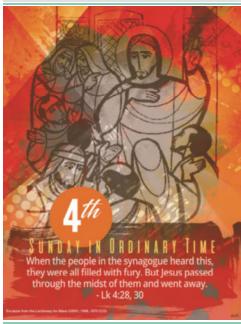
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#### **JANUARY 30, 2022 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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# **4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will gather on Sunday, January 30 at the 10:30 AM Mass and sit together. There will be a gathering for brunch (soups, sandwiches, dessert) in the Parish Center after Mass.

#### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM BEGINNING

This weekend of January 29-30, children, youth and adults will have the opportunity to sign up for our annual Spiritual adoption program. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more information.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN POTLUCK

Tuesday, February 1 at St. Benedict Hall at 12:00 PM.

### **ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-30!**

You are invited to a Youth 2000 Retreat on March 11–13 at Brescia University. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, Adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic faith. This retreat is being sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee and the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Contact Shanda Purcell to register.

As we continue to steward the generosity of people in response to the survivors and their situations in monetary donations, please contact Father Darrell or Sister Martha if you are aware of an authentic need. We will act accordingly with your assistance. Let us not forget to pray for all who are dealing with the trauma and tremendous loss and grief.





Inquiry about the Catholic faith: If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in learning about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office or contact Sister Martha @ martha.keller@maplemount.org. We have one person who will be starting inquiry soon. We do have an ongoing initiation ministry, so you do not have to wait until August 2022 to inquire about the Catholic faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation: The second stage of RCIA is called the Catechumenate. We have 3 candidates and 1 catechumen who are in preparation for Easter sacraments. This week our session is on the "Sacrament of Reconciliation" with Kent Curtsinger presenting. We meet in the Parish Center each Monday at 6:00-7:30 PM. Please hold the participants, sponsors and team in your prayers.

RCIA team meeting: Reminder that the RCIA team meets weekly prior to the RCIA session from 5:15–5:55 PM in the Parish Center for formation and prayer.

Welcome Visitors ... We are delighted to have you visit with us here at St. Jerome Catholic Church. We hope your visit with us has been a happy and faith-filled experience.

#### 2 REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL ... 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

#### SYNOD INFORMATION

St. Jerome Church will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. The second Listening Session will be on Thursday, February 24 in the St. Jerome Parish Hall (former KC Hall) from 6:30–8:00 PM.

Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church.





\*February 2: Youth Council ... Middle School from 6:30 - 7:15; High School from 7:30 - 8:15 PM @Youth House

\*February 9: Middle School Fun Night - 6:30 - 8:00 pm place TBD - Souper\Super Bowl themed.

\*February 12/13: Souper Bowl Collection.

\*February 16: High School Fun Night from 7–8:30 PM @ St. John Bosco ... Supper and Dodge Ball

\*February 18–20: Lazarus Retreat at Gasper River for High School. Contact Shanda if you are considering attending.

\*February 25-26: Middle School Girls Overnight. Details to follow.

\*March 11–13: Youth 2000 in Owensboro, 8th–12th grades. Information and registration will be mailed. Do Not sign up directly, you must attend with a Parish Group.

#### Contacting the Staff (via e-mail)

Fr. Darrell Venters — frdarrell@wk.net Sister Martha Keller — martha.keller@maplemount.org Marie Woodrum — stjerome@wk.net Sherry Jones — sdjones1@wk.net Lacy Riddle — lacyriddle@live.com Shanda Purcell — shandapurcell@gmail.com Timmy Hobbs — stjerome@wk.net

#### **Parish Registration**

If you have just moved into our community or have changed your address, please call the parish office to update your information.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)**

For adults, youth, and children (over age 6) who have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions are held for adults. You may contact the parish office or Sister Martha Keller.

#### Funerals

The funeral Mass replaces the regularly scheduled weekday Mass.

#### **Sacraments**

Contact the Parish Office for information about Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony.

The Diocese of Owensboro requires couples to make arrangements at least six months in advance of the desired date of Marriage. You must be 19 years of age or have graduated from 12th grade for at least one year.

#### **Hospital Visits**

Please call the Parish Office or have someone call for you if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a priest to visit. When you are admitted, please let the hospital know which parish you belong to.

#### **Parish Religious Education (PRE)**

Classes for Kindergarten—11th grade are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:10 am. 12th grade will meet September thru December on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:00 pm.

# **STEWARDSHIP**

MAYFIELD-GRAVES COUNTY NEEDLINE AND FOOD PANTRY Item needed this week is cereal & juice. Place donations in back of church and they will be picked up. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

#### Collection Sunday, JANUARY 23, 2022

Adult	\$7,403.00
Children/Young Adult	\$10.00
Loose	\$538.42
We Shard	\$10,354.53
Total	\$18,305.95
YTD Budget	\$353,000.00
YTD Actual	\$361,160.59

#### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY COMPOSED FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE FAMILY

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, In your we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division. May all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, May the synod of Bishops make us once more mindful Of the sacredness and inviolability of the family And its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, true God and true man, graciously hear our prayer. Mary and Joseph, co-operators with God's plan, pray for us. Amen.



