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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Marcel Welling +

Sunday, January 17

- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Larry Sanders +

12:10 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, January 18

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. David Thiem +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, January 20

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Marty Lohmuller +

Thursday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Bickley

Friday, January 22

8:30 a.m. Mary Haecker +

Saturday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Joseph Ferraro +

Sunday, January 24

- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

12:05 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 18 - Second Week in Ordinary Time - Heb 5:1-10/ Mk 2:18-22

Tues., Jan. 19 - Heb 6:10-20/ Mk 2:23-28

Wed., Jan. 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr & St. Sebastian, Martyr - Heb 7:1-3,15-17/ Mk 3:1-6 Thurs., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr - Heb 7:25-8:6/ Mk 3:7-12

Fri., Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - "Mass for Peace & Justice"

Sat., Jan. 23 - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin & St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr - Heb 9:2-3,11-14/Mk 3:20-21

Sun., Jan. 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jon 3:1-5,10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 17, 2021

This weekend (January 16th/17th) brings us into the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The name of this season, **Ordinary Time**, comes from the Latin adjective "ordinalis" which is translated as either "number" or "succession". This time falls between the joyous season of **Christmas** and the penitential season of **Lent**. Having just celebrated the mystery of the Incarnation, our focus now shifts from the mysteries of the life of Christ and focuses on how we are called to respond to these mysteries in our daily lives. In other words: How does our Christian Faith call each of us to live differently than the world, especially given the many challenges we face?

This focus is also reflected in our Gospel reading (John 1:35-42) today. Our Lord asks the two disciples today, "What are you looking for?", and He invites them to come and spend time with Him. It was at this moment, when they first encountered the Lord, that their lives changes. One of the two, St. John, even remembers the specific time of day, "It was about four in the afternoon", though many years have passed since that first moment. Why does St. John remember even the time of day? Because that is the very moment he first fell in love with the Lord and everything changed.

How has encountering the Risen Lord changed our lives? How do we live life differently as Christians? Christ is meant to inflame our hearts and sparks of this fire should be seen in everything that we do to set the world ablaze (*Luke 12:49*). We are called to love in truth, speaking truth with charity (*Ephesians 4:15*). We are called to love our neighbors (*James 2:8*). We are called to love even our enemies (*Matthew 5:44*). In this love of Christ, lived out in our everyday lives, we can truly begin to change the world. Though the season itself may be called "ordinary", this time is a chance for extraordinary growth in grace as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We will remain in this season of **Ordinary Time** until we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday** (February 17th). As **Lent** is quickly approaching (*being only a month away*), it is a good time to prayerfully begin discerning how we will approach Lent this year. This coming season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance serves as a chance to put aside the things of this world which fade away and to focus on the eternal glories that know no end (*1 John 2:17*). By beginning our preparations now, the coming **Forty Days of Lent** will not catch us by surprise. Instead, we will be ready to welcome this season as a chance to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

This coming **Friday**, **January 22**nd, marks the 48th commemoration of both *Roe vs. Wade* and (the lesser known) *Doe vs. Bolton*. These two Supreme Court decisions labeled abortion a constitutional "right" and removed many of the factors limiting abortions throughout our country. These decisions reflect what Pope Francis often speaks of as a "throwaway culture." However, we place our ultimate trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as a people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

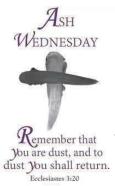
We are asked to observe this particular day as a day of prayer, focusing especially on the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May our prayers and actions help to bring about a true culture of life in our nation and our world that recognizes and respects the dignity of every person from conception to natural death and at every moment in-between.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David





First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, February 5 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. / Low Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 17th 7:00 a.m. 12Noon 7:00 p.m.

There is a basket on the desk in the narthex for old palms, if you still have some!

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your yearly contribution statements will be mailed out Monday, January 18th. Please call the Parish office, 260-824-1380 if you do not receive yours by the end of the month.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Jan. 16 Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 16 Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Jan. 17 Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Tues., Jan. 19 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 20 Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 23 Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 23 Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 26 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 27 Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 30 Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 30 Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 1 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Feb. 2 Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 5 Adoration 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. / Low (Latin) Mass 6:00 p.m.



ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP RAFFLE— MARCH 9, 2021

CASH PRIZES TOTALING \$550.00

First Prize-\$250/Second Prize \$100

Third Prize-\$50 (4 names will be drawn for \$50 each)

If you have not yet picked up your raffle tickets, please do so as this will help defer the cost of postage. The envelopes are on the desk in the narthex. Any left will be mailed out by the end of the month. All proceeds will be used to clean and refurbish our baptismal font. Drawing for cash prizes will be Tuesday, March 9th at the regular St. Joseph Women's Meeting. Winners will be notified via phone; need not be present to win!

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report January 9/10

Adult Envelopes- \$2,347.00 Child Envelopes- \$3.00 Loose- \$203.00 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$1,727.96 Religious Ed. Fund- \$156.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$156.00 Votive Candles- \$177.90 **Total- \$4,614.86**

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,949.75 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$541.00

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Cincotta, Husband of Joni Cincotta, who passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2021



May God welcome Tom home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

- Francis of Assisi



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h - is it helpful?

i - is it inspiring?

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