

Notes from Barb!

- ✘ Today's special collection will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Envelopes are at the church entrance and can be put in the regular collection
- ✘ Next week's special collection will be for Black & Indian Missions.
- ✘ Thanks to all who shop Kroger and use Community Rewards, we have received \$85.51!
- ✘ The Fundraising Committee is taking donations of gift cards for the Gift Card Raffle. We are asking families to approach at least one place where you do business to see if they will donate a gift card. Gift cards will be available at Coffee & Donuts.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46* Making Misery Public

Lepers lived in misery. At the time of Moses, people showing symptoms of leprosy had to present themselves to Aaron the priest. If he diagnosed that they had contracted the disease, the law had very specific expectations. They had to live apart from everyone else, wear tattered garments, keep their head exposed, and cry out, "Unclean!" wherever they went.

Having an illness is bad enough. But calling attention to it is worse. Most of us try to hide our conditions. We medicate ourselves before going to work. We apply makeup over blemishes. We conceal hair loss. We prefer to have people think we're "normal". We don't want them to stare. We don't want them to know.

Lepers could not do that. Their contagion threatened the life of the community. Defeated by illness, embarrassed by publicity, shamed by society, they lived in misery.

Still, they observed what the law required. They made their condition public. They did it in service to others, who needed to know.

We all have something wrong with us. We get very skilled at hiding it. But sometimes it helps people to know. It may help them know they are not alone. It can help them help us overcome the feelings of defeat.

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February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	February 11	February 18
Lector	Caleb Fleschner	Reagan Taylor
Server	Owen Ramsey	Dallas Thralls
Gift Bearers	Wyrick Family	Bennett Family
Ushers	Nick Savant & Tom McKinney	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey
Eucharistic Ministers	Lana Thralls & Carol Cummins	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney
Counters	Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick	Bob & Patty Kane
Cleaners	Sheila Stultz & Linda Dubois	Off week

Mass Intentions:
 February 11 Shirley Rogier
 February 18 Casey Quast

Prayers Please for:
 David Auterson, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Lou Ann Wake, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Jane Frazier, Regina Crowell, John Finley, Ray Veit, Dorene Rude, Clara Maywell, Jennifer Faulkner, Crystal Mondell. Tony Perrelle, Jr, Patrick O'Sullivan (Saudi Arabia)
 Please let Barb know if any of these people can be removed from the list.

Finance Report			
	Feb. 4	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$2955	\$2308	Latin America \$55
Galvin Fund Donations	\$455	\$ 115	Criterion \$100

LENT
 Lent begins on Wednesday! There will be a communion service with distribution of ashes here at 5:30pm or Sacred Heart at 11 am.
 We will have Scripture & Supper on the Tuesdays of Lent. We will begin with prayer in the church at 6pm and then adjourn to Galvin Hall to share a pitch-in supper.
 You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart.
 On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.
 Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.



\$\$\$ Fundraising \$\$\$
ST. MARYS VILLAGE CHURCH
 Gift Card Raffle
 We are now taking donations. Tickets will be available March 2, 2024 and drawing will take place May 5, 2024

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Thanks to all who came to Super Bowl Bingo!
Coffee & Donuts... We need volunteers for April 7. Barb picks up the donuts. You just need to make coffee & pick up milk.
 Celebrate your anniversary! The date for the **25+ and 50+ anniversary party** is March 17th. If you have not already done so, please get your anniversary dates to Barb as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday
Birthday Blessing to:
 James Holbert 2-16 David Wegner 2-17
 Kay Jatczak 2-18 Mandee Thralls 2-18

