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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Old Testament 46 Books

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

PENTATEUCH

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Tobit
Judith
Esther
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees

HISTORICAL BOOKS

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Wisdom
Sirach

WISDOM BOOKS

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Baruch
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zachariah
Malachi

BOOKS OF THE PROPHETS

Books of the
BIBLE



This canon
was defined by
Pope Damasus I
in AD 382 at the
Council of Rome

New Testament 27 Books

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

GOSPELS and ACTS

Acts of the Apostles

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

LETTERS

Revelation

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, January 22

No Public Mass

Tuesday, January 23

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, January 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Oscar Heyne +

Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Bessie & George Harvey +

Friday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Rita Blair +

Sunday, January 28

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Josie Andrews

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 21, 2024

This weekend (Jan. 20th/21st), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Having heard the call of St. Peter from the Gospel of St. John, now we hear it from the Gospel of St. Mark. We will remain in the Gospel of St. Mark until mid-way through the Lenten season when we again hear from the Gospel of St. John. This interweaving between the two Gospels highlights the brevity of St. Mark's, being the shortest of the four Gospels.

In addition to being the shortest Gospel, St. Mark's is often seen as the most "urgent." In it, Jesus is often described as rushing about. St. Mark actually makes use of the Greek word "εὐθύς," or "immediately," 41 different times. We hear it in our Gospel today as the Apostles *immediately* left their boats and nets to follow after Jesus. Likewise, we will soon hear of how lepers are healed in an instant and the sick leap to their feet when touched by the Lord.

The theme of urgency was understood since the beginnings of the Church to point to one of the main sources for St. Mark's Gospel: St. Peter. Scripturally, we know that St. Mark was very close with St. Peter, having been with him in Rome and called by him "my son Mark" (1 Peter 5:13). Traditionally, the early Church Fathers reconfirm this belief. For example, St. Justin Martyr, writing in AD 155, refers to St. Mark's Gospel as "*the memoirs of Peter*."

This close relationship with St. Peter explains how St. Mark would have known intimate details about the life of the Lord. Papias of Hierapolis, a first century bishop and disciple of St. John the Apostle, wrote: "*When Mark became Peter's interpreter, he wrote down accurately, although not in order, all that he remembered of what was said or done by the Lord. For Mark had not heard the Lord nor followed Him, but later, as I have said, followed Peter.*"

In other words, St. Mark's Gospel contains much of the preaching and memories that St. Peter shared with him. This helps to explain how the text itself is seemingly from St. Peter's point of view. More than the other Gospels, St. Mark is a witness to the rebukes and failings of St. Peter. This account comes directly from the mouth of a man still stung by his earlier denials, witnessing against himself, as he now gives his all to proclaim Jesus Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE START OF LENT

Given how early **Easter** falls this year, the start of **Lent** is less than a month away. It is never too early to begin our preparations for **Ash Wednesday** and the **Lenten season**. As a part of this preparation, starting this weekend, there is a basket in the narthex to collect old palms. These palms will be burned and the resulting ashes used for the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday**.

For your planning purposes, **Ash Wednesday** falls on Wednesday, Feb. 14th this year and we will offer **Masses on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM**. As a reminder, **Ash Wednesday** is a day of fasting and abstinence. (*Abstinence refers to those from age 14 onward refraining from meat. Fasting refers to those from age 18 until age 59 eating only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.*)

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

These past many years, we've had a kiosk with *Lighthouse Catholic Media* CDs available in the narthex. Following the national trend of moving towards digital media, we've seen that these CDs are no longer being taken as often as they had in the past. Given the limited space in the narthex, we've decided to discontinue the use of this CD kiosk moving forward. The remaining CDs will be available for the taking on the table in the narthex.

Thanks to a generous donation by our **Knights of Columbus**, we will be replacing the CD kiosk with a kiosk from **Catholic Information Services (CIS)**. This new kiosk offers a variety of booklets that are a part of the **CIS's Building the Domestic Church** series. This series seeks to help strengthen the domestic church, which is our families, by providing engaging, faith-based literature free of cost. Make sure to take a look at the new kiosk soon.

In Christ,
Fr. David



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., January 22 - Third Week in Ordinary Time - 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 / Mk 3:22-30

Tues., January 23 - St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr / St. Marianne Cope, Virgin - 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19 / Ps 24:7-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Wed., January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 2 Sm 7:4-17 / Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 / Mk 4:1-20

Thurs., January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 / Ps 117:1-2 / Mk 16:15-18

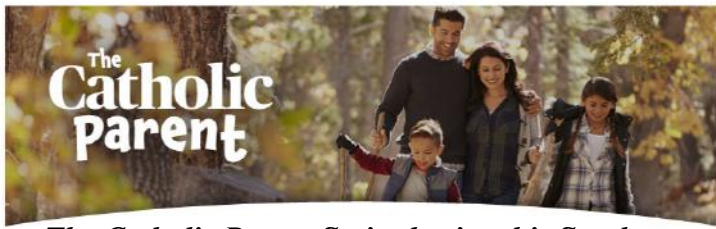
Fri., January 26 - Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 / Mk 4:26-34

Sat., January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin - 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17 / Ps 51:12-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Sun., January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 18:15-20 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



The Catholic Parent Series begins this Sunday,
January 21st in the Parish Social Hall
from 8:45-9:45 a.m. for the next six weeks.

NORTHEAST INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

The Northeast Indiana March for Life is next Saturday, Jan. 27th
An opening rally will be held at the *University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center* (431 W Berry St, Fort Wayne)
at Noon, with doors opening at 11:30am.
The March will start after the Rally.
Arrive at the Church Parking Lot at 11 AM if you wish to carpool.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 21** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 21** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Jan. 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 24** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 24** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Jan. 26** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 28** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Jan. 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 31** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 31** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 2** - First Friday Adoration - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3 & Sun., Feb. 4** - Blessing of Throats after all Masses.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall

Weekend of January 27 and 28, 2024



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Teresa Smith
10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Bruce Holland



10:00 Kevin Seago, Jacque Johnson, Diana Cole



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Jan. 13/14

Adult Envelopes- \$2,826.00
Loose- \$95.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$683.61

Total- \$3,604.61

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,076.81 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$200.00

**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!**

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

The **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** is also known as *Candlemas Day*, marking forty days since *Christmas Day*; On this day, candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world.

All the candles to be used in the Church this coming year will be blessed at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. You are invited to bring in your own candles to be blessed for use in your home throughout the year.

Morning Mass is at 8:30 a.m.

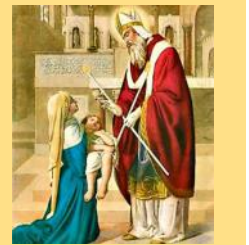
First Friday Adoration is from 9:00 am—6:00 pm with an evening Mass (ad orientem) at 6:00 p.m.

Come and spend an hour with Jesus in silent prayer; the best hour you will ever spend. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr February 3

**Blessing of Throats
after all Masses February 3 & 4**



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Melissa "Missy" Pax, daughter of Norma Jean (David) Mangen, who passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and will be laid to rest on Monday, January 22, 2024.

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

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

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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Saturday's: Noon-8pm

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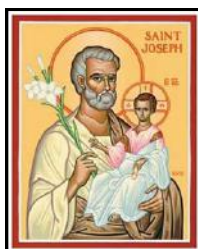
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