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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset!

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner.

As we prepare for the beginning of Lent, you may dispose of your dried branches, from last year's Palm Sunday, by placing them in the marked containers found in the vestibules of the Church. They will be burned, and the ashes will be used to mark the cross on our foreheads.



The Little Black Book

Six-minute meditations
On the Sunday Gospels of Lent
(Cycle A)

Next weekend, at all Masses, we will be distributing the "Little Black Books" for your Lenten devotion! Over the years, this pocket-size book has grown to be very popular and greatly appreciated!

Walter Miller

Was finally received into the arms of His Lord on February 4th

Kindly pray for his eternal rest and for Barbara's consolation, his bride for nearly 61 years.

Eternal rest grant unto **Walter**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**



The Family of Theresa Miller would like to thank our Parish Family for all your prayers, kind words, condolences & Masses for our Mom, Grandma & Great-Grandma.

Gary & Bonnie Miller

HAS GOD GIVEN YOU THE GIFT OF MELODY? WE ARE ADDING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CHOIR.

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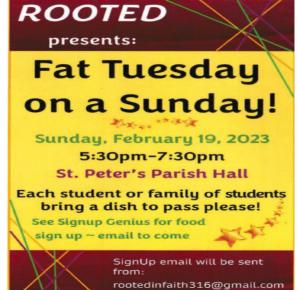
What is Ash Wednesday?

In 2023, like in every year, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of <u>Lent</u>. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of <u>preparation</u> for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Origin

Ash Wednesday <u>dates</u> back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

Finally heard on the news why there is an egg shortage.
Apparently the hens are now identifying as roosters.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 8:00 AM NOON



7:00 PM

LENT

On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and Good Friday, April 7th, Roman Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, are obligated to fast and abstain from all meat.

When fasting, a Catholic is permitted to

eat one full meal, plus two smaller meals, which together, do not equal the full meal. And no snacking either!

Additionally, the rule for abstaining from meat is binding during all Fridays in Lent for Catholics from age 14 and onwards.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 4

The 3rd Evening of Family, Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Plan to attend 4:00 Mass as a Faith Family and then join together for the rest of the evening in the Parish Hall for some Faith Family time.

Build your own plate, including gluten free items, create a baptismal cross and learn some interesting facts about Baptism. As always, there will be some time to spend afterwards with Jesus in Adoration.

If you are a Faith Formation Family,
please check your email and RSVP for this event
as soon as you can!

We invite every Christian to say the following prayer each day for an end to abortion. The prayer emphasizes our personal commitment to speak and act on behalf of the Unborn Child. Rather than simply asking God to do something, it acknowledges that God wants to accomplish His will through us.

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SAVE THE DATE!



TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Illinois March for Life

Rally and march in Springfield at the State Capitol. Buses leaving from various locations in the Diocese of Rockford.

MAR 21 OR MAR 22

Life Advocacy Day

Visit your state legislators and witness to life. We are awaiting details from the Illinois Catholic Conference.

REGISTRATION OPEN SOON

Contact <u>life@rockforddiocese.org</u> for more information.

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be forgetful of the

never to be passive,
never to be forgetful of the
unborn.
I commit myself to be active in

the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected,

and our nation once again becomes

a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord.

Amen!



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 12th through February 25th for † **Scholle & Sompel Family**

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch.

Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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- 1. Why can't you trust a tree?
- 2. Why did the ghost hang around the bar?



3. Why are barns noisy?

(Answers on bottom of page 6)



FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 2/11 - 2/19/2023

The Mass

For

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	Richard Seil	
Sun	7 am		Monica Sanchez Family	
	9 am	†	Richard Seil	
	11 am	†	Edward Umbricht	

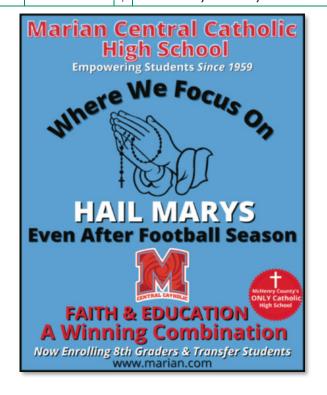
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.

Tues	8 am		Clare Zanatta	
Wed	8 am (1)	†	Robert Zalazinski	
	8 am (2)	†	Rita Chinni	
Thur		†	Leon Metz	
Fri	8 am (1)	†	Ronald & Patricia Eckman	
	(2)	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango	

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sat	4 pm	†	David Radwanski	
Sun	7 am	†	Peter Keim	
	9 am		Besetzny Family	
	11 am	†	Tony & Nancy Russo	



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday 2/11 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Carol Rygiel	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls	
Sunday 2/12 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings	
9:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Gary Miller	
11:00 am	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Tom Fanella	
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 2/18 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb George Gemberling
Sunday 2/19 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Mary Seil	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Heather Justen	Jeff Miller Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel	Chad Franckowiak Rich Yager

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

February 12th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mary Seil, Georgene Keim, Kathleen Van Ella & Peggy Neuman
February 19th - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Thomas Gough & Paul Serio

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CATHOLIC

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse. These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness. Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison. "If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes After 11:00 am Mass

Monday, February 13th

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1, 3 & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 5 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 14th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 15th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 16th

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 17th
Saturday, February 18th

• Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am

Sunday, February 19th

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Rooted Event (Fat Sunday) Parish Hall 5:30 pm

An old woman goes to her priest in Ireland and says, "Father, I'm thinking of getting married. What should I get married in?" "Clothes," he said.

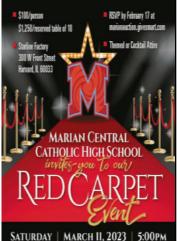


She asked, "what kind of clothes?"

The priest said, "Well, if you never committed a sin, you get married in white. But if you committed a sin, you get married in blue."

"Well, that settles it, Father. I'm getting married in white."

Her pastor was pleased and said, "That's very good." And she quickly added "and we can put a few blue dots here, and a couple more over here and there."



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Answers

- 1. Because they're shady.
- 2. Because of boos.
- 3. Because cows have horns.





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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

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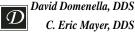


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