

**LITURGIES FOR THE SIXTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME AND THE
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2024

Monday, 2/12 † Weekday

6pm: Regina Howard by Karen Headley

Tuesday, 2/13 † Weekday

8am: Nate

9am: A.S. Linda Potempa by Sis Scutchfield

Wednesday, 2/14 † Ash Wednesday

Fast & Abstinence

9am: A.S. Family of Jan Duttlinger by Jan Duttlinger

6pm Doris Neumaier by The Christian Ladies

Thursday, 2/15 † Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8am: Macy

9am: A.S. Jan Duttlinger

Friday, 2/16 † Friday after Ash Wednesday

8am: Mary

9am: A.S. Linda Potempa by Kevin & Pat Goin

Saturday, 2/17 † Saturday after Ash Wednesday;

**The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order**

8:30am: Colette

Saturday, 2/17 † Vigil: The First Sunday of Lent

4:30am: Jaunita Harris by Jeanne Hofferma

Sunday, 2/18 † The First Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Sam Joseph by Joe & Louise Kingsbury

9am: A. S. Debbie Vincent (Birthday) by Mom

11am: Parishioners

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Feb. 12 – 6:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Tues., Feb. 13 - 6pm – K of C Fat Tuesday Dinner,
Parlor

Thurs., Feb. 15 – 2:15pm - Legion of Mary

Thurs., Feb. 15 – 4pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Feb. 18 – 9:30am – Religious Education

Sun., Feb. 18 – 12N – Finance Mtng, Rectory

Starke County Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit,
laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small
packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits &
vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

This Tuesday, February 13th the K of C will hold their annual "Fat Tuesday" Dinner in the church parlor at 6pm, Everyone is invited to attend.

This Lent, we will again be studying women in the Bible at the home of Donna Kida. We will meet from 9:00 am – 10:00 am on the Mondays during Lent, beginning with February 19, and continuing the next four Mondays. For information, please call Donna at 574-806-2087.

Our Lenten soup suppers will begin soon! The first one will be **Wednesday, February 21st** at 6:30pm, with guest speaker Father Jacob McDaniel.

Following dates are:

Monday, February 26th with Very Rev. David Kime,

Monday, March 4th with Father Rogue Meraz and **Wednesday, March 13th** with Very Rev. Brian Chadwick.

All times are 6:30pm.

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Dear Padre

February 11, 2024

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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In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

Good News!

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 /

Mark 1:40-45

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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. ●

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Gallup study finds parents' political ideology plays significant role in adolescent mental health

Parenting styles and political beliefs can play a major role influencing teenagers' mental health, new research from Gallup says.

A June 2023 study surveying 6,643 parents and 1,580 adolescents found that conservative and very conservative parents were the "most likely to adopt the parenting practices associated with adolescent mental health," the research reported in the Institute for Family Studies found.

"Adolescents with very conservative parents are 16 to 17 percentage points more likely to be in good or excellent mental health compared to their peers with very liberal parents," the report said. "Only 55% of adolescents of liberal parents reported good or excellent mental health compared to 77% of those with conservative or very conservative parents."

Conservative parents were more likely to adopt an "authoritative parenting style, characterized by both warmth and a high level of discipline," Gallup economist and study author Jonathan Rothwell explained to Fox News Digital.

"Parents who set boundaries, establish routines, convey warmth and affection, and enforce rules effectively report a less contentious relationship with their adolescent child than parents who do not do these things, and this relationship is recognized by that child to be stronger and more loving. Each of the two factors related to parenting practices has a similar effect on the relationship as an index of adverse experiences, related to parental drug abuse, death, or abandonment," he described in the report.

Liberal parents, however, scored lowest in the survey, primarily because they were least likely to report successfully disciplining their child.

Teens' mental health outcomes were 8 percentage points lower when parents reported having difficulty disciplining their child.

"By contrast, conservative parents enjoy higher quality relationships with their children, characterized by fewer arguments, more warmth, and a stronger bond, according to both parent and child reporting," the report said.

While 80% of very conservative parents said their child did not get their way in an argument, only 53% of liberal parents could say the same. The most conservative parents were also more likely to report showing affection to their children every day.

