

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 27, 2022

Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

We begin the Lenten Season by receiving ashes: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return (cf. Gen 3:19). The dust sprinkled on our heads brings us back to earth; it reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are weak, frail and mortal. Centuries and millennia pass and we come and go; before the immensity of galaxies and space, we are nothing. We are dust in the universe. Yet we are dust loved by God. It pleased the Lord to gather that dust in his hands and to breathe into it the breath of life (cf. Gen 2:7). We are thus a dust that is precious, destined for eternal life. We are the dust of the earth, upon which God has poured out his heaven, the dust that contains his dreams. We are God’s hope, his treasure and his glory.

Ashes are thus a reminder of the direction of our existence: a passage from dust to life. We are dust, earth, clay, but if we allow ourselves to be shaped by the hands of God, we become something wondrous. More often than not, though, especially at times of difficulty and loneliness, we only see our dust! But the Lord encourages us: in his eyes, our littleness is of infinite value. So let us take heart: we were born to be loved; we were born to be children of God.

~ **HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

Basilica of Santa Sabina, Ash Wednesday, 26 February 2020

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Believing in the Resurrection of the Dead. We have been reading and hearing Saint Paul to the Corinthians since the middle of January. He proclaims the resurrection of Jesus as victory over death. This belief, this word from the creed – “he...rose again on the third day” – is central to faith. It lays the foundation for our own being raised one day because death is not the end of us. We say in faith each Sunday: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.”

--Even though November is past, how can I still remember the dead? For whom will I pray? Whom among them will I ask to pray for me?

--How am I preparing now for my own resurrection from the dead at some later time?

--How will I act and speak in this life knowing that there is life to come after death?

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022

Joel 2:12-18. Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17. 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

1st Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 6, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm

Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance.

The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, March 2, to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, April 14, inclusive.

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

4. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

5. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

--Lenten guidelines posted from Diocese of Belleville Website.

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Feb 27 8:00 am Mass Heather Fred
Wed Mar 2 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Svc
Fri Mar 6:00 pm Mass
Sun Mar 6 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson

Birthdays February 27 Monica Querrey
Mar 1 Geri Tesina
Mar 3 MarshaNelson
Jeremy Nelson

Liturgical Ministers

Feb 27	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	J Nelson	X Gruszczyk	M Nelson	Vol.	* S Widowski, D Zmuda Sr.
		<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett		
Mar 6	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	M Miller	L Coleman	L Miller	M Palmer, C Bergmann	*F Dueker, P Widowski
		<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Feb 20,2022

Envelope (27) \$1590.00
Loose \$60.00
Messenger (1) \$25.00

Total: \$1675.00

Building & Maint.(6) \$260.00

Total \$260.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Feb 27 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am PSR
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
Mar 2 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Mar 3-5 Faith Alive Workdays
Mar 4 5:00-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Mar 5 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass
9:30 am Liturgy mtg parish hall
Mar 6 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am PSR class
9:00 am 1st Sunday Social



LITURGY MEETING IS THIS SATURDAY FOLLOWING 1ST SATURDAY MASS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OPERATE FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE THIS THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Bag Day sales this weekend at the store. Every clothing item you can stuff into a dollar store size bag, including shoes, hats,belts and purses

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE OFFERED BEFORE EACH SUNDAY MASS DURING LENT. Please volunteer to lead one of these Sundays. A sign in sheet is available in the foyer.

FOOD DRIVE FOR CAIRO DAYSTAR WILL START MARCH 6 THRU EASTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- March 2 Ash Wednesday
- March 3-6 Faith Alive Store operation with St. Paul Volunteers
- March 4 Eucharistic Adoration
- March 5 1st Saturday Mass
- March 13 Adult Bible Study
- March 18 Fish Fry
- March 20 CCW meeting.

VOCATION CORNER February 27:

“During my younger years, the Lord allowed a lot of loneliness in my life. I was quiet and shy, and the church became my refuge; I always felt cared for by the priests and religious sisters there. I was intrigued by their joy and the presence of God so visible in them. This was something I wanted. I started going to adoration, where my faith and relationship with Jesus became my own. When I finished high school, I served as a missionary for a year and then decided to seriously discern religious life. Honestly, that time was hard; I didn’t know anyone else discerning or how to go about it. ...God continued to affirm my desire for this vocation. When I learned about the Benedictine way of life, I felt as if I were reading my own journal. “

Sr. Fidelis Marie Lanowich; Missionary Benedictine Sister, Sioux City, Iowa;
Columbia Magazine Nov. 2021

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