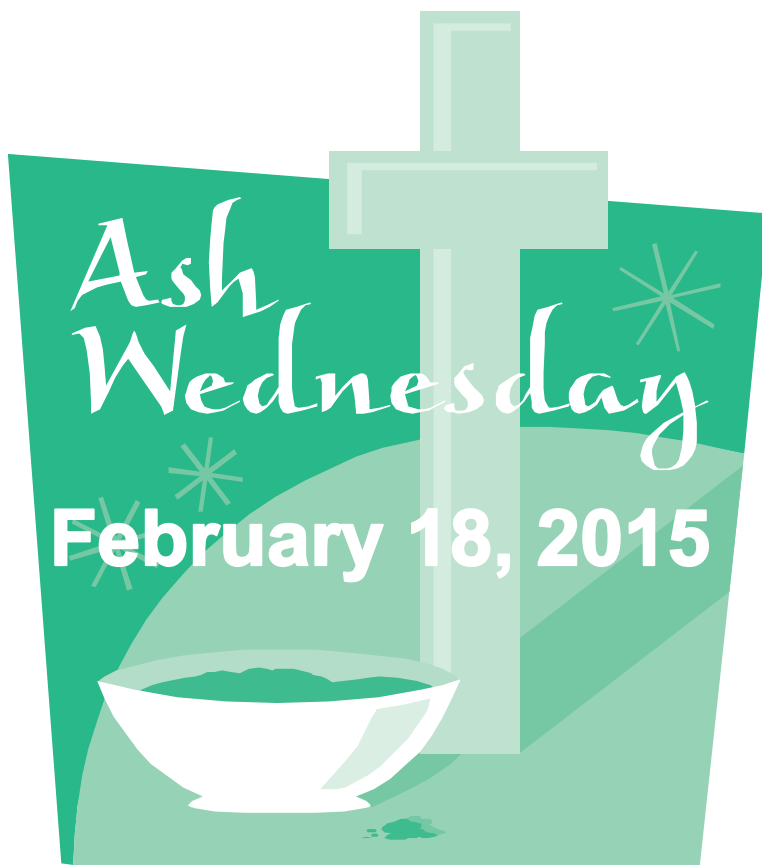


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SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 15, 2015



PRAYER ON ASH WEDNESDAY

*May this cross of ash so light,
so easily borne,
remind us of the harsher burden
You carried to Calvary.*

*May this mark,
easily washed away,
remind us of those scars
You bear to this day.*

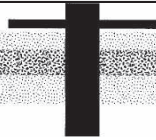
*Each day this Lent
as we struggle
to submit our wills to You,
remind us
of Your perfect obedience,
even to death on the cross.*

*May Your example
be the light
that shines on the path
of this Lenten journey.*

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 of LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18th, with Masses offered at St. Mary Church at 7AM and 7PM. Ministry server schedules are listed on page 4a of the bulletin flap. If you are unable to serve please call for substitute and then call the office.

EVENING MASS during Lent will be offered on Thursday evenings at 7PM, at St. Mary Church beginning on February 19th. Daily Masses are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30AM. On Mondays a Communion Service is offered.

THE ROSARY is prayed daily after the 7:30AM Mass and at 7:40AM on Sundays, at St. Mary Church. This devotion in honor of Mary is another way to celebrate the major events of Christ's life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS and BENEDICTION will be held each Friday, beginning February 20th, at 7PM, at St. Mary Church.

CONFESSION SCHEDULES are as follows:


- ⊕ Sundays at 7:30AM at St. Mary Church
- ⊕ Thursday evenings during Lent at 6:30PM at St. Mary Church (February 19th-March 26th)
- ⊕ Saturday, March 7th, at 11AM at St. Mary Church
- ⊕ Saturday, March 14th & 21st, 3:30-4:15PM at St. Patrick Church
- ⊕ Wednesday, March 25th, "Be Reconciled" at St. Mary Church. Times to be announced.

