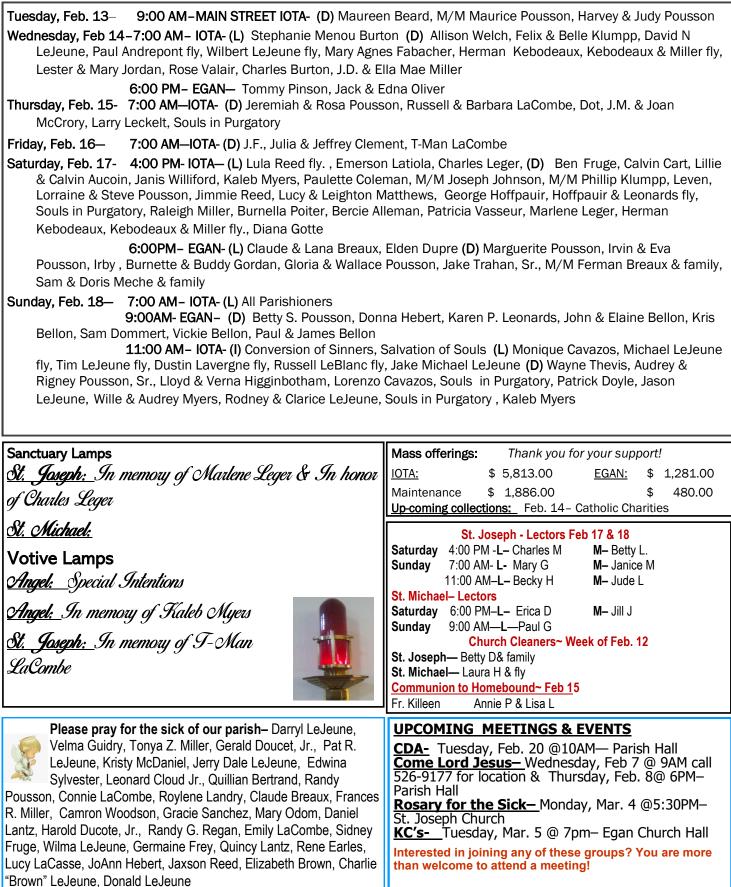
February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parish Family,

This will be my first Mardi Gras in lota and I am excited to be here and celebrate such a joyful time with all of you! I will be offering a mass at 9 a.m. on the stage on Mardi Gras and cannot wait to have some good food and fun after! Mardi Gras is such a special time of the year and a joyous occasion! Keep in mind, however, that Lent begins after! Don't forget to pray and fast as we get ready for the joys of the Easter Season! Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 7am at St. Joseph and 6pm at St. Michael.

As I mentioned last weekend, we will have our Lenten Book Study. We will start on February 22nd at 5 p.m. If you attended the Advent Book Study, please sign up again for the Lenten Book Study. The book will be *Through the Heart of St. Joseph* by Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. Please sign up at the office if you want to attend this book study!

Our doors are finally installed! I am grateful to everyone who assisted in their donations to the doors. This may seem like a small or even insignificant thing, but as I mentioned this past weekend the upkeep of our property shows that we care about the longevity of our parish. We want this parish to continue to provide spiritual nourishment for lota and the surrounding area, so that requires some continual work!

The altar rails have progressed substantially! They have been built, painted, and now we are waiting for the cushioned kneeler and wooden top piece to be completed. I hope it will be completed by Easter.

Speaking of reverence for our Lord, I am hoping to make some purchases to increase our expression of devotion and adoration. With the imminent installation of the altar rail, I would like to purchase processional torches to be used by our altar servers during mass. They can also be used for future processions. The cost for processional torches depends on the number and style.

If anyone would like to help donate money for processional torches, please contact the office. They will be used for various liturgies and processions and are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. I also hope to purchase a few more candlesticks, especially for bigger celebrations like Christmas, Easter, and so on. Again, if anyone would like to help please contact the office.

God Bless,

Fr. Killeen

