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St. Ann Catholic Church, Channahon strives to be a welcoming, caring and faith-filled parish family who desires to bring one another closer to Jesus through Prayer, Involvement and Generosity on our way to the Heavenly Father.

FROM FATHER JOHN: *"When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, 'Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?' Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, 'Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth'—he said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.' He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'" ~ Mark 2:1 – 12*

If we think about it, the above gospel passage from Mark is a good example of how much God actually loves each and every one of us. If we take a look at how Jesus heals this man and how he goes about it, by that I mean the process that our Lord Jesus goes through, it shows how much our God loves each of us.

Our Lord Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." He begins with the word "child". He's telling the man his identity. His identity as a child of God, an adopted son of God. That's our identity; we are children of God, adopted sons and daughters of God and this adoption happens in our baptism. This is a great gift that God gives us.

Our Lord Jesus identifies who the man is and then he forgives his sins, he takes action and heals the man, and the man responds by getting up, carrying his mat and walking home. Our Lord Jesus gave the man a command and the man followed the command. This is the hallmark of discipleship. Our Lord, Jesus, gives us commands. Our Lord, Jesus calls us. Our Lord, Jesus reaches out to us, and we respond by doing what the Lord asks us to do and what He calls us to do.

Jesus said to the scribes, "Which is easier to say to the paralytic? Your sins are forgiven, or to say, rise, pick up your mat and walk?" And you know, he's right about that. Our Lord Jesus is absolutely right. It's easier to say, "Rise, pick up your mat and walk!", because when he says, "Your sins are forgiven", how do they know that this man's sins were forgiven? They obviously didn't know because they thought he was blaspheming. How do they know that his sins are forgiven?

Forgiveness of sins is kind of an opaque, vague thing that's hard to get our arms around. How do the people in the gospel passage know it really happened? It's not like they can see something that shows them and demonstrates to them that the sins are forgiven. However, when Jesus says, "Rise, pick up your mat and go home", the man actually does it. They can clearly see that something's happened, that the paralytic's been healed. They can see that his sins have been forgiven. They have evidence; visual, concrete evidence. This paralytic stood up, grabbed his mat and walked home. It's as clear as day, and they can see it. It's not vague, it's not opaque, it's not something unknown.

Has anyone ever said to you, "I don't need to go to confession, I can just pray to God and ask for forgiveness." Maybe a child or grandchild, niece or nephew, someone you know at work? I've had all sorts of people over the years say that to me. Even back before I went to seminary, co-workers would say it; fallen-away Catholics liked to say it, our Protestant brothers and sisters love to say it, all sorts of people would say it "why do I need to go to confession? I can just pray to God and be forgiven."

But here's the thing: if we pray to God and ask for forgiveness, how do we know that he really forgave us? How do we know that the answer to our prayer is "Yes, I forgive you!"? How do we know the answer isn't "No, I'm not going to forgive you"? How do we know that, with absolute certainty, that we are forgiven?

We've all prayed our whole lives. We've all prayed for things. We've all asked God for things where it didn't work out the way we wanted. We've all had times when God said no in answer to our prayers.

So how do we know in a particular case that our sins are forgiven? It's kind of a vague, opaque thing. It's hard to tell. Or, would we rather have our Lord, Jesus say, "Rise, pick up your mat and go home" or something like it where we know, with real, concrete certainty, that we're healed and forgiven.

That's the gift of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation. When we go and receive the sacrament we know we are forgiven. We have absolute, concrete knowledge of that. The priest raises his hand and gives us absolution based on the fact that our Lord Jesus gave the power to grant absolution to the priests of the Church when He gave this command to Peter and the apostles, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The authority that our Lord Christ Jesus gave to the Church and the sacrament that He established with that command is a gift to all of us. In the sacrament, in this gift from our Lord Jesus, we know with concrete and absolute certainty that God has forgiven us, that our sins are wiped away, that they are gone. God wants us to have that gift; the gift of knowing that we are forgiven and that we are healed.

God wants us to know it, He wants us to realize it, He wants us to take it into our heart and our soul, that we are forgiven and healed. And because of that desire, God gives us this sacrament as a gift because He loves us so much, that not only does He want us to be forgiven, not only does He want to forgive us, but He wants us to know it, and realize it, and live it out.

An amazing thing happens when we receive the sacrament. Whatever burden of guilt from our sins that weighs on us is lifted and it's lifted from our heart and souls because we know that we're forgiven. Think about it, pray over it; in the sacrament the burden of sin that had weighed us down is lifted and it's gone. A weight is lifted from our soul.

There are times in confession when we can feel it physically, emotionally or spiritually. We can feel that some weight was lifted from us, that we are free. That's the gift that Christ wants us to have, and that's how much God loves us, that He wants us to know we're forgiven and to feel that burden of guilt lifted and taken away from us.