DURAND ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES will be held on Wednesdays, 12-1:00PM, at Durand United Methodist Church, beginning February 25th. Each of the churches of the DEC (Cornerstone Foursquare, St. Mary/St. Patrick, Trinity Lutheran, United Methodist) will alternate preparing the simple meal and providing a short Lenten reflection. In the event of a weather related school closing, the lunch will be cancelled.

OPERATION RICE BOWL 'Hungering for the Journey'

Join our parish community —and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States —in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Cardboard Rice Bowls may be found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance to the church. Visit crsricebowl.org for more info. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives— for instance, \$1/day for 40 days of Lent means 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer, 3 months of clean water for 4 families. 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world and 25% supports local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our Rockford Diocese.

ECUMENAL EASTER FOOD BASKETS will be delivered to those in need in our local area on March 28th. There will be a collection of non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies beginning this week through March 22nd. Items may be placed in the baskets at the entrance to the church.

 **CHECK IT OUT..** Inserted in the bulletin this week is a list of the new Lighthouse CDs available. Take a moment to check out this new selection for Lent.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

>>BE PART OF THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT IN YOUR HOME. You can make a difference in the cause of life— whether it is contraception, abortion, the elderly, the handicapped, immigrants, assisted suicide or the other causes that disrespect life— an action by you can make a difference. Our Parish Respect Life Ministry is forming an email tree by which you can do this. Sign up cards are in the pews as well as on the parish website. Please fill out the information and return by Monday, February 23rd. Let's get involved!!

>>ST. ANNE'S CCW DUES PAYMENT of \$10.00 will be accepted throughout this month. Payment may be placed in the collection basket at any weekend Mass or mailed to the Parish Office at 606 W. Main St., Durand, IL 61024. Please remember to include your name with payment.

>>PLEASE PICK UP DISHES in the kitchen at St. Mary Church from recent receptions and luncheons. Thank you.

>>THE PARISH SECRETARY will be out of the office February 11th-18th. The office will be closed this coming Monday, February 16th, in observance of President's Day and Tuesday, February 17th.

>>THE RELIGIOUS ED COORDINATOR will be out of the office February 20th-28th.

VISITATION PROGRAM



The Visitation Ministry group of St. Mary/St. Patrick will be doing just that...visiting those who would enjoy a little conversation, or perhaps a card game or board game. We would be happy to visit with you and enjoy spending some time talking & visiting. If you would like a social visit from us, please contact Judy at the Parish Office at 815/248-2490, and arrangements will be made. We would love to hear from you.

'SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY RESULTS (REPEAT)

The 8th grade Confirmation class would like to thank the parishioners from the bottom of their heart for helping us in our effort to help stock the shelves of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry. Our *Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday* collection of non-perishable goods and money was very successful— *with additional donations coming in the following week after the blizzard.* 39 items were collected for the Patriots to win, 35 for the Seahawks, but the overall winner was St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry with 65 items. Total monetary amount was \$393.65, just \$44.25 under last year's collection total. These funds will be used by St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide food vouchers enabling families to purchase additional items such as milk, bread, fruit, cheese & meat. Many hungry people will be helped from your generosity. Thank you.

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Deacon Steve Pulkrabek will facilitate the Adult Education class, *Preparing for Lent*, this Sunday, February 15th, 9-10:00AM, at St. Mary Church Hall.



Plan to join us for an interesting hour of information. Refreshments will be served.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
CLASSES WILL BE HELD
FEBRUARY 15TH and RESUME on MARCH 1st.
MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE
March 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.**

KN-12 9-10:15AM Preschool 10:30AM

PARENTS: REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER FOR IMPORTANT & TIMELY INFORMATION.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

Students in second grade are preparing to receive the Eucharist. The Parent and Student meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, 6-7:30PM at St. Mary Church. At least one parent is expected to attend. Student interviews will be held on March 15th, during RE class.

LENTE RECONCILIATION

Religious education students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during class. Grades 7-12 will receive on March 15th and grades 2-6 will receive on March 22nd. Students should go to their classroom for attendance and then go to the church.

DIOCESAN CHASTITY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM will be taught on Sunday, March 1, 2015 for students in grades PK-8. Parents should call Terry with questions.

