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**January 30th, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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## PARISH INFORMATION

**Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor**

Deacon TJ Wild

Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

## MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

## Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

## Prayer Chain Contacts

Joyce Willis 629-2573 or

Sherry Reed 629-7535

## WELCOME

*A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.*

*If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon.  
For your convenience, we have blue "Let Us Know" cards in back of church.*

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## Letter From Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar For Strategic Planning

We have officially launched All Things New, the strategic pastoral planning process for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. All Things New will evaluate the effectiveness of the Church in St. Louis in proclaiming the Gospel and will identify opportunities for improvement and renewal within all parishes, schools, curia offices and agencies.

Why a pastoral planning initiative?

Well, why does the church exist? The Church exists to make disciples, not to run hospitals, schools or homeless shelters. The latter are all good fruits that flow from discipleship, but if we are not effective in making disciples, the institutions become hollow.

We all know that the Church of today is not the same that it was 50, 100 or 150+ years ago, yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization. We have inherited a great treasure of Catholic institutions from previous generations, but as the Catholic population and society have shifted over the past several decades, those institutions are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.

We are closer now to 2050 than to 1950. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and for generations to come.

What does All Things New entail?

We will be utilizing three guiding principles for All Things New; unceasing prayer, a unified vision for evangelization, and intentional stewardship.

\*Unceasing Prayer

-Prayer resources for individuals and parishes, as well as local and diocesan events, will help us to renew our own personal call to holiness and evangelization and will ask the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern what is best for our local Church moving forward.

\*Unified Vision for Evangelization

-Evangelization is the mission Jesus gives to us. To share the Good News is the responsibility of all of us. Yet only 0.6% of Catholics say that they feel equipped to share their story and invite others into relationship with Jesus and the Church. We need to renew and rediscover this call in our lives.

\*Intentional Stewardship

-The Church is made of living stones, not just those of brick and mortar. We cannot allow our attachment to infrastructure impede our primary mission of building up disciples and saving souls. Empty churches don't save anyone.

How will this initiative be accomplished?

Your prayers and input are needed. Opportunities for prayer, to provide feedback, and to attend listening sessions will be occurring all across the archdiocese. We invite you to stay informed and sign up for regular updates on the All Things New website at [AllThingsNew.archstl.org](http://AllThingsNew.archstl.org). Sign up today! Steadfast in Faith, Forward in Hope.

God Bless,  
Rev. Chris Martin

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You're Invited!*

Congregation Messengers of Fatima, located at 150 Hwy WW (just behind the VFW), invites everyone in the parish to join them to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year and the 2nd order of vows to be taken by three of the Brothers. Celebration will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 6pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Rivituso. After Mass, dinner will be served and games played to celebrate their New Year. No need to RSVP as ALL are welcomed.

## Other Parish Activities . . . . .

**5th Sunday Breakfast**—Sunday, January 30th, **St. John's Gildehaus Parish Center, Villa Ridge, MO.** Serving from 7:30—10:30 am. Bone-in ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fried potatoes, fresh baked cinnamon rolls, orange juice, coffee and milk. ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN 6-12 \$4, UNDER 6 FREE. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council #8073. Proceeds to benefit St. John's School. Everyone is welcome.



### 2nd Thursday Card Party **February 10, 2022**

At the Knights of Columbus Hall  
204 S. Commercial, St. Clair, MO  
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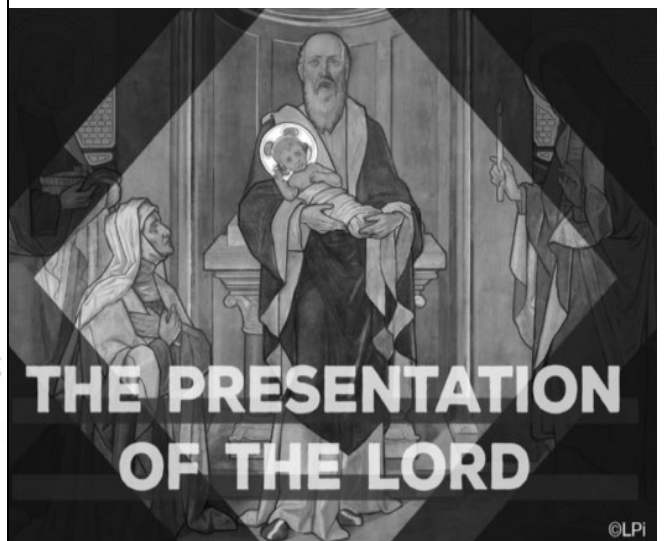


**W**hen the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. — Lk 4:28-30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

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?



