

January 23rd
3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Parish membership is required.
Baptismal preparation for parents
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre
-registration is required. Contact
the Parish Office for more
information.

Marriage

Parish membership is required.
Arrangements need to be made a
minimum of six months prior to
the wedding date. Please contact
Fr. Robert.

Anointing of the Sick

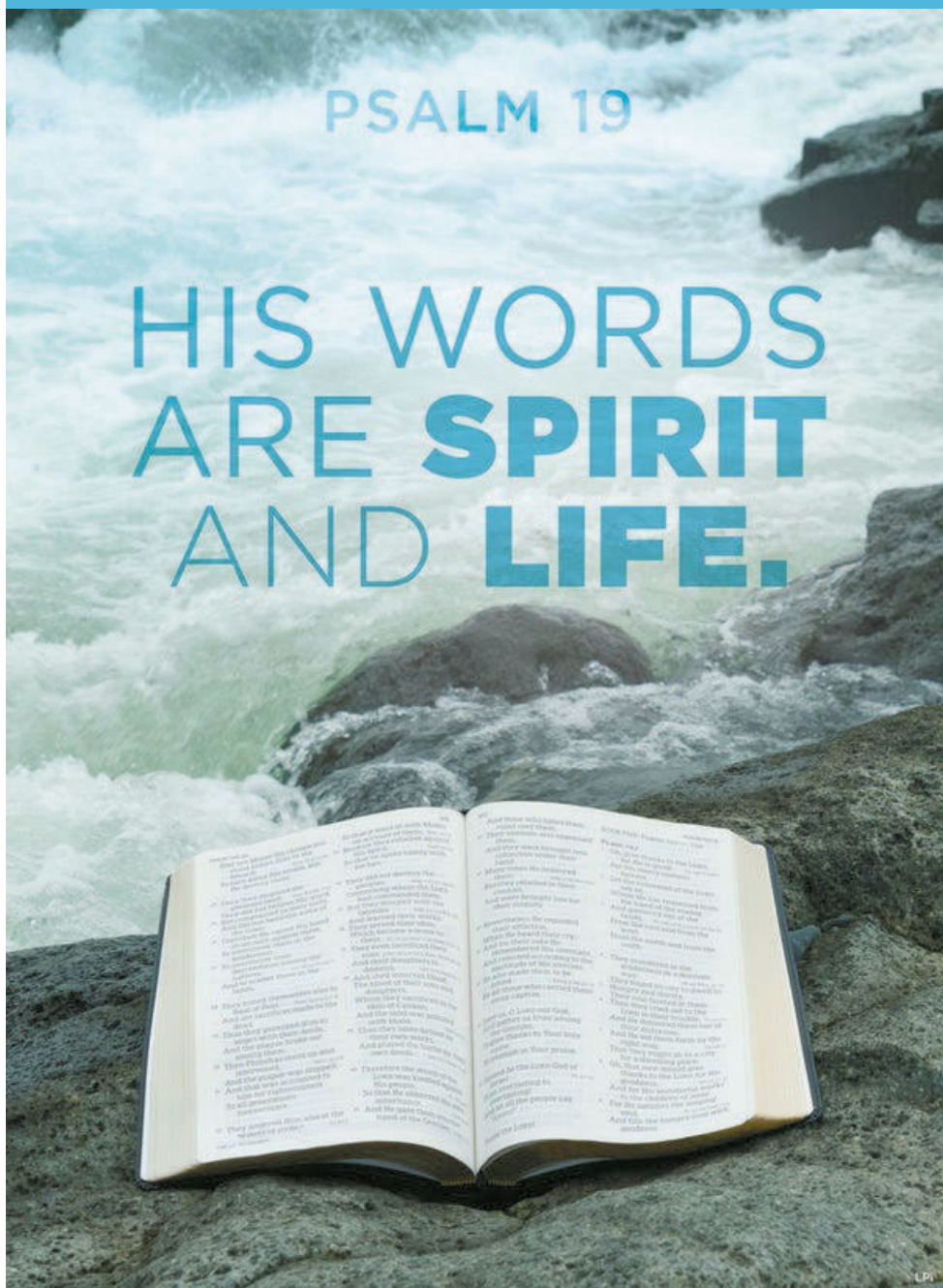
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ANNOUNCEMENT – JANUARY 10, 2022

Regarding your request for a renewal of your term of office as Pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Oak Creek. The Priest Placement Board has received your reflections and those of your pastoral council and staff. The board recommends a renewal of your term. I am happy to assign you another six-year term of office starting next June.

Your council and staff support your request for a renewal of term. They describe you as reverent, focused, and hands-on. They appreciate your work in starting the Knights of Columbus chapter at the parish. They also recognize the hard work you did in leading the way to retiring the mortgage on the parish. Your parish leadership told me you are “a great priest and the parishioners love you dearly”.

The Priest Placement Board is also pleased with your ministry, as I am. Thank you so much for your continued ministry at St. Stephen’s. I wish you God’s grace as you continue your priestly ministry.

I thank God for your vocation!

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI
Archbishop of Milwaukee

The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign runs through Sunday, January 30th.

Friendly reminder to return your baby bottle before or after Mass the weekend of Jan. 29th/30th.

For additional information or to make a donation please contact Mark Missurelli at:

missurelli.KOC@gmail.com.

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DAY ONE

INTERCESSION

May the tragic practice of abortion end.

PRAYERS

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECTION

At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true gifts.

Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.



ACTS OF REPARATION *(choose one)*

- Take a break from television and movies today. Consider spending some of that time praying with today's reflection.
- Pray the short prayer "Every Life is Worth Living," reflecting on the gift of human life. (The prayer is also available to order or download at usccb.org/worth-living.)

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Abortion is frequently a topic in the news, political debates, and everyday conversations with family or friends. Because abortion can be a controversial and emotional issue in any arena, many of us may feel intimidated when the topic arises, not knowing what to say. *Another Look at Abortion* provides a basic overview and summarizes key points. This article will help you be better prepared to witness to the sanctity of human life: respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion.

Readings for the week of January 23rd, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Tuesday, January 25th

9:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 26th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Thursday, January 27th

9:00am Food Pantry
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 28th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, January 29th

Pierogi Burn The Mortgage Event
4:30pm Blessing of throats

Sunday, January 30th

Pierogi Burn The Mortgage Event

January 23rd
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 25th

8:00am † Audrey McPherson

Wednesday, January 26th

8:00am † Joseph Schulner

Thursday, January 27th

8:00am † Keith Maciolek

Friday, January 28th

8:00am † Ella Schulner

Saturday, January 29th

4:30pm † Ralph Siettmann

Sunday, January 30th

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Bob Widenski

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