

# DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS

St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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**Mission Statement :** Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

**FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024**

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

## WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God , who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*Collect of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. **Foryourmarriage.org**



## NEW MESSAGE SERIES

### **Grow Through What You Go Through**

Our message series "Grow Through What You Go Through" taps into our parishes' mission statement (we strive to grow), and our hopes for a better life in this new year. It also recognizes that the hardships that we face can actually help us grow. This invitation to growth comes through our Lord and Savior , Jesus, as we encounter him in the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark.

**This week: The joy of salvation.** The designation "clean" and "unclean" had to do with entering God's presence for worship. The leper's healing was more than physical, and so is ours when Jesus reaches out to us!

**Scripture: Mark 1:41** He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it; be made clean."

**Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 10th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Children & Grandchildren (Mom/Gigi~ Cheryl Boston)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Dean Benedetta (Lindy & Jack)

**Sunday, February 11th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Melissa Kotson (Rita Zaborek)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. John's & St.

Mary's

**Monday, February 12th**

6:00p.m. (SJ) + A. Richard St. John (Wife & Daughters)

16 years deceased

**Tuesday, February 13th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + Ronda Lynn Magyar (Terry Magyar)

**\*\*\*Wednesday, February 14th, Ash Wednesday/Happy**

**Valentines Day**

**8:00a.m.** (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St.

Mary's

**12:05p.m.** (SJ) + Rhea Rose (Julie Curran/Jeanne Busack)

**6:00p.m.** (SM) + Susan Falbo (David & Ann Sommers)

**Thursday, February 15th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + Rita Bowman (Carol Le Masters/Cathy

Russell)

**Friday, February 16th**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Theresa Velkovich (Harry & Patricia

Bellevage)

**Saturday, February 17th**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Scarnechia Family)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Richard Cope (Wife & Family)

**Sunday, February 18th**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Donald & Joy Sadowski (Elva Atkinson/

Lola Olexa)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St.

John's



**Lord, bless and protect those serving our country,** especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno,

Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt.

Christopher Wetzell, Lance Corporal Zachary

Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko,

HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron

Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt.

Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak,

Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan

Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt. Zachary Popovich, Lance

Cpl. John Morgan, Jr., Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer

Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff

Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Corporal Vincent J. Kolenich

II, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, Sgt. Evangeline Kotson,

PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty

Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beverdidge, Lance

Cpl. Keenan Cook



**ST MARY'S FISH FRY**

Please join us at our Frish Fry, Every Friday until March 22nd, 11:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.

Accepting donations of soft drinks in cans, bottled water, paper towels, napkins and zip type sandwich bags. To order call 740-340-5061. Thank You!

**Offertory Collection**

**For the Weekend of February 4/5**

**St. Mary's:** Adult (53env) \$2,040, Loose \$129, Solemnity of Mary (1env) \$5, Propagation of Faith (8env) \$126, Ash Wednesday (1env) \$20, Rice Bowl (1env) \$20, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$20, Grade School (2env) \$25, Building Fund (4env) \$65, Food Pantry (4env) \$21, Candles \$127

**St. John's:** Adult (101env) \$6,192, Loose \$226, Propagation of Faith (4env) \$50, St. Vincent de Paul (8env) \$108, CWC Dues (3env) \$15, Building Fund (3env) \$30, Priest Retirement (1env) \$150, Candles \$208



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**PRAYER LIST**

**Please Note:** *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names*

*will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Lawrence Lotz, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Courtney Kosky Johns, Pat Tedeschi, Natalie Zimmerman, Ed and Rose Grammar, Irene Lloyd, Susan Gray, Matthew McMahon, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Bryan Grimm, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Christian White, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Sandy Fijalkowski, Ted Corder, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Gilbert Patt, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Brie Griffen, Chris Adams, Ferdinand Creutz, Adolph Knackstedt, Hart Brader, Rev. Sergey Loktionov OFM, Rev. Dave Burrell CSC, Rev. Temesgen Petros SDB, Rev. Aziz Halaweh, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, Debbie Respole, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Sally Traversa, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Herk Sparachane, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Margaret Biernot, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, James Jeter, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, Dan Busack, John Hanasky, Anna Johnson, Beverly, Beau Boston