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#### SAINT JEROME PRAYER LINE / EMAIL REQUEST

To submit a prayer request to those who are praying for the needs of others daily, please send your intention to SaintJeromePrayerRequests@gmail.com

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#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN 2022

Beginning of Sacrament Preparation at home for First Eucharist: Preparation continues this week of January 30 with Chapter 3. Parents are asked to provide some quality time to cover Chapter 2 to enrich not only your child in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist but also deepen your own appreciation for the Bread of Life and Precious Blood of Christ. Please contact Sister Martha at <u>martha.keller@maplemount.org</u> if you need anything.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation: Parents of our Confirmation candidates, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. More info to follow.

Service Opportunities: If you have any service needed, please contact the parish office, our candidates are willing to help.

#### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022

*For true human fraternity ...* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice' sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them is such by Thy holy Will: yet, in all things, may Thy Will be done. Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth, and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy holy cross deliver us from our enemies. ~*Anonymous Author – 1934* 

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners: Rhonda O'Guinn, Willene Thomas, Fred Carrico, Jackie Langham, Jim Johnson, Maria Puryear, Jeanette Harms, John Willett, John Andrews, Clay & Karen Willett, Vicky Riley, Pat Wilson, David & Robin Redden, Shelley Cook, Eugene Willett, Robert "Butch" McClure, Gayle Vermillion, Norris & Elexie McNutt, Dot Murphy, Joy Ann Toon, Code & Shirley Rowe, Terry Goatley, Vayda Bollenbecker and Family, David & Geralynn Carbine, Joey & Sue Elder, Scott Elder, Elmer Elliott, Mark Elder, Will Dee Stahr, Dorothy Hobbs, Algene & Debbie Wilson, Allen Cissell, Susan Crenshaw, W. Dewey Hobbs, Pat Carrico, Wayne & Ruth Ann Higdon, Sara Elliott, David Thompson, Andrea Kemp, Joyce Wilson, Lydia Hobbs, Dorothy Elliott, Dennis Tharp, Teresa (David) Hobbs, Joe Elliott, Larry & Delores Wilson, Brenda Goatley, James & Dottie Wilson, Danny & Theresa Thompson, Helen Lockett, Angela Hayden.

Non-Parishioners: Ethel O'Neill, Sara Clark, Leah Cope Moyer, Lori Browning Thompson, Jeremy Fox, Virginia Emerson, Sister Charles Mary Burns, Tracy French, Elaine Hinkebein, Christy Anderson, Vince Roberts, Brayden Barnett, Jovce Matthews. Debbie Underwood, Kathy Butler, Randy Cope, Lori Jody, Michael B, Rowland, Rhonda West, Steve Rehrig, Al Cash, Kyle Thomas, Kara Goodman, Bruce Lee, Ronnie Smith, Penny Nelson, Gordon Dickerson, Barbara Brown, Jaxon Short, Mike Mortensen, Kristen Hobbs, Jeff Cooper, Zoie Pyle, Sandy Donohoo, Frank Redden, Marilyn Miller, Kelly Walker, Ruthie Ellegood, Charlie Crider, Mark Barnett, Robin Evans, Graham Hosman, Nick Smith, Charles Hokanson, Karla Ray, Carolyn Ramsey, Wayne Viniard, Johnny & Phyllis Walker, Ricky Walker, Daniel Hayden, Katie Harms, Cheryl Ayers, Dorothy & Robert Pierceall, Kye Thomason, Owen Coombs, Florence Vessels, Cecilia Burnett, Eric Ritzie, Amanda Dunlap, Bobbie Edds, Lisa P. Nelson, Robert Toon, Ray Willett, Ryan Ballard, Dustin Turska, Tina Elder Via, Peggy Adams, Tracey Hargrove, Stephanie H. Dunn, Cody Carrico, Belinda Rucker, Bobby Hobbs, Phillip & Karen Carr, Leon & Vicki Elder, Sue Farris, Betty Ballard, Mark Wilson (Liz's son), Seth Karlson, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Jeanette Hobbs Farrell.

The tornado victims, doctors, nurses, essential workers, the homebound, those in the hospital, assisted living & nursing homes. Pray for our enemies.

**Pray** for all men and women serving in the armed forces, especially Nathaniel Brown, David Michael Clifton, Adam Curtsinger, Autumn Goatley, Jarred Lutz, Michael McGrath, Luke Nimmo, Josh & Sarah Thompson, Tanner Webster, Luke Westmoreland, Brittany Willett, and Thomas Wilson.