"Generally speaking, political conservatism is associated with more responsive and discipline-oriented parenting, or what the child development literature would characterize as an 'authoritative' style, in contrast to permissive or authoritarian styles. This relationship between conservatism and parenting remains significant even after controlling for an extensive list of parental demographic and socio-economic measures," Rothwell analyzed.

Parents' attitudes toward marriage and their spouses also played key roles in children's mental health.

Parents who reported having a strong relationship with their spouse were more likely to adopt best parenting practices. Adults who experienced a positive childhood were also more likely to practice good parenting, Rothwell said, but this finding could be off-set when these adults reported having a strong marriage.

Adults who held positive beliefs about the institution of marriage, their own marriage and their child's future marriage prospects were "significantly more likely to employ responsive, disciplined parenting practices compared to parents who do not hold these views," the report said.

The study's outcomes were seen regardless of race, ethnicity, household income, education or the sex of the parent, Gallup said.

While not every factor contributing to a child's mental health is within parents' control, they play a bigger role than many leading pediatric and mental health organizations would lead you to believe, Rothwell claims.

Leading pediatric organizations have described the mental health of young Americans as in "crisis." Some 57% of female teens in the U.S. struggled with feeling "persistently sad" in 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported.

Yet the CDC's website recommendations on youth mental health, "almost completely ignore the most important known determinant of youth mental health: parent-child relationships," Rothwell wrote in his report.

Parents' diminished role in helping address this crisis is "very disappointing" and isn't "science-based," he told Fox News Digital. The researcher called for more pediatric and health agencies to empower parents to recognize the impact they can have on their child's mental health.

"It's kind of easier to tell parents that if your teen is struggling, it's not your fault, it's not anything that you're doing, it's probably just something in their genes," he remarked. However, he doesn't find this argument compelling as "teenage biology hasn't changed but depressive symptoms have."

CO2 emissions that replenish plants ‘unfairly demonized’ by climate alarmists, experts say

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 8, 2024 — As climate-alarmist “experts” continue to insist that carbon emissions have set the planet Earth on a course for environmental destruction, dissident scientists are disputing the premise that higher carbon dioxide levels are anything to worry about at all.

Last fall, Oxford University Press published a representative sample of alarmist “scholarship,” which argued that humanity’s “time is up” for preventing a “future marked by extreme climatic conditions because of escalating global temperatures caused by ongoing human activities that release harmful greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere,” and that the world is now “entering an unfamiliar domain regarding our climate crisis, a situation no one has ever witnessed firsthand in the history of humanity,” and the only way to mitigate the disaster is to aggressively phase out traditional energy sources such as fossil fuels and coal.

But *The Epoch Times* reports that such dire warnings are contradicted by some counter-intuitive authorities, including a co-founder of the longtime environmental group Greenpeace.

Patrick Moore, who is now chairman and chief scientist of the group Ecosense Environmental, says there is “actually no scientific evidence that CO2 is responsible for climate change over the eons,” and the campaign to convince people otherwise is a “total scam.” He noted that the modern day’s CO2 levels are “historically low” compared to those 150 million years ago, long before humanity, let alone the internal combustion engine.

“They’re saying all the tornadoes, all the hurricanes, all the floods, and all the heat waves are all caused by CO2. That is a lie,” Moore explained. “We don’t need CO2. For us, it’s a waste product – we need oxygen. But plants are the ones who made the oxygen for us, and we’re making the CO2 back for them.” In fact, he argued, burning fossil fuels “replenish[es] the atmosphere with CO2 up to a level that is much more conducive to life and growth of plants, in particular.”

John Christy, director of The University of Alabama’s Earth System Science Center, adds that, contrary to alarmists’ warnings, climate-related fatalities have actually dropped significantly over the past century, from a global average of 484,880 in 1925 to just 14,893 in 2020. “CO2 cannot be the cause of something not occurring,” he said simply.

“CO2 has been unfairly demonized because it is actually plant food in its atmospheric form, and it is the consequence of generating carbon-based energy, which unquestionably improves lives around the world,” Christy added, and that CO2 is better thought of as the “currency of life.”