**Ministers for the Weekend of February 17/18**

**St. John's**

February 17th **EM** L. Kiss

**Lector :** D. Respole

February 18th **EM:** M.A. Young

**Lector :** L.A. Bennett

**St. Mary's**

February 17th **EM:** Volunteer

**Lector :** I Louda

February 18th **EM:** T. Mowery

**Lector :** M. Kernik



**Transitional Deacon**

This weekend we welcome **Reverend Brother Will Shee, T.O.R.**, a transitional deacon, who will be assisting at our parishes on two weekends a month for the next three months in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood in June. Brother Will is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. Brother Will resides at the friary on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville.

**Rev. Bro. Will Shee, TOR**

Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular

**About Brother Will**

Hometown: Calvin, PA

Year professed/ordained:

- Entered the Franciscan Community: 2017

- Professed Vows: 2019

- Ordained: Deacon - November 2023

**What did you do or consider doing before entering the community?**

Even before college, I was pretty sure I was going to study chemistry at the graduate level. It was what I went to St. Francis University (Loreto, PA) to study, and I really didn't know about the friars or even religious life until I began undergrad at St. Francis.

**What drew you to the TOR friars?**

As I got to know the friars, I realized there was something about the way they lived and carried themselves that I wanted in my own life. There was a sense of freedom about the friars, a freedom that was a result of holiness and prayer. I began thinking about what it would be like for me to be a friar, and began more serious discernment my senior year of college.

**What are some hobbies you enjoy?**

I enjoy playing piano, and music in general. I also enjoy reading. I'm always looking for creative ways to make coffee, from the French press to the vacuum press.

**Favorite saint and why:**

I like St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila especially because of their spiritual writings. Their emphasis on simplicity and contemplation resonates with the Franciscan tradition. Their writings make the spiritual life come alive and offer a lot to pray with.

**Favorite Bible verse:**

Rom. 5:5: "Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

**Advice to discerning men:**

I think the most important thing for me when discerning was to develop my prayer life. I think that if someone focuses on prayer, God will let them know his will in their lives in a way they will understand and that will give them peace. Having a spiritual director also helped develop my prayer life and discern and follow God's calling.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new

heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "**If you will it, you can make me clean.**" At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "**moved with compassion.**" The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

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**St. Mary's Grade School News**

St. Mary Central School is selling **Easter candy from Sarris Candy**. Sarris is offering online ordering as well with free shipping on all orders with no minimum purchase needed, however, there is a \$5.00 handling fee. Anyone interested in ordering candy can get on the website [www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com](http://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com), click on Online Ordering, go to Products then Master Sheet Easter 2024. From there you can put in our Group ID# 10-0304 and place your order. It will be delivered directly to you and our school receives a 25% profit.



**Night at the Races – Saturday, February 17, 2024**, at St. Mary Central School Gym, Martins Ferry.

Name and enter your own horse in a race - \$15.00. Forms are available in the church vestibule. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Races begin at 7:15 p.m. Submit form and payment ASAP to the school office so you don't miss out. The 100 horses sell like hotcakes! You may call the school office at 740-633-5424 for more info.



### JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY

This Lent we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us. Please join us on Sunday, February 25, 4-6pm in St. Mary Sartori Hall OR Monday, February 26, 1-3pm in St. John's Church Hall. *Please sign up for the session you will attend so we will have enough study material available!*

### CARING CRAFTERS NEWS

**Homeless Crisis:** Wheeling has enacted a "No Camping Ban" for the homeless. They are being moved temporarily to 18 th St. on asphalt. Some of the encampments were bulldozed, and as a result people lost all they had. Groups of advocates are reaching out for assistance in relocating and sheltering. The Caring Crafters are advocating for the them by taking donations. Envelopes can be found in the pews for monetary donations, or specific items can be found on Facebook under Street Moms. (Tents, backpacks, Long John's, sleeping bags etc). Anything will help. Let's work together to assist the unsheltered person during the coolest time if the year. If you are unable to give, please keep them in your prayers!

