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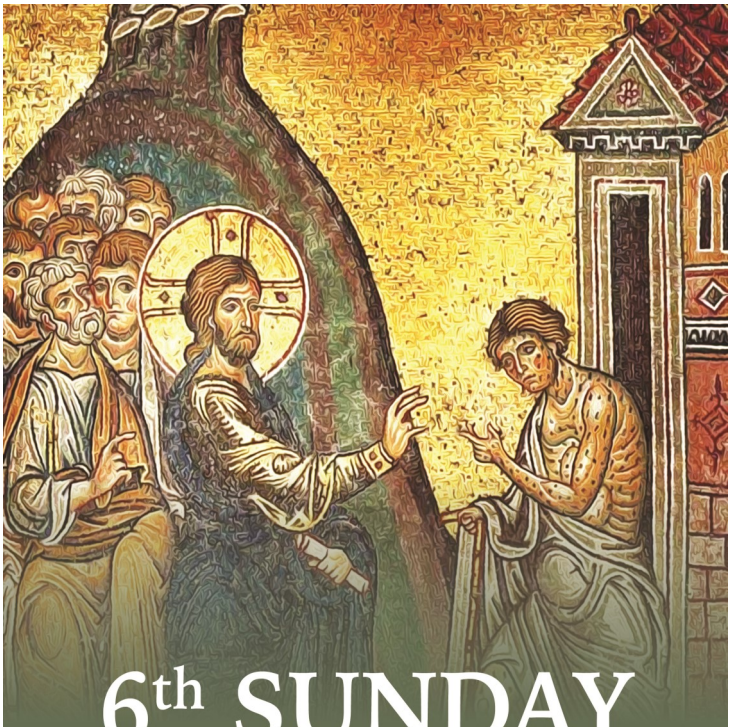

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portage

Tuesday, 5:00 PM
Thursday, 8:15 AM
Friday, 7 AM
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

St. Mary, Briggsville

Wednesday, 8:15 AM
Sunday, 8:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishes of St. Mary Help of Christians (Briggsville) and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Portage), in a spirit of faith and service rooted in the mission of Christ as revealed in the Gospel, are committed to creating welcoming communities that actively pursue opportunities for formation in our Catholic faith, spiritual growth and outreach to others in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 16 5:00 PM (Portage)	† Ben Nelson
	(Rudy & Carol Ringelstetter)
ASH WEDNESDAY	
February 17 8:15 AM (Briggsville)	† Patrick Coon
	(Cheryl Coon)
12:00 PM (Portage)	People of the Parish
5:30 PM (Portage)	† Ray & Maggie Dorn
	(Family)
Thursday, February 18 8:15 AM (Portage)	† Ryan Dorn
	(Ron & Debbie Dorn)
Friday, February 19 7:00 AM (Portage)	† William & Margaret LaFleur
	(Estate)
Saturday, February 20	
4:00 PM (Portage)	† Nettie McGowan
	(Jeff & Janice Grothman)
Sunday, February 21	
8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Betty Gaffney
	(Jim & Ginny Joyce)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† Jack McWilliams
	(Friends)
11:00 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, February 16

4:30 PM (Portage) - Rosary
Church

6:00 PM (Portage) - Baptism Prep Class
Lower Level Meeting Room

6:00 PM (Portage) - "The Chosen"
Cafeteria

FRIDAY, February 19

12:00 PM (Portage) Private Reconciliation
Church

SATURDAY, February 20

9:00 AM (Portage) - Private Reconciliation
Church

SUNDAY, February 21

9:30 AM (Portage) - Confirmation Meeting
School Gym

A full calendar of St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville events can be found on our website at http://www.stmaryoticandhoc.com/

Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fries

The KC's will host a fish fry every Friday night starting February 19, 2021 through Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Come and enjoy some great fish and great company at the KC Hall in Portage.
Cocktails begin at 4:00 PM and dinner is served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 AM	Portage	Prayer Service with Ashes
8:15 AM	Briggsville	Mass
12:00 PM	Portage	Mass
5:30 PM	Portage	Mass
6:30 PM	Briggsville	Prayer Service with Ashes

* All of the Liturgies will be open for the distribution of ashes, but will not offer Eucharist at each one. If you would like to receive ashes and Eucharist, please attend one of the Masses that are scheduled for the day. All Masses at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will be live-streamed.

Briggsville and Portage Parishioners

Please return your palms so we can prepare for Ash Wednesday

Briggsville: Please bring your old palms to church and put them in the box by the back door.

Portage: Please bring your old palms to church and put them in the basket on the sanctuary. The ashes from these palms will be used for the Ash Wednesday services on February 17.

