

**February 11, 2018**  
**6th Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time**



**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**  
**(interpreted)**  
**5:00 p.m.**

At Masses we  
remember:  
10 am:  
Sr. Shirley Pilot  
5 pm:  
Barbara Johnson

02/04/2018 collection:  
\$243.00  
Thank you for your support.

**Feb. 11**—coffee hour after  
10 am Mass

**Feb 11**—Busy Person  
Retreat begins

**Feb. 13**—Mardi Gras  
Pancake Dinner , 5-7 pm in  
the Skalny room

**Feb. 14—ASH WED**  
8:30-9:30 am Drive By  
Ashes in Allen Chapel  
12:15 pm Mass in Allen  
Chapel

6:30 pm Mass in Allen  
Chapel

**Feb. 16-18**—Kairos

**Feb. 23**—fish fry dinner

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**Knights of Columbus**

**Fish Fry Dinners**

**Delivered to campus**

**Feb. 23 and March 23**

**Sign up at Masses.**

## RIT NATION

### Take some time....Give some time....

This Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. Lent comes around each year, and I think for many of us, our intentions are good, really good. I sometimes find myself a bit envious of those who decide what they want to do for Lent and have the discipline and perseverance to stick with it, completely and without hesitation. I am not sure that is how it is for everyone. For many, between classes and projects, papers, exams and trying to stay connected with friends, we sometimes lose our focus. And sometimes we simply give up.

Lent is for each of us – whether we are able to stick with our promises or not. Many will choose to give up things or focus on new things, go to something, or simply slow down – even if it is thoughts for a bit of time each day. Lent is a time to grow in relationship with our God and the world in which we live. Tuesday morning as I sat in the quiet of night turning into day, I read these words from an adaptation of Psalm 24:

*“Who is this splendid ruler?*

*The Lord of power and might, the conqueror of chaos.”*

The image spoke to me! ...the conqueror of chaos....this is a God I need to know! Sometimes chaos can easily be found as I look at my desk, or the pile of clothing waiting to be moved from the laundry basket to the dresser. But more often, chaos can be found within...in my heart and mind. As I continue to ponder what I will do for Lent, I am sure it will have something to do with continuing to try to allow God to speak to me in the midst of my chaos...through my imperfections and insecurities.

**Take some time...Give some time...** is our theme for Lent. The bracelets we are handing out have **...take some time...** printed boldly on the outside. If you turn it inside out, subtly, printed on the inside is **...give some time...** This is in reference to the gospel text of Ash Wednesday from Matthew. (My words, not the actual text.) *When you share what you have, when you pray, fast and when you do good, do so quietly – without a lot of fanfare. God knows. And God will repay or care for us in the way we most need.*

Take some time....to ponder what Lent might mean for you this year. It's not a race to Easter. Lent is not about making sure our sacrifices "hurt". Lent is simply growing in relationship with our God and the world in which we live. Have a good week. We are here for you.

Peace and good, Alice MN