

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



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Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator
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Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass:10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Sr. Mary Jean's Column

Catholic bishops call on Trump to apologize for racist meme

By Brian Fraga - Staff Reporter

From the Black Catholic Messenger

Two Catholic bishops are calling on President Donald Trump to apologize for posting a racist meme on social media that depicted former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama as apes.

Chicago Cardinal Blasé Cupich and Detroit Archbishops Edward Weisenburger both released statements Feb. 9 taking issue with a White House spokesperson's comments that sought to dismiss the controversy as "fake outrage" generated by the news media.

"Our shock is real. So is our outrage. Nothing less than an unequivocal apology - to the nation and to the persons demeaned - is acceptable," Cupich said in his statement.

Weisenburger added that he bristled at the fake outrage claim, and he too called on Trump to offer "a public apology with full acceptance of responsibility."

"It is very disturbing that anyone, much less the President of the United States or his staff members, should see racist memes as humorous or appropriate expressions of political discourse," Weisenburger said, adding that they are "deeply offensive and must be condemned in the strongest terms."

Shortly before midnight, on Feb. 5, Trump's social media account on his Truth Social platform shared a brief animation of the Obamas' heads superimposed on the bodies of apes. The excerpt was from a longer video highlighting debunked claims of the 2020 presidential election being stolen.

The White House initially defended the video, but it was deleted about 12 hours later amid backlash from Democrats and Republicans. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, a South Carolina Republican who is Black, called the meme "the most racist thing" he had seen from Trump's White House.

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MINISTERS - February 15, 2026

LECTORS	
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SUNDAY COUNTERS	
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MASS INTENTIONS - FEB 15-22, 2026

Feb 15	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	James & Madelyn Harland
Feb 18	Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	St. Aloysius & St. Raphael Parishes
Feb 22	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the POPSIE family

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henritta Broadus, Lois Bunker, Greg Clifford, Angela Comedy, Jerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jemaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Clarice, Barbara Williams, Ann White, Vermonte Wright

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Marilyn Anthony, Margaret Atwell, Barbara Bridges, Evelyn Davis, Vyrdy Hopes, Paulette Jones, Everette Matlock, Sr., Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Etta Reynolds, Vivian Watkins, Lavonia Williams

Lenten Observances

The forty days of Lent will be here soon. A reminder about the rules for fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

On all Fridays during Lent, Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, do not eat meat.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics who are from 18-59 are obliged to fast. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Fasting and abstinence are just two ways that Lent can be observed. The bishops' conference also encourages us to pray, give alms, and perform works of mercy during the forty days of Lent.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	Feb 15	<u>10:00 a.m. - Mass</u>
Monday	Feb 16	
Tuesday	Feb 17	<u>11:30 a.m. - Mass</u> <u>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution</u>
Wednesday	Feb 18	<u>9:30 a.m. Ash Wed School Mass</u> <u>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass/Revival</u>
Thursday	Feb 19	<u>7:00 p.m. - Revival</u>
Friday	Feb 20	<u>7:00 p.m. - Revival</u>
Saturday	Feb 21	<u>10:00 a.m. Finance Council</u>
Sunday	Feb 22	<u>10:00 a.m. - Mass</u>
Monday	Feb 23	
Tuesday	Feb 24	<u>11:30 a.m. Mass</u> <u>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution</u> <u>5:30 p.m. - Scripture Gathering - Guild Room</u>

COLLECTION SUMMARY 2/8/26

\$1,264.11 - Offertory
 \$250.00 - Renovations
 \$265.00 - Special Collections
 \$83,200.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/26)
 \$72,685.96 - Collections Year to Date

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Sirach 15:15-20

You have the free choice to keep the commandments and act faithfully.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God's wisdom is a hidden mystery revealed by the Spirit for our glory.

Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37 (or Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

Jesus came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it by changing hearts.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Feb 16 - Genesis 4:1-15; Mark 8:11-13
 Tue Feb 17 - Genesis 6:5-8; Mark 8:14-21
 Wed Feb 18 - Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
 Thu Feb 19 - Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
 Fri Feb 20 - Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1
 Sat Feb 21 - Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our fourth through eighth grade scholars who received honors for the second quarter. We had more students receive honors this quarter than the first quarter. We also awarded more students with perfect attendance this quarter. Keep it going Tigers -you can achieve greatness!

Respectfully, Nancy Lynch, Principal



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Catholic bishops call on Trump to apologize for racist meme

By Brian Fraga – Staff Reporter

Questioned by reporters, Trump claimed that he only saw the "first part" of the video and not the racist image. He said he sent the video to staff ("the people") to review for posting on his account. Trump has since refused to apologize, saying that he "didn't make a mistake."

In his statement, Cupich noted that portraying human beings as animals, or less than human, is nothing new.

"it was a common way in past centuries for politicians and others to demean immigrant groups as each arrived, the Chinese, Irish, Italians, Slavs, Jews, Latinos and so on, said Cupich, who added that cartoons, newspapers and theatrical productions often carried the message that those "others" were worthy of ridicule.

"It made it easier to turn a blind eye to their privation, pay them pitiful wages and mock their 'foreign' religion even as the country needed their labor," Cupich said "it immunized the national conscience when we turned away shiploads of refugees, lynched thousands and doomed generations to poverty."

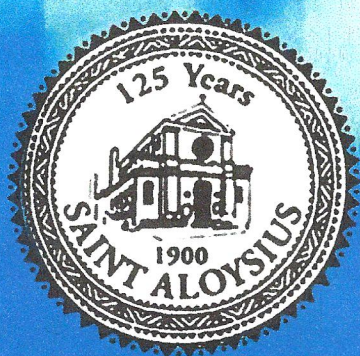
Cupich said the meme that Trump shared reveals that "such blatant racism is not merely a practice of the past."

"If the President intentionally approved the message containing viciously racist images, he should admit it," Cupich said. "if he did not know of it originally, he should explain why he let his staff describe the public outcry their transmission as fake outrage.

"Either way he should apologize," Cupich said.

Beyond Trump offering the "necessary apology," Weisenburger said the controversy should prompt people to examine their consciences, acknowledge how prevalent racism continues to be in American society, and commit themselves to counteract its harm.

"As Catholics, we believe that every person is made in the image and likeness of God," Weisenburger said. "This sacred truth compels us to treat every human being with dignity, respect, and love. We must recommit ourselves to vigilance in counteracting the wounds caused by the evil of racism as truly we are called to be one human family."



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Saturday April 18, 2026 at 1pm

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