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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2013

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
 “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”  
 “Here I am, “I said, “send me!”

— *Isaiah 6:8*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

7:30 AM Vivian Kashmer  
 9:30 AM Regina Taylor  
 12:30 PM People of the Parish (Hispanic Mass)

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

9:00 AM William Weaver

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

9:00 AM Palma Mattive

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00 PM Kathryn Wark

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

9:00 AM William “Bill” Decker

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:00 AM Michael Norce

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**4:30 PM** John Zapciak

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

7:30 AM Fred & Jerry Valentino  
 9:30 AM People of the Parish

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Steven Scrivani requested by Virginia & Cecilia Riofski.  
**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of George Metz requested by friends.  
**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Danny DeFinnis requested by Rita & Joselle.  
**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** Special Intention.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in honor of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie given by their family.

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### 2013 LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

**FEBRUARY 15, 22**  
**MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22**  
**HELP IS NEEDED**

Please see JoAnn in the parish center  
 or call 759-9227. Drivers are also needed for  
 deliveries from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

February 3 offering	
Adults	\$4974.49
Youth	23.51
Loose	<u>213.00</u>
Total	\$5211.00

Propagation of Faith \$1178.00  
 The additional offering next week will be a diocesan collection for Poor Missions. Please be generous.  
 Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Mary’s** will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in **Operation Rice Bowl**. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl in the Church front lobby and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING** 7:00 PM (meeting room)

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** 3:45 PM  
 (Valentine Party)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet at 7:30 PM at their home, 1416 West Front Street.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**ADULT CHOIR** 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**FISH FRY** 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NO CCD CLASSES**

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, February 17

##### **Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Panzak, Pierce, Belford  
 Lector: Ferentz  
 Altar Servers: 4  
 Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

##### **Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Monatesti, Wolfe  
 Lector: Wark  
 Altar Servers: 5  
 Greeters: R & M Crake

##### **Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Canouse  
 Lector: Morrison  
 Altar Servers: 6  
 Greeters: J & T Fink



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 13**

Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks we walk with Christ in response to His invitation, "let us go up to Jerusalem."

The penances, the fasting, and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. Ashes will be distributed at 12:00 Noon and also at the 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.

**LENTEN GUIDELINES**

**PRAYER:** Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent. In addition to Sunday Mass, all are encouraged to participate in daily Mass, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance frequently, and to participate in parish Lenten devotion (especially the Stations of the Cross.)

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE:** Catholics age 14 & older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59, must fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals.

**PREPARATION OF THE CROSS**

In the tradition of our Catholic faith we have celebrated each year these 40 days of Lent, but with a penitential tone rather than a joyous one. These 40 days commemorated the 40 days Jesus made a sacrifice of Himself as He prayed in the desert that His heavenly Father would strengthen Him from earthly temptations for the rest of His journey. We, too, make sacrifice of ourselves each year during the Lenten season, fasting and praying to our heavenly Father for forgiveness of our sinfulness and for His strength to resist earthly temptations for the rest of our journey. *As a reminder to ourselves to maintain a penitential attitude throughout the Lenten season, everyone is asked to take a piece of the wood of the cross next Sunday and carry it on your person until the Tuesday evening of Holy Week. We will at that time nail each piece to the main cross.*

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM, NOT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS. THEY WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Chinese New Year 4711
  - Monday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
  - Tuesday:** Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday; Lincoln's Birthday
  - Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
  - Thursday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
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**GOD'S SUMMONS**

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 5, and Yom Kippur September 14. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.