

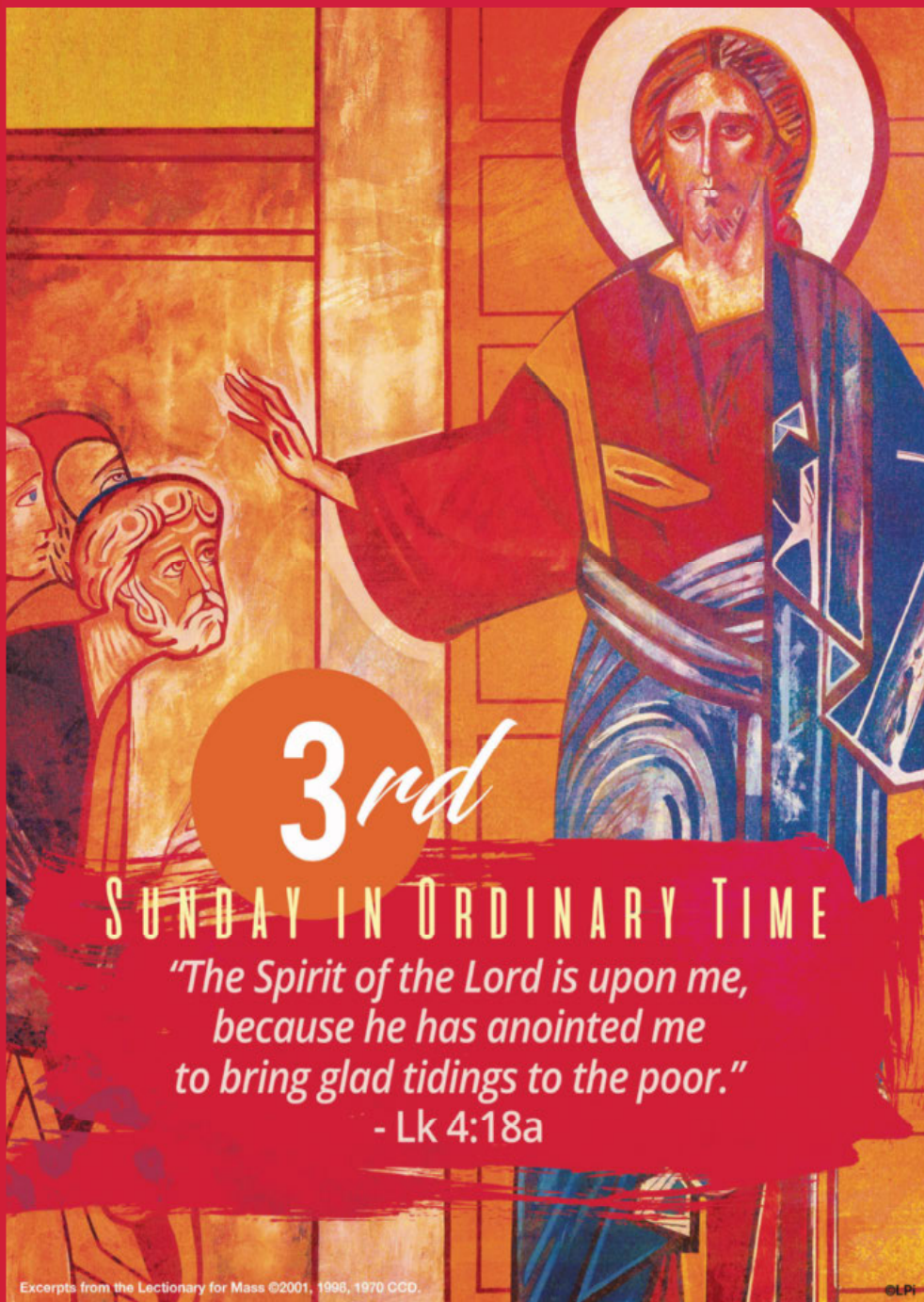


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## January 23, 2022



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## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday 8:00 AM  
Thursday 8:30 AM (School Mass)  
Friday 8:00 AM  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Sat 4 PM & Sun 8 & 10:30AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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# WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!

## Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference

Holy Women of the Visitation  
with speakers, Liz Kelly & Emily Jaminet.



Saturday, January 29th, 8:00am-1:00pm

(with Eucharistic Adoration to follow from 1-2pm)

We will gather in-person to experience this virtual conference together. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded!

All Saints Catholic Church - in the social hall  
720 29th St SE, Cedar Rapids

Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact Megan Moore at 319-362-9967 or [mmoore@stmatthewcr.org](mailto:mmoore@stmatthewcr.org) to register or for more info.



## MASS INTENTIONS for 2022

As Christians, we have an ancient tradition of praying for the deceased, praying for the repose of their souls. This tradition stretches all the way back to the Old Testament. One primary way this devotion is expressed now is through the offering of Masses for particular intentions (persons). When the priest offers Mass, he prays certain prayers specifically for the intention of that Mass. We are now scheduling Mass intentions through the entire year of 2022, and we have many openings left to fill! The standard offering for a Mass is \$5 - please note that this is not the selling of a Sacrament, but rather an act of worship. Instead of bringing a calf or a pair of doves to the temple as they did in the ancient times, we can offer a gift to God from our livelihood. If you would like to request one or more Masses be offered for your loved ones, please contact Zach at the office, at [zgignac@stmatthewcr.org](mailto:zgignac@stmatthewcr.org), 319-363-8269, or by visiting during office hours (8:30-4:00).

