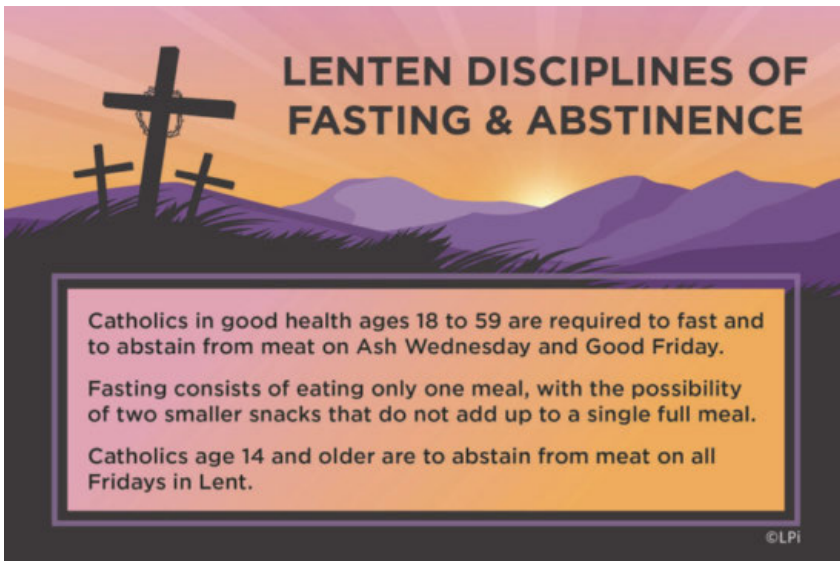


SYNOD SCOOP

Join a small group this Lent to encounter Jesus anew, expand our parish community and meet new people! Meetings are 1.5 hours with an emphasis on praise and song, sharing, teaching with discussion and prayer. See the bulletin insert for details on small group options and sign up information.

Meals on Wheels

St. Ignatius is responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels this month! **There are still openings.** Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering, you can use the link for Sign Up Genius on the parish website or call Jen Filek at 612-743-9108. Remember you need a background check to volunteer. You may complete the background check at Senior Dining if you haven't done so already.



Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Encounter the Holy Spirit Retreat

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to enrich your Lenten Season by reflecting on the quality of Unity in our lives. **Saturday, February 24th** at the Church of St. Michael in St. Michael, from 8am-12pm, we are holding a retreat that begins with Mass and includes inspiring talks, prayer, music and adoration. Two Dominican Sisters from St. Croix Catholic School will explore with us the question of 'How does Unity Look in a Divided World?' The retreat is based on the book, "God is Near Us: The Eucharist, The Heart of Life," by Pope Benedict XVI. Confessions starting at 8am. The cost is \$20, light breakfast included. Youth are welcome! Family rates available.

Central Minnesota Koinonia Retreat

A weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held **March 1-3, 2024**, more info at www.centralmnkoinonia.org

Men of Christ- Rising Daily in Discipleship

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference on Saturday, **March 23 from 9am to 3pm**. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. For more info call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Oberg	Wayne Dearing
Joseph Niznik	Ronda O'Brien
Mike Meyer	Russ Fortner
Lynnea Stay	James Utecht
Katelyn Busch	Mary Malachuk
Herman Wittsack	Jason Mitchell
Mary Wittsack	Deb Cole
Mary Danielson	John Holker
Mark Johnson	Marlene Niewind
Paul DeMars	Karen Sommers
Julie Pelarski	Loren Frappier
Sally Phenow	Monsignor Callaghan
Reanna Braun	Janet Aretz
Lynnae Frappier	Leon Zachman
Dan Schultz	Nicki Wilson
Louise Borstad	Tanya Anderson
Nick Mares	Mary Ann Becktold
Jaden Hanson	Ed Biegler

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, February 10th

5:00 pm † Dianne Mosley

Sunday, February 11th

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

10:30 am † Larry Luetmer

Monday, February 12th

8:00 am † Margi Kronquist

Tuesday, February 13th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, February 14th

8:00 am † Harvey Fraber

7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Thursday, February 15th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Friday, February 16th

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, February 17th

5:00 pm † Elaine Manke

Sunday, February 18th

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
494 parish families

Envelopes.....\$3,312.25
Plate.....\$422.50
Auto Deposits.....\$2,245.00
Total.....\$5,979.75



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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon unless an early deadline is posted:

Bulletin submission deadline for March 3rd— February 22nd

Bulletin submission deadline for March 10th— February 27th

SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 28TH - AUGUST 1ST



Students that have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend as participants, students that have completed 6th grade and above are invited to help as volunteers. Adult volunteers will be recruited as well.



The Knights of Columbus Candlelight Dinner will be held Saturday, February 17, 2024. All are welcome Enjoy an Evening with your Spouse. Marriages will be blessed. The event will be at the 'V' in Maple Lake.

Social hour with live music begins at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. There will also be games and prizes! Back by popular demand we will be serving **Carved Prime Rib with Au Jus and Shrimp Scampi**. Tickets are \$80.00 per couple, and can be purchased by calling Al Guck 320-274-5000 or John Northenscold 320.963.3760



Olivia Frances Hagerty,
Daughter of Ryan and Jenna Hagerty,
received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on
Sunday, February 4th.
Welcome into the One Holy Catholic Church,
Olivia Frances!

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, February 10: Mardi Gras Event

Saturday, February 11: 8th grade Mass

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday
Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 18: Penance Service 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21: Food for Kidz Event
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 25: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Wednesday, February 28: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 29: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5: Care Center Mass 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 6: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Friday, March 8– Sunday, March 10:
40 Hours for Our Lord

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