The **Caring Crafters** are taking orders for **Easter Wreaths**. They are \$25 each and there are 2 different ones to choose from. Wreaths and order forms are at the main entrance of both churches. The next meeting will be February 28th at 5:30p.m. Thank you for your support!

RESPECT Life



### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We have begun our Spiritual Adoption Program to pray every day over the next nine months for a baby that is in danger of abortion and his/her parents. Sign up with your name and your adopted baby's name on the sheets at the church entrances and take a copy of the daily prayer.



### HOUSE BLESSINGS

Fr. Dan is scheduling annual house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed please sign up at the church entrances and Fr. Dan will schedule a time to come and bless your home and family.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations begin this Friday at 6:30pm at St. John's!

### **Diocese of Steubenville Priests Retirement Fund Collection**

thank you for your generous response to last year's first annual collection for this purpose! It was a great start toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Plan. As we move forward now in a continued effort, envelopes for this purpose are in contribution packets. They are also available in the church. If you don't have an envelope just take a plan envelope and write "Diocesan Priests Retirement" on the outside. The collection, which is distinct from the collection for retired religious, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit, will be taken up next weekend, the of February 17th and 18th . Your continued generosity is a blessing and much appreciated. Thank you!



### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Daniel Sweetnich** and **Jim McCulley**. We offer our prayers also for the comfort of their loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*



### MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday, **March 9th** at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell, Ohio. Doors open for registration at 8:00a.m. The days consists of a Holy Hour, two presenters, a penance service, lunch, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Bradley at 2:30p.m. The speaker this year is Dr. Alan Schreck, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Franciscan University, and the theme is: *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*. Registration forms are at the church entrances. Cost to register is \$25. Children 18 and under are free.



### A LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUALITY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Saturday, **March 16th, 2024** at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. The theme will be Eucharistic Revival. The fee of \$25 is payable in advance, which covers lunch and refreshments. Make reservations through the parish office. See the brochure at the church entrances.



### "Key Components to a Healthy Marriage"

Have you had a spouse for a long time that you love, but want to love more or better? Want to set your new(ish) marriage sailing off into success? Do you have a marriage that could definitely use some work and you are ready to try something new? Tune in on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.!** Greg Schutte, a Catholic marriage counselor of Building Eucharistic Marriages, will be presenting a webinar for all of us who are married to "tune up" our marriages. Registration is free. There will be a link to register on our parish webpage and Facebook pages!





### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**First Reading:** We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as

leprosy. *How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?*

**Second Reading:** Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. *Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?*

**Gospel:** The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." *How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?* ©LPi



### BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE Pope Benedict's Encyclical "God is Love"

Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I

become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)*

### LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Present in the Eucharist

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 11, 2024



## Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



## The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



## The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

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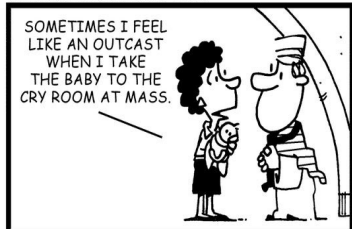
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**MASSTIMES.ORG**

Travelling? Never miss a weekend mass by finding mass times near your destination. Just go to [masstimes.org](https://masstimes.org) and enter the city, state or zip code of the place you'll be visiting. And bring Fr. Dan back a bulletin!

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent / February 18, 2024

**First Reading:** God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn 9:8-10)

**Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading:** It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

**Gospel:** He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

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CCC 394, 538-540, 2119: the temptation of Jesus

