

## February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Weekly Mass Schedule

<b>Monday, Feb. 12</b> 8:00 am	<u><b>Intention</b></u> Steven Young
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 14</b> 5:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	Bud Walsh
<b>Thursday, Feb. 15</b> 8:00 am	Most abandoned holy souls
<b>Friday, Feb. 16</b> 8:00 am	Hierarchy of the Church
<b>Sunday, Feb. 18</b> 10:00 am	Dorris Clark

### St. Isidore Weekly Mass Schedule

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 13</b> 8:00 am	<u><b>Intention</b></u> Celebrant's Intention
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 14</b> 7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	All Parishioners
<b>Saturday, Feb. 17</b> 8:00 am Latin	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Sunday, Feb. 18</b> 8:00 am	Tom Reedy

### **Our Gifts to God and Our Parish**

Thank you for your blessings to our parishes

#### Our Lady of the Holy Spirit 2/4/2024

**Regular collection:** \$ 3,269.  
**Diocesan collections:** 180.  
**Preschool** 150.

#### St. Isidore for week 1/21/2024

**Regular collection:** \$ 988.  
**Diocesan collections** \$ 45.

### Upcoming February Dates:

19: Council of Catholic Women 7pm  
PSR: 11, 18



### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit 5:30 pm  
Millikin-Piling Chapel Noon  
St. Isidore 7:00 pm

**Mats for the Homeless is pleading for bags.** Their supply of plastic bags to make the mats in low and they are trying to hit 1000 mats made by the end of May. Bring your plastic grocery bags and deposit them in the box in the vestibule. Thank you



### 2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

OLHS and St. Isidore parishioners are invited to participate in the 2024 Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. This campaign will run from 1/21/24-3/10/24. Our parishes are partnered with New Life Pregnancy Care Center to collect coins in the baby bottles during this campaign. The bottles are available at the entrance of each church and can be returned when filled with coins. The money raised in this campaign will be used to support families in need during and after pregnancy. Contact Jill Driscoll with any questions.



Don't forget Catholic Radio during Lent!

### Stations of the Cross at OLHS:

Stations will begin on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for stations at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Hour that includes exposition, rosary, a quick quiet reflection, and ends with benediction. We encourage you to bring the kiddos.

### Stations of the Cross at St. Isidore:

Stations will begin on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for stations at 5:00 pm followed by 5:30 Mass.

### Lenten Retreat "Gathered in Worship"

Mark your calendar! The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to this annual winter Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and ending at noon on Wed. Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, with Fr. Richard Chiola, retired priest of our diocese, as retreat master. What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, reflection, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more. Bring your sister, your mom, your friend. All are welcome! Registration form with cost is available in the parish office. Registration deadline: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Mary Ann Sullivan 217-822-1928

## *A Message from Fr. Peter*

### **Lent – Let's Journey Together with Christ in the Wilderness!**

Lent begins officially on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. There are many things to keep in mind this beautiful season. But let us start with the details of our parish Lenten experience this year. These details cover our two parishes – St. Isidore and Our Lady of the Holy Spirit.

On Ash Wednesday, we shall have a 5:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit and a 7:00 PM Mass at St. Isidore. At both Masses, ashes will be distributed. I am celebrating a noon Mass at the Piling Chapel of Millikin University for those who prefer an earlier Mass on Ash Wednesday. That gives us a third opportunity to participate in this year's Ash Wednesday experience.

As we begin this Lenten experience, I want to remind us about the three critical virtues that the Church emphasizes during the season of Lent. These are almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. During Lent, we shall have a special evening of confession and reflection on these virtues. We shall schedule one for each of our two parishes. We shall also have stations of the cross every week in both parishes. In Bethany, we shall have Stations of the Cross at 5:00 PM every Thursday, followed by our usual 5:30 PM Mass. The stations of the cross in Bethany shall replace our 5:00 PM Adoration and Confessions. At Mount Zion, we shall have our stations of the cross at 6:30 PM every Friday, followed by Adoration and Rosary.

I encourage us to participate in these Lenten activities and take every opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Lent is a particular season of introspection and meditation on the whys of life and the reason for our existence as human beings and as Christians. Take time and resolve what to give up or add up to help achieve a more meaningful Lenten experience. Do not be discouraged by the fact that you have not kept your resolutions well in the previous years and seasons. Try again this time with more commitment and openness to God. And be assured of my prayers for you and your good intentions.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus**, express their appreciation and gratitude for your support of the **16th annual St. Teresa Scholarship Dinner**. The event held on February 3rd was a tremendous success both financially and community spirit-wise. With your support, we served 496 delicious meals. Meals not picked up that evening were donated to Carriage House and Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. We as Knights feel very proud of this event because it not only funds a worthwhile cause but brings together the entire Catholic community in the Decatur area. Thank you again for your support of Catholic Youth Education, St. Teresa High School, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus.

#### **Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit**

**Website:** [www.mtzolhs.org](http://www.mtzolhs.org)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany

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[faithformation@mtzolhs.org](mailto:faithformation@mtzolhs.org)

**ONLINE GIVING** Go to [www.mtzolhs.org](http://www.mtzolhs.org) and click on the link under the Online Giving button.

**FORMED.org** The Catholic Faith on Demand. Sign up as a parishioner, it's free! Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) to get started

**Life threatening emergencies** please call 217-864-3467

**Remember your church** in bequests and insurance policies.

**Parish Council** serves to advise the pastor/council about parish issues that arise.

**Adoration at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel** . Call Jan Mudd 217-864-5175

**A locked dropbox** is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

**Traveling?** In need of an area Mass times and place? Go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to find locations and time

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**Tommy Davis** from LPi, our newsletter printer, will be securing new ads for our center in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our newsletter and/or a digital ad featured on MyCommunityOnline.com.



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**Newsletter advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 12 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, members will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a center profile page on OurSeniorCenter.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



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