



Bringing Outsiders In

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As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

Reflect

Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40





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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, February 11th - 5th thru 8th Grades
Sunday, February 18th - K thru 4th Grade & Confirmation Class

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 12, 2024

Monday	2/12			+ No Mass
Tuesday	2/13	9:00 am	STM	+ For The Purgatory Souls
Wednesday	2/14	8:00 am	STM (Ash Wednesday)	+ Kathy Sondgeroth
		12:00 pm	SP	+ Catherine Hunter
		5:30 pm	HT	+ Norma Templeton
Thursday	2/15	9:00 am	HT	+ Daisy Kopek
Friday	2/16	9:00 am	STM	+ Special Intentions

Mass Intentions for the weekend of February 17 - 18, 2024

Saturday	2/17	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Mary Nave & Family
Sunday	2/18	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Jim Smith
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Temporarily Suspended

Lenten Message from Bishop Tylka

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into this Lenten season, the Church once again invites us to use this opportunity to share more fully in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It is essential that we cultivate a deeper sense of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to better offer our lives to Our Lord.

As we make our way through the Triduum and to that glorious day of the Lord's Resurrection, I pray that all of us will be ever more attentive to our spiritual devotions and especially to the Word of God during these forty days. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit assist us in our Lenten journey.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and all the Fridays of Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together 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. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.
May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.

Peace and Prayers, Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Bishop of Peoria

GROWING DISCIPLES
NATIONAL PLAN FOR THE GROWTH OF PEORIA

The Core Team has reviewed the data and met to propose the final draft models. In the coming month, the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Commission will review their work. It will then be submitted to the Presbyteral Council to make recommendations for the Bishop to consider in the final decisions.

The Diocese of Peoria is constantly updating the website (growingdisciplescdop.org) with additional information about the Growing Disciples initiative, so check back frequently.



February 14th Mass Times

8:00 am – STM
12:00 pm – SP
5:30 pm – HT



St. Bede Lady Bruins Softball Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, February 16th
4:30pm - 8:00pm at Ladd Moose
Tickets \$13.00 – Carry-outs available

LATEST OFFERING'S

FEB 4TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,206.00
AID E. EUROPE \$20
SP – \$ 738.00
STM – \$ 803.00



Friday, February 16th – HT at 6:00pm

Stations will alternate between the 3 churches on Fridays
The location will be posted in the bulletin and on the website.

CONFESSIONS

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SAT. FEB 17TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after	Friday after	Saturday after	First Sunday of
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Lent
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 9:8-15
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Compassion means "to suffer-with-another." Jesus' heart manifests God's paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus "stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean" (Mark 1:41-42). God's mercy overcomes every barrier....

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