“It is ironic that the very same carbon emissions responsible for harmful changes to climate are also fertilizing plant growth, which in turn is somewhat moderating global warming,” pointed out Jarle Bjerke of the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, co-author of a 2018 NASA report on the continuation of the trend “that the world is greener than it was in the early 1980s,” one of numerous pieces of evidence to that effect.

Activists have long claimed there is a “97 percent scientific consensus” in favor of anthropogenic global warming (AGW) – the view that human activity, rather than natural phenomena, is primarily responsible for Earth’s changing climate – but that number comes from a distortion of an overview of 11,944 papers from peer-reviewed journals, 66.4 percent of which expressed no opinion on the question; in fact, many of the authors identified with the AGW “consensus” later spoke out to say their positions had been misrepresented.

AGW proponents suffered a blow in 2010 with the discovery that their leading researchers at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, East Anglia Climate Research Unit, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had engaged in widespread data manipulation, flawed climate models, misrepresentation of sources, and suppression of dissenting findings.

Tens of thousands of German farmers protest left-wing government policies, block highways

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 8, 2024 — Tens of thousands of protestors have taken to the streets all over Germany, temporarily blocking streets and highways during the large-scale farmers' protests in response to the government's plan to cut subsidies.

On January 8, the first day of a week-long protest that will culminate in a large demonstration in Berlin on January 15, around 19,000 tractors took part in protests in Bavaria, and 25,000 vehicles showed up in Baden-Württemberg, according to German newspaper *Bild*.

Similar protests against the planned government measures with heavy vehicles that temporarily blocked many roads and highways were held all over Germany, including Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saxony, Münster, and Mainz.

Thousands of vehicles formed a blockade of the A2 highway, one of the busiest roads in Europe, which connects the Ruhr area in the west of Germany to Berlin in the east.

"We're sick of the lies. We're sick of trying to get rid of our jobs. It's not only farmers. It's the lorry drivers. It's the normal workers. Everybody is sick of politicians who have no idea what they are talking about, who have no education to tell us how our lifestyle should look," one of the farmers on the A2 highway told Dutch journalist and commentator Eva Vlaardingbroek.

In a speech in response to the protests, leftist German Economy Minister Robert Habeck (Green Party) tried to portray the farmers as anti-democratic "extremists" and claimed that "this republic is the best state Germany has ever had."

Habeck notably appeared to threaten the organizers of the protests as "enemies of the constitution."

"Our constitution sets limits on enemies of the constitution," Habeck said. "Anyone who wants to undermine democracy must be held accountable for it using the means of the rule of law."

He also took aim at "social media campaigns" and "political programs that talk about subversion or even repopulation and always blame others."

"We must not tolerate right-wing extremists who use the shelter of freedom to abolish it. In the same way, we as a society must not give space to enemies of the constitution," he insisted.

The German farmers' protests are reminiscent of protests in the Netherlands and the trucker protests in Canada and have garnered ample support online, including from tech mogul Elon Musk, who replied to the question of journalist Peter Sweden "Do you support the farmers?" by stating, "I do." — Elon Musk (@elonmusk) January 8, 2024

Leftist German gov't to cut agricultural subsidies

The farmers' protest came as a response to plans by Germany's left-wing government to cut agricultural tax subsidies. However, the protestors also expressed their general discontent with the reigning government, which has had very low approval ratings among the population overall.

In December 2023, an agreement reached by the government provided for the abolition of benefits for agricultural diesel and the tax exemptions of farming vehicles. The Federal Environment Agency listed both of these subsidies as "damaging to the environment."

On January 4, a few days before the start of the announced farmers' protest, the federal government partially withdrew the announced cuts. According to a press release, the government intends to waive the abolition of the preferential tax treatment for forestry and agriculture. It plans to phase out the tax breaks for agricultural diesel fuel over multiple years instead of abolishing them immediately.

Nevertheless, the farmers' association stuck with its week-long protest plans, as the government's concessions "are insufficient," the association said in a press release.