DONATIONS FOR EASTER BASKETS

The 4th grade RE students will be collecting paper goods, laundry & dish soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and body soap the month of March for the Ecumenical Easter baskets. The deadline for donations is March 22nd. Donations may be left in the 4th grade classroom or in the baskets at St Mary & St. Patrick Churches.



PARISH PRAYER TREE

Our Parish Prayer Tree offers a network of support and prayers not only for our parish, but for the community at large. Requests may be called to Mary Borgmann at 815/865-5555 or Margie Flynn at 815/494-4288.

Please remember our homebound parishioners and those currently in Medina Manor Center, along with Heidi Benda, Terry Brogan, Dave Brown, Claire Converse, Kevin Davis, Derek & family, Eddie Devore, Fred Devore, Ilene Diepenbrock, Ralph & Lynn Dulyea, Diane Fabris, Jennifer Cacciatore Gentzel, Jennifer Hicks, Kurt Janisch, Tony & Dee Jason, Al Jose, Bill Kibble, Carolyn Kneip, Eileen Krug, Rose Landers, Ed & Joanne Litke, Keith & Laurie Ludolph, Theresa Mikosz, Cindy Miller, Marge Morris, Anthony Neuzil, Barb Neuzil, Kelli Palmer, Raymond Piccioli, Jozie Pobjecky, Marianne Reier, Jimmy Rogers, Loretta Sanders, Jean Smith, Dennis Shippy, Laurie Slocum, Sue Sterlinski, Bob Trocke, Marion Vencill, Laurie Walsh, Steve Walsh, David & Laura Welter, Carolyn Trickle, Ron Wise, Jr., Joanne Powell- daughter of Jack & Judy Stender, Linda Faessler and Agnes Kramar.

Remember our servicemen and women currently serving, and include Nic Blum, Karl Ciecko, Will Francis, Lucas Graves, Dean Harris, Rev. Bob Keener, Landon Ketchum, Zeth Willard, and Charlie Wojcik.

If you or your loved one no longer needs our prayers please let us know so we can keep our Prayer List current. Please call the parish office at 815/248-2490, with any changes. We appreciate your help.



"With gratitude to our faith family for your continuous prayers for our grandson, Eddie. He was born July 11, 2014, with Hypoplastic left heart syndrome. He had his second surgery in early December. Thanks be to God he came home on December 23rd and was able to celebrate his first Christmas with his family. He will require a third surgery around 3 years of age. This is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness week (February 7th-14th). A baby is born in the United States every 15 minutes with a congenital heart defect. Thank you again for your prayers." The Devore family

ASH WEDNESDAY



RULES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

FASTING is to be observed by those 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other smaller, meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and juice are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age or over. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. It forbids the eating of meat and foods prepared with meat or meat by-products on Ash Wednesday and on all of the Fridays of Lent. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply. When in doubt concerning fast & abstinence the parish priest should be consulted. (CCC 1251-1252)

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 18th) and GOOD FRIDAY (April 3rd) are DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Prepare to enter into the true spirit of the Lenten season with motivational speaker Carol Sullivan. Carol is a spiritual director, retreat leader and dynamic Christian motivational speaker from the Milwaukee, WI area. "*Spiritual Toolbox..Building Our Prayer Life*" will be presented on Tuesday, February 17th, at 7PM, at St. Bernadette Church, 2400 Bell Ave., Rockford, IL. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. For more information call Mary Ellen at 815/323-2303.

PARISH MISSION ON DIVINE MERCY

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 229 W. Washington Place, Freeport, IL is sponsoring a Parish Mission Sunday, March 1st through Tuesday, March 3rd. Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, will be the featured speaker. He will be preaching all Masses along with a 7PM presentation each evening. For more information contact Cynthia Saar at csaar2002@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

- Feb. 18 7:00AM Dave Waller
- Feb. 18 7:00PM Terry Polizzi
- Feb. 19 7:00PM Oscar Geronimo
- Feb. 21 4:30PM Marcia Flynn
- Feb. 22 8:00AM Dick Mulcahey
- Feb. 22 10:30AM Steve Pulkrabek
- Feb. 26 7:00PM Rosemary Pelter