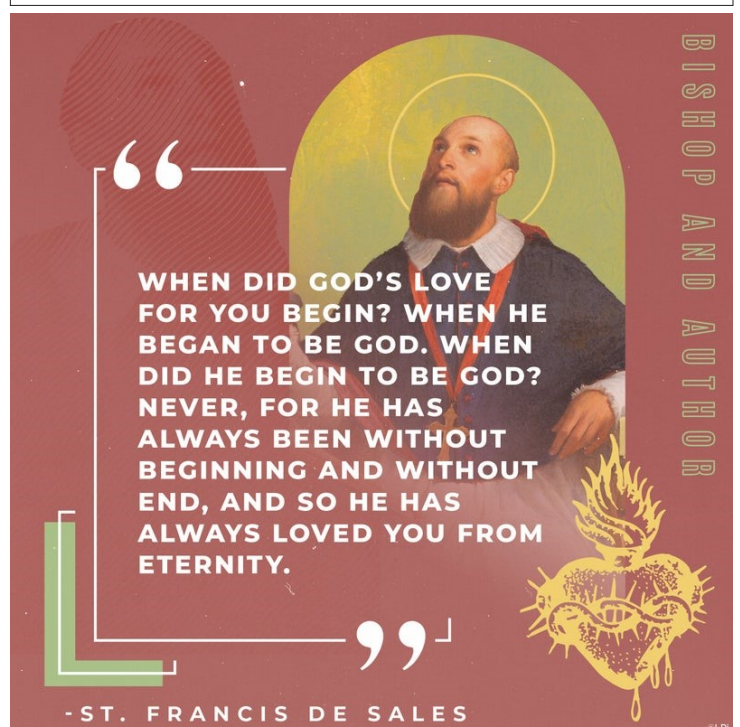
CCC 2846-2849: "Lead us not into temptation"

CCC 56-58, 71: the Covenant with Noah

CCC 845, 1094, 1219: Noah's Ark prefigures the Church and baptism

CCC 1116, 1129, 1222: Covenant and sacraments (especially baptism)

CCC 1257, 1811: God saves through baptism





## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

*“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” — Mark 1:41*  
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## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



**Every Tuesday, 9:00am-5:00pm, St. Mary Church**

Would you consider signing up for an hour or signing up to be a substitute, to fill in when regular adorers can’t be there? Please call the parish office today!

## PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

### Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Saint Vs. Blessed

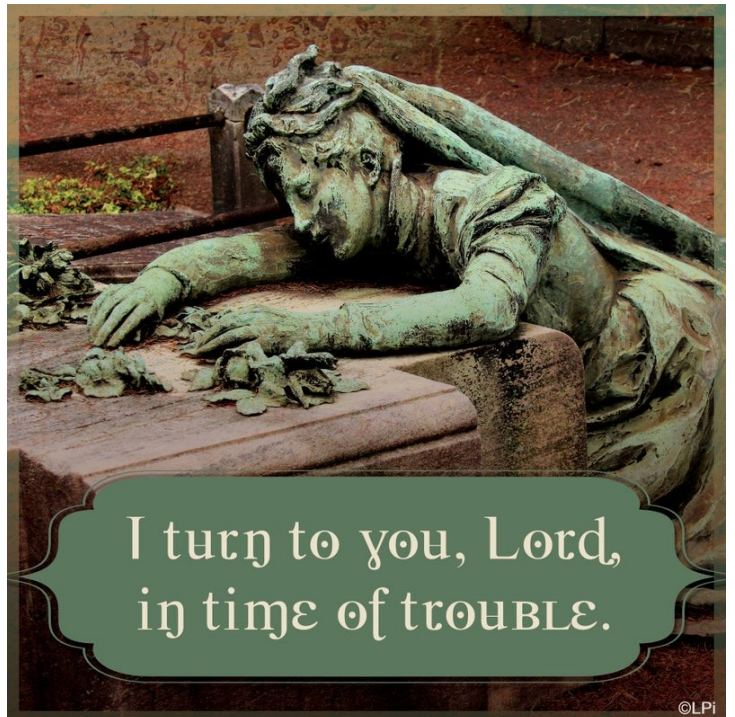
**Question:** *What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?*

**Answer:** The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)*



*I turn to you, Lord,  
in time of trouble.*



## SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

### Blessed Imelda Lambertini

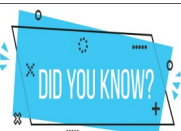
Blessed Imelda Lambertini (1322-1333) was born into nobility in Bologna, Italy. Her parents recognized her extraordinary spiritual gifts early on and, when Imelda asked to live with the Dominican sisters, they agreed and enrolled her into the Dominican convent of Val di Pietra when she was only nine years old.