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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[He said to them],  
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."  
LUKE 4:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1988, 1980, CCL)

## Catholic Services Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month  
3 - 5 pm



## Everyday Stewardship

### First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Mon</b>	<b>1/31</b>	8:00 am	Mass
<b>Tues</b>	<b>2/01</b>	8:00 am	Mass
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/02</b>	8:00 am	Mass
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2/03</b>	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/04</b>	8:00 am	Mass
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/05</b>	3:30 - 4:15 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/06</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

### *Readings For The Week*

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34



**January 29<sup>th</sup> — February 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **WEEKEND, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>**

SAT. 4:30 PM † MAE VEASMAN  
SUN. 8:00 AM † MARY ALICE BRUEGGEMANN  
10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

8:00 AM † KENNY HOFFMEISTER

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

8:00 AM † RICHARD NEWBANKS

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

8:00 AM † ADOLF BRUEGGEMANN

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

8:00 AM † MARJORIE ANNE MELTON

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM † VIRGIL HAGEDORN

#### **WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>**

SAT. 4:30 PM † STAN SCHILLING  
SUN. 8:00 AM † LORETTA JEAN BOWMAN  
10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
<b>2/05 4:30 pm</b>	Mike Boyer	—	Joyce Willis	—
<b>2/06 8:00 am</b>	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Juanita Perkins	—
<b>2/06 10:30 am</b>	Messenger Brothers Wild Children	—	Michele Geatley	—

**2/06 Collection Counters: —** Kathy Maupin, Debbie Marshaus, Rita Davis



## WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

### January

Jeff Duncan, Charley Garthoeffner, Jason Byerley, Jeremy Hopkins, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter), Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer, James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

### December

Tom Osterkamp, Nathan Chase, John Vogelgesang, Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam, Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna, Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer, John Evans and Dalton Via.

### November

Coach Perry, Bernard Unnerstall, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Hugo Vaden, Carol Krassing, Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw, Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:



*Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army, SGT Ian Ives — US Army, SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy, Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF, Jason Burton — US Navy, Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF, SGT Cameron Earley — US Army, SGT Tyler Earley — US Army, Clay Fisher — US Marines, James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army, Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF, Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy, MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF*

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous...” (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)**

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered” for the sake of others.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Week of January 23rd

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$ 3,066.00
Loose Collection .....	105.00
<b>Total Money For Operating Capital</b>	<b>\$ 3,171.00</b>

### Restricted Funds

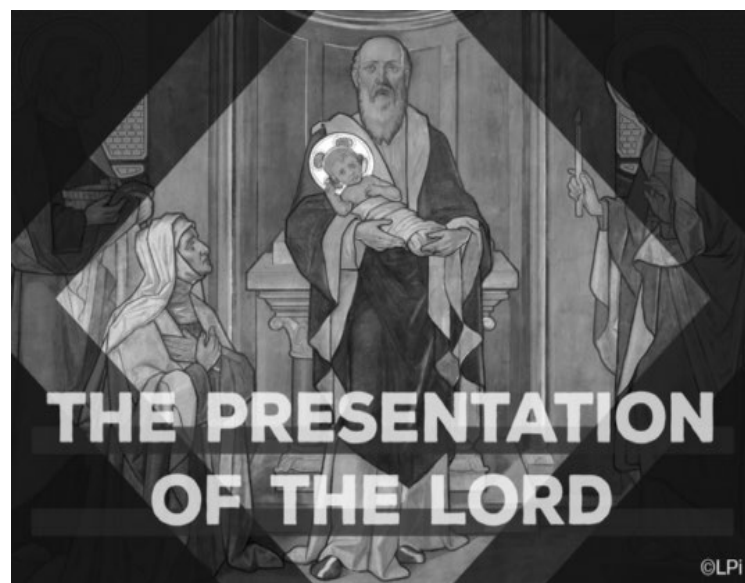
St. Clare Catholic Services .....	45.00
Cemetery Care .....	188.00
St. Louis Review .....	35.00
Parish Improvements .....	170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 438.00</b>

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 12,719.05  
January Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

*Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!*

## Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — Love & Truth

In the first reading today we hear that God has called each of us to be a “prophet to the nations.” This doesn’t mean that we all need to leave the country to share the truth of the Gospel. We can do it right here in our own hometown, and God will be there by our side. Jesus confirms this in the Gospel. However, Jesus also warns us in the Gospel that we may not be accepted in our own “native place.” Just as He didn’t let that stop Him, He doesn’t want it to stop us either. St. Paul gives us two important benchmarks to guide us and these are “Love” and “Truth.” We must always share the truth of the Gospel with love and truth, because we can’t have one without the other.



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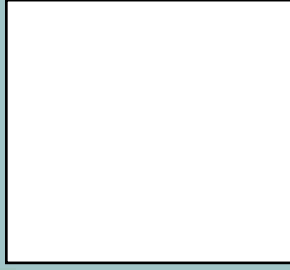
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