

BULLETIN: 6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 14th

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnitch
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

Monday, February 15th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Nick Fahey
6:30 p.m. Meeting: "The Search"

Tuesday, February 16th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: All Souls
9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: Caitlin Swanson
6:00 p.m. Mass: All Souls
7:00 p.m. Mass: Alexandra Swanson

Thursday, February 18th

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. RCIA & RCIC Classes & Biblical School

Friday, February 19th

- 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m. + Mary Louise Drobnitch

Saturday, February 20th

- 4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: Rebecca Hohnholt
7:00 p.m. Neo-Catechum Mass: People of OLP

Sunday, February 21st

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Fahey
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Juana López de Cárdenas
12:45 p.m. Hora Santa con Música y Meditación

OFFERTORY

February 7th

\$4,756.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer: *Terence Sewald, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich, Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer, Deborah Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden, Foster Sauter, & Steve Wilmes, Trang & Ann Treber*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

What is the meaning of Lent?

The time of Lent is upon us again, and this penitential time always begins with Ash Wednesday. The Church places ashes on our heads and invites us to enter a time of prayer and repentance. For forty days we are given an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the greatest and most important solemnity of the year, Easter! At Easter we celebrate the day in which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ conquered death through the power of His resurrection. The "resurrection" is the greatest part of what is called "the Paschal Mystery," but this joy that the Risen Lord brings could not happen without the first part of the Paschal Mystery, when Jesus willingly suffered his Passion and "Death." Thus, Lent is a time of dying for us also, which is also known as "mortification," because during this time we are called to die to, or rather, to put to death our sins and earthly desires, and to strive to conform our lives to Jesus in a deeper way.

Throughout the time of Lent we follow our Lord Jesus Christ into the desert. Where he prayed and fasted for forty days and was tempted by the devil. He was driven into the desert immediately after his baptism in the Jordan River when the Holy Spirit came down upon him. This is important because Jesus is the new Adam and showed himself to be the faithful and obedient servant who did not fall under temptation like our ancient ancestor did, and he completely carried out the divine will. Also, as the catechism tells us, Jesus, "vanquished the Tempter *for us*: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." (Catechism #540)

Lent also reminds us of the forty years that the people of Israel spent in the desert. It was a time of discovery for them, where they learned who they were as they encountered temptations. It has been said that God took the people out of slavery in Egypt but more difficult was the task of taking Egypt out of the people. What does this mean? God did a great thing for his people; the life of slavery was cruel, and he liberated them, but the people had Egypt in their hearts. They liked all the nice things of Egypt and they wanted to return there, because they wanted to secure their lives. They wanted their comfort, and so much so, that they could not endure the slightest suffering. They were tempted to stone poor Moses at the first moment they discovered that they were in need of food or water. So, instead of trusting in God and following him, they rebelled and got angry, and they also whined a lot.

As we begin our own journey of Lent, let us also pray and ask the Lord to help us trust and love him more. There is this idea that we give up things, but the point is to free ourselves of earthly things that separate us from God. Have a Blessed Lent!

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ ****NEW**** Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the Collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.
- ❖ ****NEW**** Following the Will of God: A Presentation by Jason Sewald: All are invited to a presentation that will be given by one of our parishioners on **February 27th at 6:15 p.m.** There will be a small meal provided at the end of the presentation. **Come and show your support!**
- ❖ ****NEW**** Hora Santa con Música y Meditación: Our Spanish community will be having a **Holy Hour after the 11:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday of Lent**. All are invited to come and participate!
- ❖ ****REMINDER**** Our Lady of the Plains Lenten Observances: Begin every **Friday during Lent from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.**, we will have either a Fish fry or Soup Supper. This week is the Fish Fry. **Starting at 6:30 p.m.**, we will begin the **Stations of the Cross**. **For more information, see the flyers on the Church!**
- ❖ ****REMINDER**** Formed Lenten Journey: For those who would like to join us we will start an online program called "The Search." We will begin on **Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m.** and will continue until the Monday of Holy Week. We will meet in the Church to watch and discuss. Everyone should feel free to come to the parish or form their own groups. May God give us a fruitful and holy time of Lent!
- ❖ ****REMINDER**** February 14th Valentine's Day Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast **after the 9:00 Mass**. To see what is on the Menu or more information, **see the flyers in the Church or attachment!**
- ❖ ****REMINDER**** The International Catholic Bible Summit: Cardinal Studios will be presenting different online Bible topics from **Feb 11-13**. Bishop Aquila is encouraging all parishes to take part of this **FREE Online Program** to find clarity, hope, and joy, in the midst of uncertain times. To register and for more information visit, <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home>



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Wednesday

RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

SUNDAY & THUR. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUES:

- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 3rd and 4th Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Classes: Those to be confirmed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22nd at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Pentecost.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 2nd Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Class: On **March 13th** we will have 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders and their parents at 11: a.m.
- ❖ **REMINDER!** NEXT RCIA & RCIC class: Thursday, **February 4th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** RCIA & RCIC Classes: Those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation will receive them at the Easter Vigil on April 3rd. The hour is yet to be determined, but the Vigil Mass will be bilingual.
- ❖ ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!! (for K- 2nd grade)
THIS WEEK: Brother Francis – Let's Learn about Lent
<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/let-s-learn-about-lent>
See insert for pdf activity!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

- ❖ We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone that contributed to the renovations for the Church's rental house and front entrance. We would like to thank the following: Fr. John, the Lloyd and Shirley Linnebur family and the Farms, Jacob B., Oscar and Maria, Carlos, and Alex.

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Next Meeting**: March 7th 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. In the Quiet Room.
- ❖ **Annual Sock Drive**: Socks will be collected in the next couple of months for the Emergency Room at University Hospital. Please bring **NEW** socks — for adults only. A basket will be placed in the Hall to collect donations.

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<https://formed.org/lent>

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