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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

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Trzecia Niedziela Zwykła

*Duch Pański spoczywa na Mnie, ponieważ Mnie namaścił i posłał
Mnie, abym ubogim niósł dobrą nowinę, więźniom głosił wolność, a
niewidomym przejrzenie; abym uciśnionych odsyłał wolnymi.*

Lk 4:18



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Mass Schedule

Sunday Obligation:
4:30 pm (Saturday)
9:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Polish)

Holy Days:

5:30 pm (English) - Vigil Mass
12:00 noon (English)
5:30 pm (Polish)

Weekdays:

7:30 am (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
12:00 pm Wednesday
5:30 pm Friday (Polish)
(No AM Mass on Monday & Saturday)

Novena to St. Anthony:

Tuesday after 7:30 am Mass

Chaplet to Divine Mercy:

Friday after 7:30 am Mass

January 23, 2022 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday and all God's blessings to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this week:

Monday, January 24

Shawna Mrowiec, Brian Muchowicz

Tuesday, January 25

Ronald Bronowski, Elzbieta Gal, Przemyslaw Żuk

Wednesday, January 26

Irena Nierzwicki, Adam Shilling

Thursday, January 27

Halina Head, Jolanta Masiewicz, Anzelma Nierzwicki, Mateusz Szul

Friday, January 28

Alicja Grygo, John Gustafson, Cezary Żuk

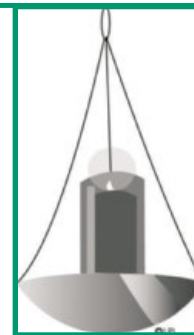
Saturday, January 29

Lauren Klepanski

Sunday, January 30

Dennis Head, Daniel Martins, Kristen Peterson.

Seven-day Sanctuary Candles



Red Candle on the right side of the altar is offered for:

In memory of Marta Mroccka

offered by Bernarda, Mateusz & Oliwia Szul

Red Candle on the left side of the altar is offered for:

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These candles will burn beginning Sunday, January 23rd.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Open House

All Saints Catholic Academy is holding an Open House for all potential future students and families on Sunday, **January 30th**, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Teachers will be available to answer questions and give tours. If this date doesn't work for you, call the school office at 815-962-8515 and schedule your own private tour. We look forward to meeting you!



BUILT ON ROCK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY! (AGES 18-35)

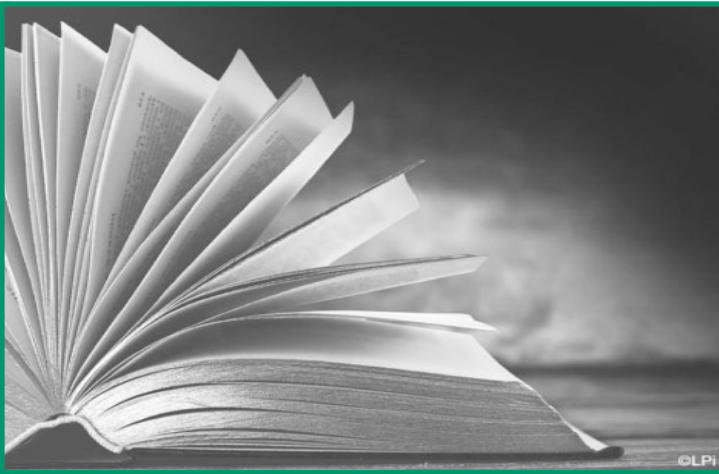
If you are between the ages of 18 to 35, we invite you to join us two Thursdays a month at St. Bridget for our Young Adult Ministry. Our goal

is to provide ministry and community for young adults in the Rockford area while building up your faith and relationship with the Church. We simply want to help you live life to the fullest. Through forming a strong community, you will be better able to go forth and live the Gospel message with family, friends, coworkers, and those you encounter daily. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Downing calling 815-633-6311 or at: adowning@Rockforddiocese.org.

Upcoming Gatherings:

Thursday, January 27th ~ Our gathering will be a Teaching Mass by Fr. Grismer. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Church.

In February, we will begin a book study using *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick. If interested in this book study, please email Fr. Downing by January 17th, so we can order books.



FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 24, 2022

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:30 am † Souls in Purgatory - offered by Parishioners

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

12:00 pm †Janina Szostak- offered by Jan & Danuta Wasilewski

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory - offered by Parishioners

Friday, January 28, 2022

7:30 am †Intention of celebrant

5:30 pm †Helena Kulach - offered by Józef z rodziną

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:30 pm †Teresa Domanski - offered by Gienia Borowski

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:00 am For Parishioners

11:00 am †Krzysztof Dardzinski - offered by Czajkowski family

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 15/16

Envelopes	\$1,783.00
Loose	\$35.00
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National Appeal.....	\$495.00
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FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

January 29/30	dried beans, rice
February 5/6	peanut butter, jelly
February 12/13	flour, sugar
February 19/20	shampoo
February 26/27	socks



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