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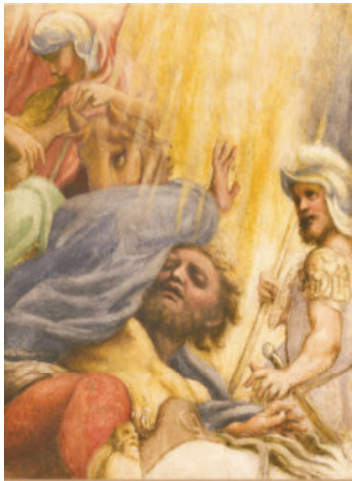
light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

**This Bible study will meet five times on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the Rosary Room at St. Matthew beginning March 9th and concluding April 6th. You may also participate virtually if you would prefer.**

**To register or for more information, please contact Megan Moore at 319-362-9967 or [mmoore@stmatthewcr.org](mailto:mmoore@stmatthewcr.org).**

*Registration forms are also available near the entrances of the church and in the parish office.*

**To ensure that study materials arrive before March 9th, registrations are due by Friday, February 18th!**



## THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

### LIVING LITURGICALLY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25

St. Paul is one of the most important figures of the apostolic age and the author of fourteen of the twenty-seven books in the New Testament. He was not one of the twelve Apostles, nor did he ever meet Jesus (at least not in the traditional sense). He was actually a Jewish Pharisee who actively persecuted early Christians. Then one day on the road to Damascus, Paul encounter Christ and was literally blinded by the light. Three days after his encounter with the Lord, Paul was baptized and began proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ everywhere he could.

There aren't a lot of activities or foods traditionally associated with this feast day, however, three suggestions for celebrating this special feast day are (1) to enjoy some delicious Middle Eastern food, (2) to play a rousing game of blind man's bluff, and (3) to go to confession. It is good to enjoy food and fellowship when we celebrate the Saints, but it's also important to remember that the Saints are models demonstrating pathways to Heaven. The Conversion of St. Paul is nothing short of a reminder to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

*St. Paul, pray for us!*

## Marriage Enrichment Date Night

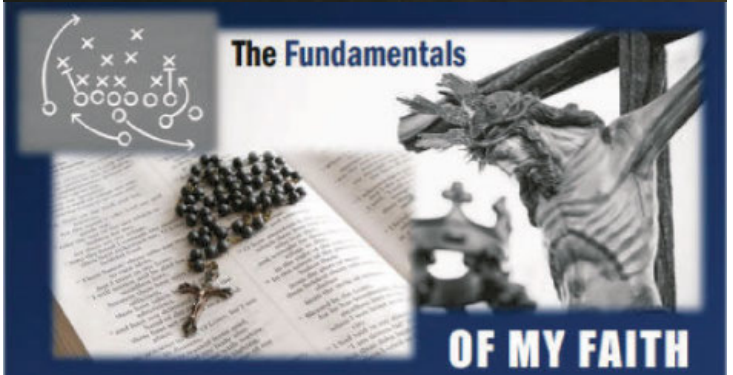
All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for social time, snacks, a talk on marriage, and small group discussion.



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*Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.*  
- Proverbs 22:6

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Livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/821526>

Where: St. Jude Catholic Church  
50 Edgewood Rd NW – Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
When: Monday, January 24, 2022  
Time: 6:30 -8:00 PM

This event is FREE and ALL are welcome!  
A light meal will be served - Child care is not available

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Families with 5th Graders: Save the date to explore Regis!

Saturday, January 29th from 9-11am, current fifth grade students and their families will have the chance to learn all about the opportunities Regis offers and will meet Regis students, parents, teachers, and staff. Please contact Di-  
anne Clark at [dclarke@regisroyals.org](mailto:dclarke@regisroyals.org) or 319-363-1968 to RSVP or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at *Explore Regis* on January 29th!



If you noticed a strange yellow truck in the parking lot on Monday morning, Nesper Signs brought a bright yellow demo truck onsite to show us various options of screen resolutions for St. Matthew's new electronic sign.

The new sign will replace our existing sign (about 4' closer to the sidewalk). It will be approximately 11' tall (total height), with a lighted St. Matthew logo and a programmable 8' wide by 4' tall display screen.

The existing sign will find a new resting place up the street, to the west, and alongside the entrance to the main parking lot.

Plans are to have the new sign installed in the spring... so be sure to watch for this and many more great improvements to come!

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## Saint Thomas Aquinas

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## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR  
MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

7:00 P RCIA

**Tuesday, January 25**

5:30 P MASS † **Ed & Betty Marek**

6:00 P Eucharistic Adoration (until 9 PM)

6:00 P Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 26**

8:00 A MASS † **Mashek Family**

6:30 P Youth Ministry

**Thursday, January 27**

8:30 A School MASS † **Mary Vajgrt**

9:30 A Eucharistic Adoration (until 12 PM)

5:15 P St. Matthew School Board Meeting

**Friday, January 28**

8:00 A MASS † **Paul Hutchins**

**Saturday, January 29**

8:00 A Women's Conference (at All Saints until 2 PM)

2:45 P Reconciliation

4:00 P MASS † **Mary Simmons**

**Sunday, January 30**

8:00 A MASS † **Joanne Heffern**

10:30 A MASS † **For the people of St. Matthew**

WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday, January 24 2022**

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 25**

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday, January 26**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 27**

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday, January 28**

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday, January 29**

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday, January 30**

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



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