

## Second Sunday of Lent

February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

### Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Robert Pudvah by Hib & Claire Doe

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – For The People

### Mon., March 1<sup>st</sup> – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

### Tues, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Gasper Cangelosi by The Heter Family

### Wed., March 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Frances Horner by Amy Marcinko

### Thurs., March 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Casimir

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession

6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Mary & Andrew Thompson by Mandy Guilmette

### FIRST Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

6:30 p.m. – All Saints – Stations of the Cross

### FIRST Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – First Saturday Devotional Prayers

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

### Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Alfred Joseph Potvin by Larry Pudvah

10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions

10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Karen Balezos

**Please Pray For:** Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Terry Kneen, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Gloria Weld, Steven Tracy, Gerry Seewaldt, Alexander Walter, Geoff Jackson, Sandy Paquette, the recently deceased, and all Soldiers.

To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

## Receipts: February 21, 2021

### All Saints Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,440.00

Offertory	722.00
Home Missions	65.00
Vt. Cath. Charities deGoesbriand Appeal (Ash Wed.)	132.00
Donations \$130; On-Line Receipts for January \$315	445.00
Chili Take-Out on Saturday, 02/20	330.00
Votive Candles	104.30

### St. Isidore Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$705.00

Offertory	568.00
Home Missions	95.00
Vt. Cath. Charities deGoesbriand Appeal (Ash Wed.)	204.00
Eastern Europe (\$15), Foodshelf (\$20) & Energy \$10	45.00
Donations	400.00

**Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!**

## Second Collection:

February 28: Energy \*\*\*\*\* March 7: Food Shelf

## Calendar of Events:

~Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study on St. Mark at the

Rectory from 6-7:30pm with Armand Auclair

~Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore @4pm

~Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 5:45pm

Please come. Our world needs our prayers

~Fri., March 5<sup>th</sup>: Stations of the Cross at All Saints @6:30pm

~Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: First-Saturday Devotional Prayers

~Sunday Mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy

Rosary

## Christ Our Hope Campaign

Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 02/09/2021)

All Saints – \$14,392 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 19%

St. Isidore – \$11,360 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 28%

*Thank you for supporting our bulletin:*

*Sylvester's Market*

*Main Street, Montgomery, Ctr., VT*

*802-326-4561*

*www.sylvestersmarket.com*

## Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent:

St. Isidore – 4:00 pm and All Saints – 6:30 pm

St. Anthony – 7:00 pm and St. John the Baptist – 7:00 pm

*Looking for someone to clean the Dorion Hall for a couple of hours a week or as needed.*

*Please call the office for more details or if you are interested – 848-7741*

*Thank You to all who volunteered to make chili, cornbread and brownies for last Saturday's take-out event, and of course also to all who came. All Saints generated \$330 from this fundraiser. Our Parish Family is Great!*

## March 4<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Casimir

St. Casimir is the patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania. He was born in 1458 or 1460, the third of thirteen children of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, daughter of Albert II of Habsburg. He was born on October 3, 1460, in the royal palace at Cracow, Poland. The young prince was trained in spirituality and displayed holiness at an early age. When Casimir IV ordered Casimir to lead an army against King Matthias I Corvinus of Hungary in 1471, he refused. Casimir believed an attempt to seize the Hungarian throne was unjust and refused to take part in it. He was confined to the castle of Dzoki as punishment, and there he refused as well to marry, as his father commanded. When his father was away from Poland from 1479-1483, Casimir served as regent of the nation. Casimir died of consumption on March 4 while visiting Grodno, Lithuania. Buried at Vilnius, Lithuania, his tomb became famed for miracles, and he was canonized in 1522 by Pope Adrian VI. Casimir is also patron of the Knights of St. John and is invoked against enemies of Poland and the faith.

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel

*"I am disgusted with the world. God in His mercy has opened my eyes to the fact of vanitas vanitatis, and as He has made me see the vile emptiness of this earth, I look to Him — the God of Love — in hope. He will not leave me to despair because of the dreariness of all the joys that cannot satisfy my heart. He is the God of Love, and pitying me, He will open my eyes still more and discover to me the joyful, true depths of all the things invisible. 'Show Thy face and we shall be saved; let Thy voice sound in my ears. For Thy voice is sweet, and show Thy face exceedingly beautiful.'* —St. Katharine Drexel

### March 4<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Casimir

Ever since the Three Kings came to leave their gifts at the altar of the crib in Bethlehem, our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, has drawn generations of nobles, kings, and emperors to Himself, and wise men still seek Him. Such was St. Casimir, Prince of Poland. Any true search is open to finding. A search that begins with the premise that it will never find, or never end, is not really a search. It's just wandering. A true searcher must be a finder. How many people claim to be searching for the truth, for God, for meaning! Yet when they unearth the elusive treasure, open it up, and see its contents, they are disappointed and move along to search for something else. Why? Perhaps because the treasure made moral demands on them, or required that prior life decisions be repudiated or modified. Saint Casimir searched for God as a child and youth, and his search unearthed a treasure very early on. The fullness of ancient traditions were imparted to him from a young age by his teachers, especially by holy and learned priests who were like second fathers to him. Casimir learned to love the Lord's Passion, the Sacraments, the Virgin Mary, and the Church. These loves deepened as he grew into adulthood. He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence, and died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