LECTORS

- Feb. 18 7:00AM Terry Miller
- Feb. 18 7:00PM Mike Schiffman
- Feb. 19 7:00PM Kathy Lenhardt
- Feb. 21 4:30PM Polly Stache
- Feb. 22 8:00AM Greg Ryan
- Feb. 22 10:30AM Dan McCullough
- Feb. 26 7:00PM Charlene Miller

USHERS

- Feb. 18 7:00AM Bill Walsh, Carl Kasper
- Feb. 18 7:00PM Shirlee Jasien, Wayne Plasmier
- Feb. 21 4:30PM John & Nancy Lund
- Feb. 22 8:00AM Jim Schneider & Bob Nielsen
- Feb. 22 10:30AM S. Sutherland, L. Sutherland

ALTAR SERVERS

- Feb. 18 7:00AM Garrett & Jesse Miller
- Feb. 18 7:00PM Stephen Conroy, Brock Risser
- Feb. 19 7:00PM Brooke & Kasey Sutherland
- Feb. 20 7:00PM E. Clark & M. Robertson
- Feb. 21 4:30PM Evan Flynn
- Feb. 22 8:00AM E. Vormezeele, E. Wheeler
- Feb. 22 10:30AM Brooke & Kasey Sutherland
- Feb. 26 7:00PM Grace & Lauryn Sutherland
- Feb. 27 7:00PM Robbie Sadler & Brady Dolan

COLLECTION COUNTERS

- Feb. 22 Michael & Carol Rosko
Fran Waller, Denise Starnes

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION TOTALS

	2014	2015
Sunday Envelopes:.....	\$5809.50	\$7234.00
Sunday Offertory:.....	\$331.00	\$395.00
Student Stewardship:.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building maintenance:.....		\$25.00
Fuel:.....		\$160.00
Christmas:.....		\$100.00



Mass Intentions

- Saturday, Feb. 14**
 4:30PM (SP) Kathryn & Ambrose Schwab
- Sunday, Feb. 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00AM (SM) In Thanksgiving
 10:30AM (SM) People of the Parish
- Monday, Feb. 16**
 7:30AM (SM) Communion Service
- Tuesday, Feb. 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
 7:30AM(SM) +Elwood Kramar
- Wednesday, Feb. 18—Ash Wednesday**
7:00AM(SM) People of the Parish
7:00PM (SM) +The Kantor family
- Thursday, Feb. 19**
7:00PM(SM) +Kathryn McDonald
- Friday, Feb. 20**
 7:30AM(SM) Special Intention
- Saturday, Feb. 21**
 4:30PM (SP) +Veronica Genovese
- Sunday, Feb. 22—First Sunday of Lent**
 8:00AM (SM) People of the Parish
 10:30AM (SM) +Ed & Ann Meyers
 +Mary Beth Pandolfo
- (SM) =St. Mary-Durand
 (SP) =St. Patrick-Irish Grove

MEMORIAL CANDLE INTENTIONS



Lighting candles is an ancient practice that we continue to honor today. A lit candle signifies the hope we have in our hearts and the prayers we are offering for a particular intention. In our parish we have two special ways of burning candles for the sake of prayer. Seven day candles burn before the **Tabernacle** and the **Icon of St. Mary** in St. Mary Church. They are available to be lighted for your intention & burn for one week. While we do ask for a donation of \$10.00, cost should not be a prohibiting factor. Please call the parish office at 815/248-2490, to schedule.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

- Feb. 15th-Feb. 21st +Kaitlyn Miller
 Feb. 22nd-Feb. 28th +Kaitlyn Miller

MARY ICON

- Feb. 15th-Feb. 21st +Ruth Kneip

LENT CHANGES THINGS

Alms change our spending habits from earth to heaven. Fasting changes our eating habits from fleshy indulgence to spiritual satisfaction. Prayer changes our attitude from self-importance to humility. So what we get from Lent is not simply a change of liturgical cycles. We get a change of heart, a change of attitude, a change of life.



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