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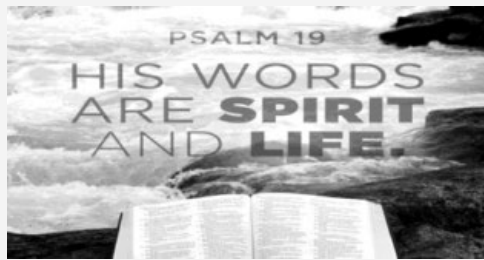
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Liturgical Ministers, Your teams are being switched around due to some ministers needing to withdraw. Please be patient for the next couple months while we reset our teams.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

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."

The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar, Chapter II,
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The Word of God is central to faith.

- How will I set aside a few minutes each day to read/reread Scripture? What is a good time?
- How will I look for the unfolding mystery of Christ in little and big ways today?
- How will I be "good news" this week by what I say and do?

Respect Life Corner

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 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

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| SUN 1/23 | 8:30 AM | For The People |
| MON 1/24 | 8:00 AM | Veronica Schutzenhofer |
| TUE 1/25 | 8:00 AM | Virginia Renner |
| WED 1/26 | 8:00 AM | Linda Moyer |
| | 10:15 AM | ACHS |
| THR 1/27 | 8:00 AM | Suzanne Smith |
| FRI 1/28 | 7:45 AM | Don Forhan |
| SAT 1/29 | 8:00 AM | Richard Ulrich |
| | 4:00 PM | For The People |
| SUN 1/30 | 8:30 AM | Helen Bova |

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 5-6.

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January 16, 2021

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| Envelopes/Loose/Mail-Ins | \$ 2,829.75 |
| St. Vincent de Paul/Mail-Ins | \$ See Below |
| Guatemala | \$ 0.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 25.00 |

St. Vincent de Paul/Mail-Ins total will be in next weeks bulletin.



January 23, 2021

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30
- PSR Classes

Monday - Parish Council Mtg 7:00 pm

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Eucharistic Adoration
2:30-4:30 pm

Thursday -

Friday -

Saturday - 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30
- PSR Classes



4:00 pm Mass
Team #1 - January 29, 2022

Lector: Joyce Dierkes
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Denton & Deacon Jim
Greeters : Janet & Pat Visintine & Mary Jo Hanvey
Gift Bearer: Janet & Pat Visintine
Ushers: Kevin & Ramona Effinger
Sanitizing: Effinger

8:30 am Mass
Team #1 - January 30, 2022

Lector: Sue Bolen
Eucharistic Minister: *Need Volunteer*
Greeters : Cathy Lugge
Gift Bearer: *Volunteers*
Ushers: Dan Broeckling, & Andy Wells
Sanitizing: Broeckling & Wells

Discerning with Sister Denise

What does it mean to discern where God is calling you? Join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, in February to find out more.

Sister Denise Wilkinson, SP, will lead an upcoming virtual mini-retreat session which will examine what discernment means.

All single Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to join us from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Feb. 11, as Sister Denise will discuss how this method of prayerful reflective exploring and listening that can help you see where God is leading you. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.com or by contacting Sisters of Providence Vocations Director Sister Joni Luna at 361-500-9505 or jluna@spsmw.org.

Taizé scheduled for February 8

Join the Sisters of Providence for song, quiet contemplation and inspired readings during the ecumenical **Taizé** Prayer in -person or livestream service from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, February 8. Livestream links will be available at Taize.SistersofProvidence.org.

Day of Prayer for the

LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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On January 22, 2022 all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation.

The Church sets today aside as day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for all violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. To help us in this observance, today we celebrate the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.



Bring the Wife & Kids
PLAYOFF FAMILY PARTY
January 30th 2pm -9pm
at the Hall
5301 West Main



Supporting our Mission

A big “thank you” to all of those participating in online giving with WeShare! Online giving has been a big help to our parish. This means more time to serve you and our mission as parish.

No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch to online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. We know that you share in this vision and we’re excited about giving our parishioners many ways to participate in our growth as a parish family. Thank you for your support!

Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call hotline 1-800-640-3044.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022

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You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

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