

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

February 11, 2018

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning / afternoon.

Today's Gospel features a leper whose greatest suffering is not his physical condition but, rather, the exclusion he endures from his community.

Let us take a brief moment of silence, asking God to open our hearts to everyone we encounter.

February 11, 2018 – General Intercessions

For Pope Francis and all leaders of the Church: that they may be witnesses of God's compassionate care for all who are marginalized. We pray to the Lord:

For our community of faith: that we may be aware of the outcast and welcome those who feel isolated within our parish. We pray to the Lord:

For spiritual renewal: that we may be attentive to God's invitation to grow and change during the upcoming Season of Lent. We pray to the Lord:

For those who discern a vocation to serve the Church: that they may trust in God's guidance and direction. We pray to the Lord:

For a generous response to the Catholic Ministries Appeal: may we have a positive impact on the lives of those in need. We pray to the Lord:

For all who have died: that God may welcome them to eternal rest, and that God may comfort all who mourn. We pray to the Lord:

For those in any need (pause): We pray to the Lord:

February 11, 2018 – Announcements – OLGH

There will be a training session by Fr. Jim for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound on February 25th after 8:30 Mass. Whether you are interested in becoming a minister, or if you are already one and would like a refresher course, this is for you!

We are looking into bringing back adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00, beginning on March 5th. In order for this to happen, we need to know who would be interested. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. We need to have two people present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, so please sign up.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, and all Fridays during Lent are days to abstain from meat. Please see Page 2 of the bulletin for more information on these Lenten practices.

Every Friday evening during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00pm. Benediction will follow.

Starting Saturday, February 17, and for every Saturday during Lent, confessions will begin 30 minutes earlier than usual. Confessions on these Saturdays will be heard 3:00-4:15.

February 11, 2018 – Announcements – St. Henry

A “Community Holy Hour” will be prayed this Monday, February 12, starting at 6:30pm in the church. Deacon Carl will lead and preach. All are welcome.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm. Shorter services with Scripture and the distribution of ashes will be at 12-noon and 5:00pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, and all Fridays during Lent are days to abstain from meat. Everyone from age 18 until age 59 are expected to fast on Ash Wednesday. This means that one should eat only one full meal that day, but two smaller meals are also permitted. With regard to abstaining from meat, that applies to everyone age 14 and older on the days mentioned.

Starting Saturday, February 17, and for every Saturday during Lent, confessions will begin 30 minutes earlier than usual. Confessions on these Saturdays will be heard 3:30-4:45.

Confessions will also be heard on Monday evenings during Lent, beginning on February 19. Please join us on the 19th at 7:00pm for the blessing of a new set of Stations of the Cross. Bishop Joe Binzer will be here that evening to lead us in prayer and to bless the new Stations.

