



**February 13,
2022**

**6th Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Roxanne Russell by Mom, Dad & Rozalyn

Sunday, February 13 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Helen Veschio by Martin & Madalyn Dudas

10:30 AM † Irene Horn by Richard & Debra Kozar

Monday, February 14

8:00 AM † James & Mary Zimmaro by Ken & Linda

Tuesday, February 15

No Mass

Wednesday, February 16

No Mass

Thursday, February 17

8:00 AM † Dorothy Kovach by Knights of Columbus

Friday, February 18

No Mass

Saturday, February 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Louise Dudas by John and Family

Sunday, February 20 — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Debra Harkins by Ted Harhai

10:30 AM † Calvin & Adeline Smith by Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — February 19 & 20

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Gallo	J. Dudas	M. Guilford
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	B. DuBreucq	J. Elias	B. DuBreucq

Money Counters

Monday, February 14 — Team #6 — M. Smith

God Will Have the Last Word!

Did you ever stop and think about how many times we hear the same things in the scriptures? Over and over again the message comes out the same, but for some strange reason we don't always get it. Today, hope and justice dominate our liturgy. We are told how a life of justice will automatically flow from our hope in God. Jeremiah in the first reading asks us: Where is your trust? If it is not in God, then we are missing the point. So often we do put our trust in the wrong people and in the wrong things. We sometimes feel so secure with our material wealth that we forget about the ultimate trust we should have in God.



It is ironic how often in life we are able to put our trust in people that don't deserve it. Jeremiah is referring to leaders of the people both politically and religiously. The people of Israel were putting their trust in others blindly, forgetting about God. We must always remind ourselves that it is God who has the last word. St. Paul reminds the people of Corinth as he reminds us that this is the case if we believe in the resurrection. Often we focus so much on the here and now that we completely lose sight of the hereafter.

The gospel reading for this week has Jesus balancing blessings upon the poor and a word of woe to the rich. The gospel of Luke unlike the other gospels spends a great deal of time and effort showing Jesus' concern for social outcasts and in particular the poor. The blessed life, according to Luke is not lived amid pomp, power and popularity. God's blessings are not conditioned by economic or social status but are the free gift of God's graciousness. The only condition for God's blessings is clearly spelled out in the first reading: "trust in the Lord." We are all blessed when we learn to surrender to the Lord. The gospel challenges us to trust in God, to keep God at the center of our lives and recognize that all blessings come from God.

The Beatitudes which Luke gives us today are about the qualities of life that help people to live humane and holy lives. To be "blessed" is to share in God's life and grace. It is clear that Luke is repulsed by greed and hoarding by people whose riches and material wealth keep them from trusting in God. We are all being asked: Where is our treasure and where do we put our trust? As we search the answers to these questions, we need to look beyond ourselves and recognize the goodness of Christ within all. How we live and the choices we make are ultimately up to us. We need to be honest in what we profess to believe in and where we place our trust.

Olive Wood Items

Bethlehem Christian Families



Next Weekend, February 19/20 Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries— all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to **help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East**. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please see their website: www.landofpeace.org.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of FRANK "MOE" VIZZA AND ELIZABETH "RONI" FAUST. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

During the Lenten season we focus on our Stewardship and how well we **share with people who are less fortunate** than we are. For this year's project we will focus on Cross Catholic Outreach and their program to provide **"Wells of Salvation."** Just as Jesus thirsted in the wilderness, there are families in developing countries such as Ghana, Malawi and Zambia who **long for just a sip of safe water.** With no access to clean water sources, the families in these countries struggle each day to collect the water they need and often suffer from painful diseases when they must draw from a contaminated stream or shallow well.

Any gift that we are able to collect will help to install 65 wells to provide clean, refreshing water for these struggling areas in our world. This Lent won't you consider giving a little so that many people will benefit a lot more? Any money you want to donate, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it. At the end of Lent we will send in all of the money we have collected and we will be assured that many people will benefit from our generosity.

