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Healing of the Leper: Niels Larsen Stevns (1864 – 1941)

“See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed.”

MARK 1:44

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday, Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE TABLE OF OUR GOD

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The little ones in the womb are sacred, as are the homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly. Even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and too many would rather keep those considered unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much selfishness and violence in this world, and the result is degrading human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world?

There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. Greed, for one, becomes a driving force. Self interest, prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads also. It's time to admit that much needs healed. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 13

4:00 p.m. **Mary McKee†**
Jim & Marlene Lawther

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

8:00 a.m. **Veronica DiCola†**
Jane Klug

10:00 a.m. **Thomas Andrews†**
The Johnston Family

MONDAY, FEB. 15

8:00 a.m. **Mary McKee†**
Danny Prado

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

8:00 a.m. **Jim Campbell†**
Phil Skvarka Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

8:00 a.m. **Harold Ray†**
Joanne Ray

noon **Ashes Service**

7:00 p.m. **Charles Freeman†**
Cathy & Roger Frame

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

8:00 a.m. **Braxton Midcap**
Jim & Diana Barker

Matthew Matkovich†
Jack Matkovich

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

8:00 a.m. **Mike Kielbasa & Chris McDonald**
Chris & Terry McDonald

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

4:00 p.m. **Ronald Conner**
Daunel Gump

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

8:00 a.m. **Prado Family**
Jane Klug

10:00 a.m. **For the People**

WILTON GREGORY, archbishop of Washington, D.C., recently was named by Pope Francis as America's first black cardinal. Gregory grew up in Chicago, where he decided in grammar school to become a priest without yet being Catholic. Gregory was ordained into the priesthood when he was 25.



FEBRUARY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The Lasting Change of Living Lent

What should Lent mean to us, especially here at St. Francis Xavier? How can Lent change us?

As a season of reflection and preparation before the Passion of our Lord, Lent is our chance to follow Jesus through these 40 days

with full commitment to renewing our faith. For some of us it may mean attending or live-streaming daily Masses faithfully or attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Some could decide to borrow from our parish's library of Bible study materials and complete a course. Others may benefit from joining the upcoming video study about the life of Jesus. Maybe this is the ideal time to volunteer. The fish fry team needs help right now, and we can never do too much for our parishioners who are homebound or in care facilities.

Our Gabriel Project mission appreciates regular supplies. These are just some of the places where we can live Lent. The tradition during Lent is to give something up. However, it also can be useful to reverse the tradition and find something meaningful to add. Receiving ashes at the beginning of Lent is a commitment to repent and strengthen our belief in the Gospel. The ashes are a sign of our sinfulness, our humility, and mortality. We are encouraged to focus on three special behaviors during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Within these behaviors, we can pursue those things that bring closeness to God and a life more fully as He intended. Says St. Catherine of Siena: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

RESOURCES FOR LENT

Dynamic Catholic "Best Lent Ever"
DynamicCatholic.org

Bishop Barron Gospel Reflection
WordonFire.org

Formed - Catholic Faith On Demand
formed.org

Living Lent Daily
LivingLentDaily.com | [Loyola Press](http://LoyolaPress.com)

Distribution of Ashes Modified for Pandemic

Distribution of ashes will be different this year because of pandemic. Here is what to expect:

- * Father will say the prayer blessing the ashes.
- * He will sprinkle the ashes with holy water, without speaking.
- * He then will address all those present and only once say the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general:
"Remember that you are dust,

and to dust you shall return."

- * He next will cleanse his hands, put on a face mask, and distribute ashes by sprinkling them on the heads of each person, without speaking.



*To the family
and loved ones of
Mary Jura,
our heartfelt
condolences.*

Prayer REQUESTS


Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Cindy Gunto, Chuck Taskalines, Jim Halliday, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Ashton Gardill.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

Calendar of Events

 Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17	First Day of Lent Ashes Distributed 8 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.
Beginning Feb. 17 & Fridays During Lent	K of C Fish Fry 11 a.m. until fish runs out 304-845-7080 to order
Fridays During Lent 6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 30	Last Day to File DWC Tuition Assistance factsmgt.com
Wednesdays 9 a.m. or Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Beginning March 10 & 11	Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life 10-Week Video Study Program Church Hall (Please Register)

LECTORS

- Feb. 20** 4:00 p.m. **C. McDonald**
Feb. 21 8:00 a.m. **C. Frame**
 10:00 a.m. **L. Whitelatch**

OFFERING JAN. 31, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,649.00
Loose Offering	\$227.00
Church Repair	\$45.00
Xavier Hall	\$10.00
Latin America	\$120.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Memorial	\$1,200.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Pennies for God	\$20.47
Candles	\$56.00
Online Giving	\$325.40
Attendance reflects a snow storm in the early morning	101

Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel to the Diocese at 888-434-6237.



**Volunteers
Needed for
Shot Clinics**

Volunteers are needed to assist with traffic and crowd control at Marshall County's Covid-19 vaccination clinics for February. All clinics will be held in the Chevron Building at the fairgrounds.

The plan is for volunteers to be available for four-hour shifts. There will be time for breaks during each shift.

Volunteer duties will include:

Traffic Control:

- Assisting people to and from their cars
- Checking cars for those waiting in the parking area
- Sanitizing wheelchairs after use
- Answering general questions

UPCOMING MARSHALL COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINATION DATES:

Feb. 18 – Regional Clinic
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Feb. 19 – Local Clinic
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Local Clinic
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Feb. 27 – Local Clinic
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Waiting Area:

- Seating people upon arrival
- Showing people where to go when it is their turn
- Collecting appointment numbers
- Sanitizing numbers for reuse
- Answering general questions

Call Rose Hart 304-845-2762 or e-mail her at rhart1703@aol.com to register to volunteer.

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION ON

Ash Wednesday aids the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Donations help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Since the collapse of the former Soviet Union in 1991, Central and Eastern European countries have been working to rebuild their political structures, social welfare, economies and their religious life. Funds from this Collection support these efforts. Please visit www.usccb.org/ccee for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.



World Marriage Day falls on Valentine's Day

this year, and here are some ideas for celebrating Feb. 14th as well as this special day honoring the lifelong commitment of husband and wife:

COOKING TOGETHER

Video: <https://bit.ly/3q6KDal>
 Recipe: <https://bit.ly/3nUjIwY>

MOVIE NIGHT

<https://bit.ly/36Zf1F7>
 Pro-Catholic Movies

SURPRISE YOUR SPOUSE

- Bring home takeout
- Buy or make a unique item about your relationship
- Do an additional chore
- Write a poem or a love letter

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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