From the moment she entered the convent, Imelda developed a love for the Mass and the Eucharist although, according to the tradition of the time, she was considered far too young to receive it. Despite being denied her first Communion, she would spend hours in prayer and Eucharistic adoration, frequently begging her superiors to allow her to receive the Eucharist. Sometimes, while in prayer, she was known to enter deep states of contemplation.

In May of 1333, on the Feast of the Ascension, young Imelda experienced a remarkable and public event following Mass. As she knelt in prayer, a Eucharistic miracle unfolded before everyone's eyes. The sacred Host miraculously lifted into the air and suspended directly above her, shining a radiant light onto her. This miracle, witnessed by the sisters as well as by the priest who was celebrating Mass, persuaded her superiors to allow her to finally receive Communion.

As the story goes, Imelda was allowed to stay in the chapel for a time to pray after the miraculous event but, when the sisters who went to collect her, they found that she had died. She was still kneeling in prayer with a smile on her face. They determined that she had died of pure joy.

Blessed Imelda is considered a model of childlike faith, exemplifying the importance of approaching Christ in the Eucharist with a pure heart and childlike joy. Blessed Imelda, pray for us! ©LPi

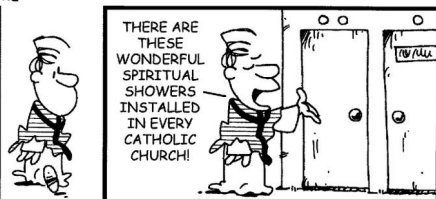


## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which Catholic order is recognized as the greatest promoter of the Rosary?

**Answer:** The Dominican Order. ©LPi

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parishes have a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our patron is St. Martin de Porres. We are called the "St. Martin de Porres Conference". A "conference" is the basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the parish level and is made

up of parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes.

We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church basement. We respond to requests for assistance that come to the parish office.

**Do you or someone you know need assistance? You can reach someone from the St. Vincent de Paul society by calling or texting 740-340-8540.** Would you like to learn more about our conference? Call the number for more information or come to one of our meetings. We don't pressure anyone to join but you might find a group of fellow parishioners that find a blessing in serving their neighbors. Come check it out!



"What is it called when a bishop eats half of a donut?"



"... A partial indulgence!"



"Indulgences" are gifts of grace from God where the punishment of sin is lifted. A "partial" indulgence lifts part of this punishment, a "plenary" indulgence removes all of it!

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### An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."

You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.

In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.

You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.

You made us in Your image and likeness.

You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.

You overcame temptation in the dry desert.

You healed the blind with dirt and clay.

Three times Your body stirred the dust

as you fell on the road to Calvary.

Hear the cry of Your people!

One day we will return to dust.

This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.

May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be Your breath alive in us.

Amen.

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### Lenten Small Group for those who have lost a child:



Have you lost a child (of any age) and would like to be connected with others who have been asked to carry this difficult cross? We are happy to encourage you to join a virtual small group through the Red Bird Ministry as they go through Red Bird's Lenten Journal: I am Beloved, Not Broken.

Join Red Bird Ministries as they journey through brokenness to the place of belovedness, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert and carrying our own crosses as we walk with Christ through His crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection of Christ, Easter Sunday!

Learn more and register here: <https://www.redbird.love/lenten-stud>. The Journal is available in both print or digital form.



**Question:** Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

**Answer:** Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "*out of the dust of the ground*" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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ASH WEDNESDAY



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH / ST MARY PARISH : BELLAIRE, NEFFS, SHADYSIDE, POWHATAN**

**Readings for the week of February 11, 2024**

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**This Week**

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:30-10:45a.m. PSR (SM)  
**Tuesday:** 9:00a.m.-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)  
 6:00p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (SJH)  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)  
 Valentines Day  
**Thursday:** 6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SJH)  
 7:00p.m. OCIA (SJH)  
**Friday:** 11:00am-6:00pm Fish Fry (SM)  
**6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross (SJ)**  
**Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent**  
 9:30-10:45a.m. PSR (SM)  
 1:30p.m. Rite of Election (St. Agnes, Mingo Junction)  
 3:00pm Sunday Synodal Session (Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville)

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