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# Welcome Family & Friends

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 23, 2022**

**Parish Office Hours**

STJ — Monday 8 am—2 pm  
MOD —Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 am—4 pm

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mother of Dolors  
Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am

St. Joseph  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday: 8:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Mother of Dolors  
Saturday: 3-3:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

St. Joseph  
Sunday: 7-7:45 am  
(or by appointment)

**ANONTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the parish office if seriously  
ill or awaiting surgery.

**BAPTISM**

Preparations by appointment.  
Celebrations during Mass or after  
Mass upon request

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the office at least 6 months  
prior to wedding date.

**DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING  
AND INVESTIGATION**

Phone # 217-321-1155

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline: Email or call MOD office by noon on Tuesday\*\***

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Cheryl Bowen, Amber DeClerck, Tracy Fifer, Greg Philpot, Betty Mars, Joann & Herb Tessman, Lela Themig, Keith Hobler, Diane Straub, Fred Keck, Buddy Carroll, Hannah & Janet Shroyer, Marc Sasse, Ohren Simburger, Barb Mitchell, Luralene Tarter, Jennie Grimsley, Tom Bohle, Mike Mars, Gabe McGee, Anthony Otto, Joe Meyer, Vicky Graeser, RS, Sister Mary Lou Durbin, Erin Prather, Makenzie Elzer, Denice Prather, Gladys Maher, Everett Hoehn, Paul Moore, Megan Clark, Nancy Chatam, Annie Logsdon, Jed Crow, Debbie D, Marsha Grove, Linda Beck, Jeff Menken, Sara Smith, Janice Kirk, Fred Bauerle, Larry Pruitt, CMA, Wayne Hathaway, Joe & Sylvia Thull

**\*\*Please help keep this list current\*\***

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 23**

**We devote this day to the celebration, study, and spread of the Word of God.**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 \* Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 \* 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 \* Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Believing the Word of God.** We are the Body of Christ (Corinthians) assembling as the graced community of believers (Nehemiah) each week to give thanks and praise, to share in Communion, and then sent to serve. We are part of the great Communion of Saints to whom is handed down the living Word of God – both the Scriptures and the Tradition as well as the very person of Christ who is the spoken Word of God (Luke). During the first Mass in a brand new church building, the bishop shows the *Lectionary* to the assembly and says: “May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.”

Dear Friends,

While at my previous assignment, I made friends with the Christian church minister in town. A very fine man and pastor who knew the Scriptures, I admired him very much. One day I asked him what his church believed—did they believe the creed?

He said, “Our church denomination lives by the slogan: ‘No creed but Christ.’” While having a nice ring to the slogan, it struck me as completely unhistorical and totally unworkable.

Just after Christianity was legalized in the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine called a meeting of the world’s bishops in a city named Nicaea in order to address the issue that was tearing the Church apart: the divinity of Jesus Christ.

A sizable proportion, even at times a majority, of Christians at the time followed the teachings of an Egyptian priest named Arius who said that Jesus was not divine. He was, instead, the greatest of all creatures.

The ecumenical council of Nicaea condemned Arius and his teaching. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. And to combat the Arian heresy as well as others, they developed a brief statement of beliefs called the Creed. We still recite it every Sunday to remind us of Divine Truth and to maintain the unity of the Church.

This Lent, let’s rediscover the great gift of the Creed.

Starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm for six weeks to discuss the intellectual and spiritual depths of the Creed.

*March 3<sup>rd</sup>: I Believe*

*March 10<sup>th</sup>: God, the Father Almighty*

*March 17<sup>th</sup>: Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son*

*March 24<sup>th</sup>: He Suffered Death*

*March 31<sup>st</sup>: Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life*

*April 7<sup>th</sup>: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*

This will coincide with RCIA in hopes you will come to meet and get to know our catechumen, Jordan White, a good-hearted young man full of enthusiasm for the Faith.

With Gratitude and Joy for the days ahead!

