

When I had a chance to visit a leprosarium in the Philippines where the lepers are treated, I was able to see some of the survivors who had facial disfigurement and deformities. I sympathized with them and had that feeling of being isolated from the community. As we all know, leprosy is a contagious disease that affects the skin, which in severe cases, an infected person has to dwell apart from his/her family. It's really the hardest time for someone who is suffering from that illness and no family member who cares.

In the first reading, the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head" (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46).

In the Old Testament, leprosy is associated with sin. Israelites were aware that if someone was infected with this kind of disease they considered him/her unclean and definitely disregarded him/her away from the community for common safety. For them, it is an excellent symbol of sinfulness. Sin corrupts someone spiritually the way leprosy corrupts someone physically.

Learn to what St. Paul is telling us in the second reading, "Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 10:31-11:1). As believers in Christ, we have to establish in our Church, in our parish a welcoming community where saints and sinners are friends, where forgiveness is fostered and where everyone turns to the Lord in time of trouble as mentioned in our responsorial psalm.

God indeed is a merciful God. He always makes a way to restore everything in us. He doesn't want us to live isolated. That is why he founded our Church to accommodate the sick, the poor and the lowly. Jesus never abandons anyone who is asking for his help. "A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mk 1:40-45).

Jesus' healing of a leper from sickness to health brought him restoration to new life. If before he was considered unclean, Jesus made him clean and brought him to a new life of grace. We might not have that same illness bodily, yet, there is always a possibility that we might be suffering from it spiritually. It is for this reason why Jesus instituted the sacraments of holy anointing and reconciliation so we may always have the access to God's forgiveness and obtain for us the spiritual healing.

As we draw closer to the Lenten Season coming on the 14th day of February (Ash Wednesday), we are again invited to undergo this process of spiritual cleansing, calling all of us to live in the spirit of prayer, self-mortification, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving. As we faithfully observe all these spiritual exercises, may we also experience spiritual transformation towards a meaningful celebration of Easter. **Fr. Rex**

## February 11, 2024

### *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### Mass Intentions

**+Deceased**

**Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Feb 10th, Mass**

+ Andrew Engebose

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Feb 10th Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Feb 11th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Feb 11th, Mass**

+ Deceased members of the Mark & Ruth Frisque family

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Feb 13th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 6:15 AM, Brussels, Feb 14th, Ash Wed**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Feb 14th, Ash Wed**

**Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Lincoln, Feb 14th, Ash Wed**

Children's Mass

**Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Brussels, Feb 14th, Ash Wed**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Feb 15th, Mass**

+ For the People

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Feb 16th, Mass**

+ For the People

**Saturday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Feb 17th, Mass**

+ Deceased members of the Derenne family

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Feb 17th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Feb 18th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Feb 18th, Mass**

+ For the people

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Feb 20th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Feb 21st, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Feb 22nd, Mass**

+ Alvin Jorgensen

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Feb 23rd, Mass**

+ For the People

#### Sanctuary Light

**Feb 11-17:** In mem of Larry Kirchman

**Feb 18-24:** In mem of Alvin Jorgensen



#### Sacrificial Offerings

Jan 24-31, 2024: \$2,394.75



#### St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

Jan 29-Feb 4: \$2775.00

Gross profit: \$131.87

FYTD profit: \$3798.38

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).

## Liturgical Ministers:

### February 10th, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distr: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

### February 11th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Bill Lohrey

Communion Distr: Dcn. Ray, Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

### February 17th, 4:00pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distr: Matt Thayse, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

### February 18th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Communion Distr: Julie Pinchart, Jessica Pinchart

Servers: Lainey Barta & Natalie Brunette

## Parish News

**Father Rex's Shepherd Hours in Rosiere:** on Thursday & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

**Bishop's Appeal 2024:** The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities. Your gift helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families, and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

**Mass Intentions:** The Diocese is now allowing two families to have intentions for each mass. The people making the offerings must agree to combine their intention with others in a single mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you do not agree to having your intention combined with another parishioner's intention. (Two masses each year can be booked for the same intention.)

**BINGO!** Do you like to play bingo? We are planning a game to be held on Sunday, **Feb 18** at 1:00 pm in the Lincoln church basement. No Dobbers please!! Please consider joining us for this fundraiser. Call Gail Dellemann with questions at 920-360-4604 (if no answer, please leave a message and Gail will call you back).

**Religious Education:** Classes on Feb 7,21,28. Mass for Ash Wednesday on Feb 14 at 5:30 pm in Lincoln – Children's Mass - students should attend mass with their family in place of class. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 3 for the **He Has Risen End of Year Party** at Brussels Community Center for Karaoke and Potluck; Time TBD; All RE families from L/R & Brussels.

**Prayer Requests for those in need:** The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee welcomes prayer requests. Please contact Julie in the parish office with any prayer requests for those in need.

**Building and Grounds:** We are in need of a volunteer to help run point and troubleshoot when problems arise with the buildings. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

## Area News

**Knights of Columbus – Annual Fish Fry:** The Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry is Feb 23 and March 8 & 22 at the Luxemburg Sportsman Club serving from 4:30-7 pm; dine in or carry out, drive thru; cash bar.

**On Mission magazine:** The On Mission magazine (replaces the Compass newspaper) is printed six times a year and mailed to all households registered at a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Green Bay. Visit [onmissionmedia.com](http://onmissionmedia.com) for a digital version of the print magazine, stories (features, local, etc.), Faith (Sunday readings, inspiration, vocations), Life (family) and Community (calendar, mass schedules, etc.). This magazine is made possible by the Bishop's Appeal.

**Pope Francis' Feb Intention:** For the terminally ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

## Parish Contacts

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**Trustee Secretary:** Mark Bader 680-2936

**Trustee Treasurer:** Jerry Barta 255-2702

## Parish Office

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8am – 11am & 11:30am – 4 pm**

**Parish email: [lincolnrosiere@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnrosiere@gmail.com)**

## **Gospel Readings for Week of February 11th**

Monday, Feb 12: Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday, Feb 13: Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday Feb 14: Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-18 **Ash**

**Wednesday**

Thursday, Feb 15: Luke 9: 22-25

Friday, Feb 16: Matthew 9: 14-15

Saturday, Feb 17: Luke 5: 27-32 (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)