May God bless you, and all those who love the Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 30, 2022

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Help Socially Isolated Seniors During the Pandemic and Beyond!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Grundy County. This is strictly a friendly visit, no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. All volunteers and clients socially distance and wear masks to stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

In Grundy County, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or email bwilliams@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Catholic parents have the responsibility to have their infant children baptized within the first few weeks of life when possible. Baptism prep will be the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 2 PM in the Fireside room, call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms will be the 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 AM (Exceptions for holiday weekends.) Please call the parish office to schedule and for information. parishoffice@stannchannahon.org or 815-467-6962, Ext. 0.

Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation for Children:

Formation is held during religious education sessions. Registration/questions contact Tom x5.

Reception of Baptism, Reconciliation, R.C.I.A.,

Eucharist & Confirmation for Adults:

Inquiries about reception of Sacraments, contact Tom, Ext. 5.

Engagement Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples need to be registered and active in parish life and attend weekly Mass. Preparation begins eight months before proposed date. Contact Parish Office 815-467-6962.

Validation of a Civil Marriage:

If you were married civilly by the State and wish to validate your marriage as a Sacrament, contact Dcn. Bob, Ext. 7 or the parish office, Ext. 0.

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2021 Year End Contribution Statements will be emailed by February 1, 2022. If you would like your statement mailed to your home, please call Kim at the parish office: 815-467-6962, Ext. 6 or email at finance@stannchannahon.org

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

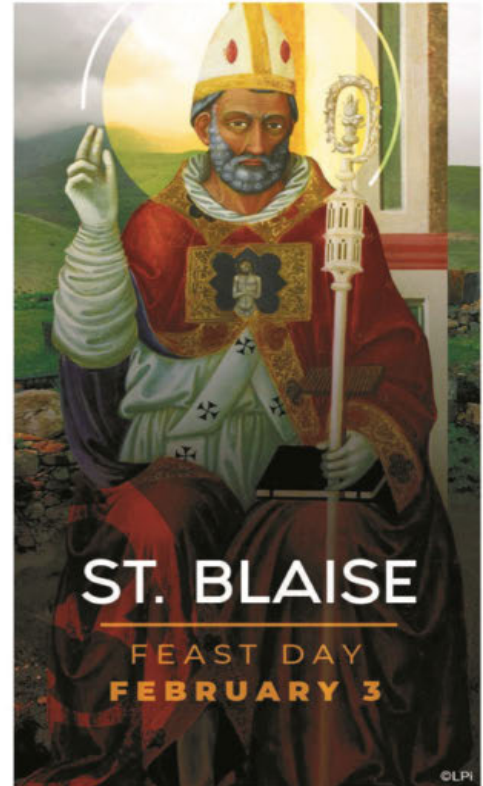
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00 pm +Alberta Durkee/John & JoAnne Sternisha

Sunday, January 30, 2021

8:00 am +Becky Weisenberger/Jim & Anita Schemensky

+Dick & Helen Clark/Curt Clark

10:00 am +Ronald & SI Loretta Stuart/Stuart Family

Monday, January 31, 2021

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, February 1, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Wednesday, February 2, 2021

8:00 am +Lorraine Banasiak/Mary Wright

Special Intention/Walsh Family

Thursday, February 3, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Friday, February 4, 2021

8:00 am +Nancy Leslie/Walsh Family

+Blessed Souls of Holy Purgatory/
Carmen Pantoja

Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00 pm +Oliver Topliff/Fr. John Klein

Sunday, February 6, 2021

8:00 am St. Ann Parish

10:00 am +Al Soley/St. Ann Choir

† = denotes deceased person / SI = special intention

February 13, 2022

GAME DAY

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

TIME FOR SQUARES

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PAYOUTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:


1st Quarter: \$500	3rd Quarter: \$500
Reverse: \$250	Reverse: \$250
2nd Quarter: \$500	Final Score: 2,000
Reverse: \$250	Reverse: \$500

DISCLAIMER: If for some reason the board does not fill-up, we would have to slightly adjust the prize payouts to make that adjustment. We do not anticipate this happening.





Stewardship of Treasure


January 10th, 2022

Our Weekly Offertory →	\$ 9,465
Budgeted	8,169
Difference	+ 1,296

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."
(NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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 **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021**
January 10, 2022

Goal \$ 37,200

Amount Pledged	\$ 54,833
Amount Paid	\$ 54,833
Balance Due	\$ 0
Donor Count	173

2021 Rebate \$12,343

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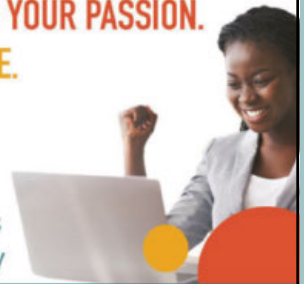
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