*Fr. Seth*

## Ministry Schedule

### Mother of Dolors

#### Saturday, Jan 22 — 4 PM

Lector: Janice Edwards Servers: Mike & Rise  
Ushers: Ron & Mary Howard

#### Sunday, Jan 23 — 10 AM

Lector: Joe Shields Servers: Ike & Max  
Ushers: Ohren & Connie Simburger

#### Saturday, Jan 29 — 4 PM

Lector: Ann Davis Servers: Caroline & volunteer  
Ushers: Ron & Mary Howard

#### Sunday, Jan 30 — 10 AM

Lector: Lisa Murfee Servers: Ivan & Max  
Ushers: Ohren & Connie Simburger

### St. Joseph’s

#### Sunday, Jan 23 — 8 AM

Lector: Pat Harris Ushers: volunteers  
Servers: Violet & Max Gifts: volunteers

#### Sunday, Jan 30 — 8 AM

Lector: Mike Reiss Ushers: volunteers  
Servers: Charlie & Kelsey Gifts: Merriman’s



**Contribution Statement**

If you would like your 2021 contribution statement, please contact the parish office.

**Mattoon Deanery Council**

Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting **Wednesday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m.** at The Immaculate Conception Parish Center (1920 Richmond Ave., Mattoon) I'm sure we have many talented ladies which would like to contribute to the SDCCW Convention. Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell, President of the Mattoon Deanery Council at [jscrاندell@yahoo.com](mailto:jscrاندell@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**For the Safety of All Involved**

Our Coles County Catholic Worker Soup Supper **Sunday January 30th 3:30 – 7:00 P.M.** Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Ave. Mattoon. This will be a Drive Thru Event: Enter drive from Richmond Avenue and place your order under the canopy Pick up your order at the alley kitchen door and then proceed on to 19 th St. Tickets for the Large Raffle Prizes will be available under the parking lot tent! Menu includes (while supplies last) Chili Bohemian Potato Chicken Noodle and our World Famous Sauerkraut Soup. Ham Sandwich and Delicious Cookies. All for a Free Will Donation to support the three Charleston Catholic Worker Houses and Mattoon's new St. Mary House (construction begins soon!) Thanks for making a difference for women and children in need!

**Parents Meeting**

The next PSR parent's meeting will be **Saturday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 PM.** The topic: Lent

**† Mass Intentions**

- Mon., Jan 24**      **Weekday**  
No Mass
- Tues., Jan 25**    **Weekday**  
8 am **STJ**      +Andrew Fisher
- Wed., Jan 26**    **Weekday**  
8 am **MOD**      +Fr. Bob Porter (Tarter)  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm    Adoration in Mary's Chapel
- Thurs., Jan 27**    **Weekday**  
8 am **MOD**      +Jim Tarter (Randy & Diane Straub)
- Fri., Jan 28**      **Weekday**  
8:00 am **MOD**    +Par & Joan David (Davis)  
8:30 am **MOD**    Scripture Reflection
- Sat., Jan 29**      **Weekday**  
8:00 am **MOD**    +Bonnie Murray (Ton & Sid File)  
8:30 am - 2:45 pm    Eucharistic Adoration **MOD**  
3—4:00 pm **MOD**    Reconciliation  
4:00 pm **MOD**      All Active Military and Veterans (CDA)
- Sun., Jan 30**      **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7 - 7:45 am **STJ**    Reconciliation  
8:00 am **STJ**      +Helen & Burwin Merriman  
10:00 am **MOD**    +Margaret Barth (Kathy, Joe, David)

**Collection for Latin America**


This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



Giving Back to God

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<b>1-16</b>		<b>1-16</b>	
Regular	3,044.00	Regular	913.00
Catholic Times	90.00	Online	66.30
Children's Home	25.00	Catholic Times	65.00
Latin America	5.00		

*thank you*



**Sanctuary Lamp-STJ**  
Sgt First Class Heather Hart, her husband Chris  
And all military

**Sanctuary Lamp-MOD**  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**This week's events**

MOD Finance council	Tues. Jan 25 noon
MOD Parish council	Tues. Jan 25 6:30 PM
PSR	Wed. Jan 26 6:30 PM
RCIA	Thurs. Jan 27 6:30 PM

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