Weekly Collection Feb. 6

Votive Candles:	181
Utility & Energy:	174
Accent:	3
Children & Adult Collection:	5,331
Online Collection:	882
Total Collection:	\$6,571
Eastern Europe:	169
Total Collection:	\$6,740

Pierogi Making

Prepare those peelers ladies and gentlemen! Our next few weeks of pierogi making are scheduled for:

Monday, **February 14** at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, **February 20** at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, **February 21** at 9:30 a.m.

There are many tasks associated with our pierogi making. If you are able to help out in any way, your time will sincerely be appreciated.

Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). Along with the great fish, we will also be bringing back our **bake sale**, and for that we an use your help. For the first week we are asking that if your last name begins with **A—M**, please bring in baked goods for Ash Wednesday; **N—Z**, please bring in baked goods for Friday. We will post a rotation list once we begin our fish fry. You may bring baked goods to the church hall that day. As always, your generosity is sincerely appreciated.



Mardi Gras

In just two weeks, we will celebrate this year's Mardi Gras. The evening will begin at **6:00 p.m.** In preparing for this celebration we are going to ask that you once again **bring one of your famous deserts.** We can also use **pop and water** if you are able to donate some. Whatever we don't use for the Mari Gras we will make good use of during the Fish Fry. Remember that our celebration closes with a parade leading to the burning of our old palms. **Don't forget to bring in all of your old palm branches from last year** so that we can burn them. The ashes from the palms will be used the next day on Ash Wednesday. **There will be a signup sheet in the church next week for you to indicate how many people you will be bringing to the Mardi Gras.**



The Season of Lent

With the celebration of **Ash Wednesday** a little more than two weeks away, we will begin the season of Lent. This is a period of time set aside by the church to afford us the opportunity to look at our relationship not only with God but also with one another, and our self. The entire message of Jesus is one of **discipleship**, being for one another. As we look at what we can do for this season, it would be good to see just how we relate to one another and determine how we can improve; this would be a wonderful way to use these days.

There are many church related activities which we can make a part of our Lenten Journey, and it could be beneficial to all of us to try and attend some of these.

- **Ash Wednesday:** Times for Liturgy will be announced
- Monday evening at 6:00 we celebrate **Taizé Prayer** together
- Monday evening at 6:30 we will have an **adult Education** series focusing on the book of **Revelation.**
- Fridays during Lent we will pray the **Stations** at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday and Thursday **Liturgy** is at 8:00 a.m.

In addition to these services you can also journey through Lent with "The Little Black Book." They will be provided and will be available in the back of the Church.

I am hopeful that you will be able to avail yourselves to some of these events.

Sacrament of Confirmation

There will be a meeting for the **parents** of students eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 2022 (date to be announced) on **Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Sebastian Parish Hall.**

Bible Study Notice

Our in-person Bible Study begins **Monday, February 21 in the church hall.** Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. We will be looking at **Revelations** through Little Rock Scripture Study.

As some of you have noted, what should be our second session is the same date as the Synod Town Hall meeting. We will address that at the first meeting.

Synod on Synodality

If you have not yet completed the Synod on Synodality Survey, there is still a little time. You have until **February 14 to complete the survey online** (link in on our website). **Next, there will be town meetings** held throughout the Diocese. These are listed on our website, the Diocesan site and the Catholic Accent. These Town Hall meetings are the same throughout the Diocese. **A Zoom session** will be held for those who prefer not to gather. In addition, we will be holding a **group Zoom meeting** in our church hall for those not able to attend other sessions.

Register for a Zoom Town Hall listening session! (Individuals) **Details can be found at [DioceseOfGreensburg.org/synod](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod)**

The group Zoom session in the **Epiphany Parish Hall** will be held on Monday, February 28 from 6—7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend that session, please use the sign up sheet in the back of the church or sign up on our website.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet this Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. All ladies are welcome.

The **Knights of Columbus** Family **Rosary** will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.