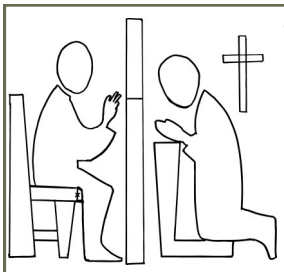
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to forces changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere.

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, February 17, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes.

The recommended way is to individually sprinkle ashes over the heads of the faithful. After the priest's prayer over and sprinkling of the ashes, the priest may say the formula for the distribution of ashes once, addressed to all but separated physically from the people. Then the priest and other lay ministers will sanitize their hands and don a face mask, and then individually sprinkle ashes over the crown of the heads of applicable persons without saying anything.

This is actually a more ancient tradition and reflects the Old Testament image of "putting on sackcloth and ashes."



There will be private reconciliation at St. Mary, Portage on Friday, February 19 at 12:00 PM and Saturday, February 20 at 9:00AM .

Please note that, until further notice, face-to-face reconciliations are not allowed.

THE CHOSEN—EXPLORING THE LIFE OF JESUS

Looking to explore the life of Jesus this Lent?

Come and join us as we view the first season of the TV series "The Chosen". The series has been very well received and is designed to help us see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. We'll gather Tuesday evenings beginning February 16th in the school cafeteria and follow the video with discussion. We'll meet from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. There will be eight sessions. Our final session will be April 6th. Covid-19 guidelines remain in place, so registration is necessary.

To sign up please contact Dcn. Dennis & Jeri Sutter at djsutter4@gmail.com or 742-2647

The Chosen – Official Trailer
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo

COMMUNICATION WITH GOD: A session on growth of a prayer life will be offered after Mass (8:45 AM) each Wednesday morning during Lent at St. Mary Help of Christians in Briggsville.

The sessions will explore ways of growth in prayer in much the same way as we experience growth in personal human development. Various types of prayer will be used as examples of growth in communicating with God.

The session will be led by Sr. Jovita.

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

St. Mary Briggsville Stewardship Statement

January 2021

Budget/Month	$7455.00
Actual	$7570.00
Shortage/Overage	$115.00

Year to date (07/01/20—06/30/21)

Budget	$52,185.00
Actual	$68,006.11
YTD Shortage/Overage	$15,821.11

St. Mary Portage Stewardship Statement

January 2021

Budget/Month	$58,850.00
Actual	$38,154.91
Shortage/Overage	($20,695.09)

Year to date (07/01/20—06/30/21)

Budget	$364,870.00
Actual	$335,995.36
YTD Shortage/Overage	($28,874.64)

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ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE FOURTH GRADE!

The fourth graders are busy learning new things as they keep safe with the Covid rules.

We are continuing our study of the Ten Commandments and look forward to Lenten activities. We enjoy being back at Mass whether it is at church or livestreaming in the classroom.

In Social Studies, we are learning about the French explorers, missionaries, and fur traders such as Jean Nicolet, Marquette and Joliet, Father Menard, and Father Allouez. We are doing a research project in Technology class to learn more about them.

Plants and animals and how their inherited characteristics help them survive is our topic in Science.

In Literacy class, we are reading about wonders in the sky such as constellations, planets and the phases of the moon.

We are "brushing up" on learning our multiplication facts as we multiply two digit numbers by two digit numbers. Our next skill will be division.

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy. We would also like to thank the parish's support of St. Mary School.

The Fourth Graders and Mrs. Daley

Update on Congregational Singing

With recommendations from the CDC and from several aerosol studies, we will slowly reintroduce congregational singing as a part of our weekend liturgies. Beginning on Ash Wednesday—February 17, 2021—we will invite the congregation to join the song leader and psalmist in singing the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation at each Mass.

If you have questions about this decision, please contact Sam Clemmons—the Director of Liturgical Music—at sclemmons@stmaryotic.org or 608-742-6998.

Sacrament Information

Reconciliation

Private confessions are held at St. Mary, Portage most Saturdays at 9:00 am in the church.

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptismal Preparation session. To make arrangements to attend, please call the Portage Parish Center at 742-6998. Pre-registration is necessary. Baptism prep class is usually offered the third Tuesday of each month in Portage.

Marriages

For weddings at St. Mary, Portage or St. Mary, Briggsville please make arrangements with Fr. Gary at least six months in advance by calling the St. Mary, Portage Parish Center at 742-6998.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be dropped off at the Parish office or emailed to Lisa Clemmons– lclemmons@stmaryotic.org by 4:00 PM each Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin. Holiday deadlines are Friday of the week before.