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January 23, 2022

Parish Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **CLOSED WEDNESDAY**



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the broken-hearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him "

Luke 4:18-19

Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time**







Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 24-St. Francis de Sales

5:30pm ††Richard & Florence Hoppa by Janet Kilty

TUESDAY, January 25-Conversion of St. Paul

7:00am †Jeanine Best by Friend

WEDNESDAY, January 26-Saints Timothy & Titus

7:00am ††Antonio & Agnes Ramos by Pat Pamatmat

5:30pm †Mary Brocksmith by Jerry & Lisa Sanderson

THURSDAY, January 27-St. Angela Merici

7:00am †Tom Roesch by Charles Owens

9:00am **School Mass:** †Jean Quigley by Toni Driscoll

FRIDAY, January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00am †John C. Willi by Mrs. David Siegle, Jr.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SATURDAY, January 29

5:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary of Wayne &

Karen Serginia

SUNDAY, January 30

8:00am †Alan Raven by The Muir Family

10:30am †Jeanine Best by Joann Murphy

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION JANUARY 22-28, 2022

We remember in our daily prayers †Fr. Anthony Labedis, OFM Conv. by Keats & Marianne Hunt.





Readings: Week of January 24-30

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/

Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Mk4:21-25

Friday: 2Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5,17-19/

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/

Lk 4:21-30

PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Jon Paul Nay will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry



opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We offer congratulations to Deacon Bede Thigpen, OFM Conv. on his Ordination to the Diaconate, which took place here at Holy Family on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Thank you to the many parishioners who were able to attend the celebration with us and to be a witness to the Spirit continuing to work in his life as a Conventual Franciscan.

We were also blessed to have so many Friars here with us to celebrate this joyous occasion along with his Father, Richard Thigpen.

The joy of having Bishop Callahan with us to be part of this occasion was also a special part of the day.

May God continue to bless him as he continues in his preparation, God willing, for ordination as a priest for the Church.

See you at Mass!



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If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriaholyfamily

Thank you and God Bless you.

Fourth Sunday figures not available at time of printing.

	Jan-22
First Sunday	\$15,709.50
Second Sunday	\$9,462.55
Third Sunday	\$14,879.80
Fourth Sunday	
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$40,051.85
Monthly Budget	\$59,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(19,648.15)

Fiscal Year Total	\$377,325.06
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$377,900.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(574.94)

Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar for the next Men's Club First Friday Fish Fry. To be held in the school cafeteria on:

Friday, February 4th.

Come for the best fish in Peoria! More information will be announced in next weeks bulletin.



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & DATE NIGHT

Save the Date! Please join Bishop Louis Tylka on Saturday, February 12, 2022 for the Marriage Mass and Date Night at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria. Following the Mass there will be a date night and special dinner at the Spalding Center. There will also be live music by the Water Street Stompers from 6:00-8:00pm. Wear your dancing shoes! Any questions contact Julie Enzenberger at: Jenzenberger@cdop.org to sign up go to: https://cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/DateNight 2022



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

The beautiful grounds around Holy Family Parish are due to the tender loving care of our St. Fiacre Society. At the head of this group is our own Bob Reading. Bob & Marianne began working around our grounds in 2012 as a result of a stewardship appeal promoting the use of our God given gifts and talents. To enhance these talents, Bob pursued the Master Gardener program.

The Master Gardener program is designed to help individuals to be part of a community and volunteer based horticultural education service. Master garden training is a lengthy process with annually required retraining hours. It involves up to 50 volunteer hours per year. It is a program where the Master Gardener becomes the mentor for those in his community who are interested

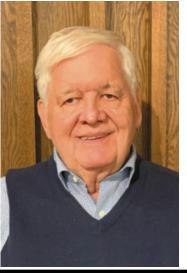
in beautifying their surroundings. Bob became a Master Gardener in 2015.

As a Master Gardener, Bob has had to perform yearly prescribed service hours and Continuing Education Units (CEU's). Bob has recently received the certificate above acknowledging 5 years of Volunteer Service since 2020.