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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Anna Rose Buckman, Wayne Higdon, Marilyn King, Rachel Smith, Theresa Thompson, Robin Redden, Trevor Elder, Abbott Truelove, Bennett Baldwin

Freddie & Susan Thompson (1975)

- 2 Ruthie Wood, Pam Nanny
- 3 Rebecca Butler, Bryan Atkins, Audrey Elliott, Adleigh Page, Rollins Hayden
- 4 Elaine Carrico

James & Ginger Stahr (2005); Derreck & Amanda Hendley (2013)

5 – Jamie Smith

Russell & Staci Ellegood (1994)

6 - Stella Harris

Tom & Shannon Rondon (1998)

- 7 Andy Whitlock, Jordan Wiggins
- 8 Olif Perkins, Natalie Higdon, Logan Johnson, Whitney Toon, Brooks Hayden
- 9 Tim Matheny, Eric Kennemore, Anna Beadles, Cambria Elder
- 10 Kent Hayden, Chris McLeary, Mallery Fowler, Christa Towery, Austin Whitlock, Landon Hayden
- 11 Ansley Stubblefield
- 12 Shirley Rowe, Paul Russelburg, T. J. Taylor, Brandon Yates, Jonathan Atkins, Carson Carrico, Camila Elder, Mila Wilson

Russ & Ellen Carrico (1988)

- 13 Monica Hayden, Hardy Hayden
- 14 Annabelle Ceballos, Luke Burgess Steven & Wrenn Ray (1980); Gene & Loretta Leeper (2008)
- 15 Rick Woodrum, Logan Atkins, Nia Jaco, Delaney Morris. Dani Baldwin
- 16 Jimmy O'Guinn, Lisa Ballard
- 17 Grant Mills, Micah Elder, Taylor Carrico, Alyssah Rondon, Mitchell Wilson, Kailyn Rowe, Mela Towery Jim & Ann Munsell (1973); Chris & Mona Shoulta (1996)
- 18 Kathy Goatley
- 19 Gerald Elliott, Rick Massey, Andrea Kemp
- 20 Tommy Ballard, Randy Elliott, Clayton Key
- 21 Charles Slaybough, Tammy Goin, Jessica Thomas, Tessa Elder, Abby Smithson, Jake Trevathan, Draymund Owens, Gatlin Miles
- 22 Paula Spillman, Timothy Williams, Sarah Burgess
- 23 Cathy Wilson, Brian Murphy, Daniel Burgess, Jordan Puckett, Buster Green
- 24 Frances Higgins, Eva Toon, Evelyn Spraggs, Cynthia Elder, Lindy LeBlanc, Austin Buckman, Owen Smith
- 25 Dennis Tharp, Tina Elliott, Travis Willett, John Paul Elliott, Payton Hayden
- 26 David McDaniel, Kim Seavers, Eli Green, Scott Smith, Noah Russelburg
- 27 Jamie Hayden
- 28 Sara Elliott, Kristen Elliott, Kristie Stamper, Bain Hutchins
- 29 Ross Wilson

Lane & Rylee Roberts (2020)



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#### LIVING THE LITURGY

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? ©LPi

#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30

Sun: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Mon: St. John Bosco, Priest

**Wed:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Thur: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop Sat: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs ©LPi

#### ST. BLAISE | FEBRUARY 3

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. ©LPi



#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 30, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Philip Elder, II (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K—11th grade
- 10:30 AM Mass [Billy Lee (d)]
  - 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Gathering 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

Monday, January 31, 2022

- 8:00 AM No Mass
- 5:15 PM RCIA Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM RCIA Session

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Jerry Willett (d)]
- 12:00 PM Senior Citizen Potluck

#### Wednesday, February 2, 2022

- 8:00 AM Mass [Liz Wilson (d)]
- 9:00 AM Quilting
- 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Council Meeting
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting @ Parish Center
- 7:00 PM 12th grade PRE @ Freddy & Janet Wilson's
- 7:30 PM High School Youth Council Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE

8:00 AM Mass [Charles, Ophelia & Jimmy Carrico (d)]

Friday, February 4, 2022 8:00 AM Mass [Maurice Thompson (d)]

Saturday, February 5, 2022 3:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass [Dot Carrico (d)] / Blessing of throats

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Blessing of throats after Masses

- 8:00 AM Mass [Edwin & Mary Catherine Hayden (d)]
- 9:00 AM PRE for K-11th grade
- 10:30 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
- 5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

# HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30

Sun:Ernie & Cathy WilsonMon:Janet WilsonTues:Wanda WilsonWed:Kay AtkinsThurs:Tommy & Lois BallardFri:Eva BowlinSat:Mark & Beth Carrico





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