*"(St Casimir's) life of purity and prayer beckons you to practice your faith with courage and zeal, to reject the deceptive attractions of modern permissive society and to live your convictions with fearless confidence and joy."*  
~ St John Paul in 1984, to Lithuanian pilgrims

### The Joy of the Good Thief, Crucified with Jesus

Not only to repentant sinners does the Heart of Jesus address these words: *"Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."* When the soul is in a state of grace, it knows well that the kingdom of God is within itself. Jesus realizes His promise: *"If any love Me, My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and take up Our abode in him."* To be with Jesus is a paradise, even in this world. If Jesus be with us, no enemy can hurt us. He who lives without Jesus is miserably poor; but he who possesses Him is very rich. Be humble and peaceful, and Jesus will be with you; be fervent and gentle, and Jesus will dwell with you. You cannot be happy without loving and being loved; but if Jesus is not above all in your heart, you will be oppressed with chagrin and sadness. In practice I understand little what it is to love Jesus above all things. If I examine my heart, I find it full of the world and of self. Dissipation, frivolity, love of the world, vanity, sensuality, and caprice— these are the springs which govern my actions from morning till night. O divine Heart of Jesus, make Thyself known and loved by Thy poor servant! Teach me the simplicity which leads to Thee alone by an upright intention; teach me the purity of heart which loves and tastes Thee in all things. Ah, when Thou art about to visit my soul in the Holy Communion, say to it in the early morning, *"This day thou shalt be with Me in paradise."*



### Here I am, Lord, now what do I do?

For the next few weeks we're hoping to take reflect on the parts of the Mass. We're here first and foremost to praise God, but with a better understanding of the Mass we can also hope to get more out of it.

Our walk with Christ through the Mass begins at the door of the church. Saint Ambrose (c.340–397AD), in his writing, *De mysteriis* (On the

Mysteries), describes a pre-baptismal practice of the early church where the catechumen openly rejects the devil. St. Ambrose writes:

*"After this the Holy of holies was opened to you, you entered the sanctuary of regeneration; recall what you were asked, and remember what you answered. You renounced the devil and his works, the world with its luxury and pleasures. That utterance of yours is preserved not in the tombs of the dead, but in the book of the living ... You entered, then, that you might discern your adversary, whom you were to renounce as it were to his face, then you turned to the east; for he who renounces the devil turns to Christ, and beholds Him face to face."*

Taking a cue from this practice, when we enter the church building for Mass (in the pre-covid days), we reached for the holy water to bless ourselves, calling to mind the moment of our baptism, when we became children of God. We turned our backs on the devil and our faces to Christ. Similarly now, on entering the church we leave the devil and the world behind, and turning our faces to Jesus, truly and substantially present in the Tabernacle, we bless ourselves, gratefully remembering that we belong to Christ, and, desiring to spend time with Him, we greet Him as our King by genuflecting toward Him in His home in the Tabernacle, hoping that He will make His home also in our hearts.

Next, we find a place in the church where we can kneel or sit in prayer. How much we'd like to say to God; now is a privileged time to be alone with Him! It's often helpful to begin with prayers that we've memorized, but then we can move toward simply speaking to Him. Tell Him of your struggles and ask Him for His help. Examine your conscience and be sorry for your sins. Are they venial or mortal? Decide if you're able to receive Holy Communion, or do you need to make a sacramental Confession first – there might still be time for this, or maybe you can approach the Priest after Mass. *'O most loving Heart, I beseech Thee put an end to the reign of self-love in my soul. Come and make Thy dwelling there, and I will listen to Thy voice, and hear Thee utter those sweet words, "If thou wilt, thou shalt be with Me in paradise."*

Count up the many blessings you've received since your last visit, and thank Him. Bring before Him those people who you want Him to especially bless, and recall the sacrifices that you've done for love of Him. All these things: your praise of Him, your thanksgiving, your needs, etc. are things to be offered up to God, along with the Sacrifice of Christ; now is a good time to get those ready, so that at the time of the offertory you might send them, along with your heart to the altar.

We also want to listen to God. Jesus said: *It was not you who chose Me, but I chose you.* We're here at the church because we've answered the call that comes first from Christ; He has something to say to you in particular. Give Him time to speak. Knowing that He often speaks through the Scripture readings, it's good to review these ahead of time. He also speaks through the homily or sermon. Ask God to speak to you through these: *Speak Lord, for Thy servant is listening.*

These are some of the things with which we might occupy ourselves as we're waiting for Mass to begin.