Bob and the crew in the St. Fiacre Society care for the eight small gardens that contain all the beautiful flowers on our grounds. The group that works under Bob's direction learns how to maintain, manage, plant and prune the garden areas.

We are very grateful to Bob for all his work at beautifying our grounds. We are also very proud of him for this wonderful achievement.

God Bless you Bob, as you continue your wonderful work of beauty and grace!



Responding to God

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

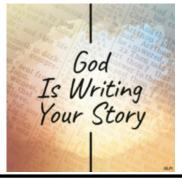
Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imag-

ined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that eventually we will find green postures.

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Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, is asking people to join him at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria on Wednesday, Jan. 24, for an evening of "prayer, penance and pilgrimage."

It will begin with Mass at 7pm and end with Benediction at 9pm. In between there will be time for eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation.

The cathedral event is among those planned to mark the Supreme Court's 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade and its companion case, Doe v. Bolton, that legalized abortion.

MASS & DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Join us as we pray for the legal protection of the unborn.

When: January 28, 2022 at 10:30am

Where: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in locations across the United States and Canada, with additional sites around the world. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of Priests for Life. The Catholic Diocese of Peoria sponsors two retreats each year which are open to men and women of all faith backgrounds.

If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. The first retreat available for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, or anyone suffering from the effects of an abortion loss will be on February 25-27, 2022 at the Sacre-Coer Retreat Center.

To register for this retreat call 309-264-1489 or email rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit https://cdop.org/offices/respect-life/rl-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/ or the national Rachel's Vineyard website at https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives ... and recovery of sight to the blind ... to let the oppressed go free." Lk. 4:14

One year ago in January, the President of the United States delivered his Inaugural Address. On March 1 of this year, he will be giving his State of the Union speech.

Taken together, these two presentations amount to his telling all of us what he "stands for," what's important to him, what his "platform" or "mission" is.

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke, that's precisely what Jesus is doing.

He is telling us in very clear language what he "stands for."

He's telling us that he is the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah. In doing so, Jesus makes it very clear that his goals, his "platform," his "state of the union" to all humankind will be unlike any messiah the Jewish people ever dreamed of or maybe even wanted.

What we also hear in today's Gospel reading is how specific Jesus is about his mission. There is to be no misunderstanding or confusion.

Jesus' goal, and by extension, our goal as his followers, is to announce – by both word and actions – that our lives are dedicated to tell those who live on the margins of society, those who are oppressed by the weight of hunger and poverty and sickness, those who are held captive by addiction and trauma and other mental health disorders – that we are committed to proclaiming to them that they are loved and cherished and passionately embraced by the God that Jesus called *Abba*.

Even more than that, in Jesus' "Inaugural Address" in today's Gospel, we are being called to make his value system our own: a view of life that in effect turns everything upside down; a view of life that brings about a revolution in the way we think and in the way we act.

Because what Jesus talked about in his "Inaugural Address," and further fleshed out in his Beatitudes – which was, in effect, his "State of the Union" – is the development of what he consistently referred to in the Gospels as "the reign of God" or the "kingdom of God."

What Jesus meant by these words was:

This is what the world would look like if God would become the focal point of people instead of the egos and cravings and the false gods that presently dominate.

Jesus proposed a revolution – one that would involve a depth of faith that would bring about a conversion of heart to such an extent that a whole new value system would begin to dominate the lives of people – one that would no longer emphasize wealth and the acquisition of power and violence and self-glorification.

Instead, in his "State of the Union" address, Jesus is proposing an entirely different way of being with each other – a way free of competition and rivalry and revenge. It would be a revolution that would be grounded in prayer, centered in the Word, and nourished by the gathering around the table of the Lord.

We are to become "Christ's body." We are to become so united to Christ, and to the value system he died for, that we are to become one with Him!

This is Jesus' Inaugural Address and his State of the Union all wrapped up into one:

"The Spirit of the Lord us upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.





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