



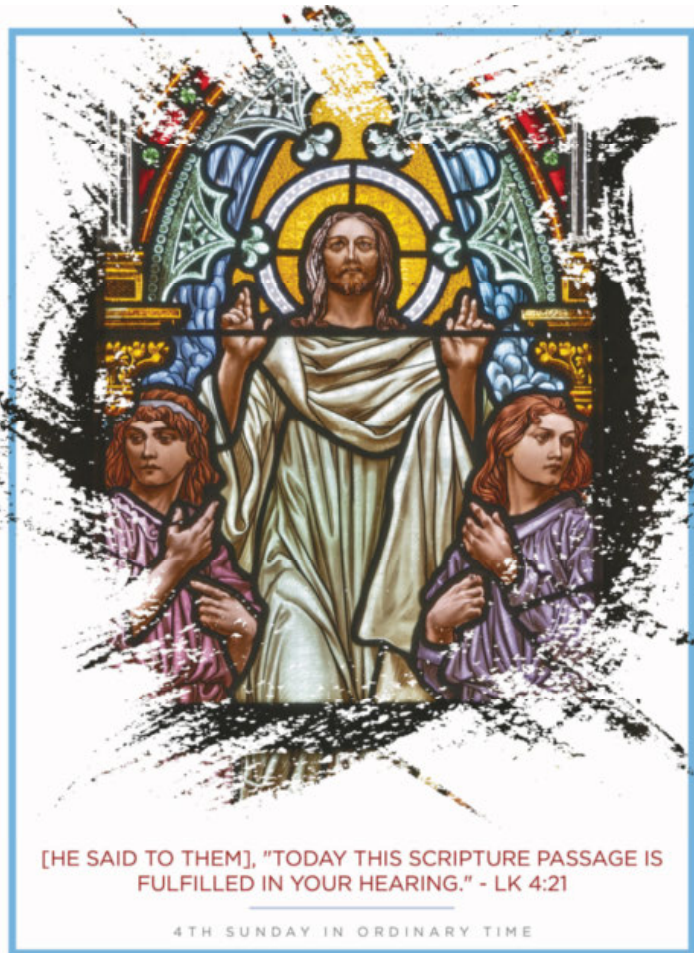
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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 30, 2022**



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

January 29 through February 6

Sat., Jan. 29	4:00p	SM	Priest Intention
	6:00p	SR	+ Guy and Mary Wood Family
Sun., Jan. 30	8:30a	SR	Priest Intention
	11:00a	SM	+ Everett and Darlene Wolf
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention
Mon., Jan. 31	No Mass		
Tue., Feb. 1	8:00a	SR	+ George Dekan
Wed., Feb. 2	5:30p	SM	John Glassbrenner
Thu., Feb. 3	8:00a	SR	+ Ruth Fischer
Fri., Feb. 4	9:00a	SM	+ Marietta Vanderkelen
Sat., Feb. 5	9:00a	SM	+ Paul C. and Clara Bauer
	4:00p	SM	+ Betty Melgard
	6:00p	SR	Living and Deceased Family Members
Sun., Feb. 6	8:30a	SR	+ Dell Parr
	11:00a	SM	+ Mary Lu Leibham
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	David Manthey

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	7:00–9:00p	SR
Saturday	10:00a–12:00p	SM
1st Saturday	7:30a–9:00a	SM

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Tuesday	5:00–9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00–10:00p	SR

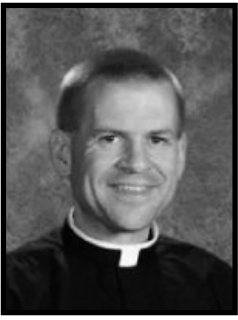
## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SM
Sunday	Noon-3	SM
Tues/Thurs	9a-Noon or by apt	SR

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## Reflections from Fr. Derek Sakowski

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### “Purity Culture” – Lie #2

Last time I began this series to raise questions about the “purity culture.” For at least a couple of generations now, its representatives have pretended to speak with the authority of Jesus and his Church. Fueled more by fear than by love, they have fought a protective war against the menacing culture. We saw last time **how damaging it is to present purity as a prize to be lost**. Rather, each of us can bring our diseased human heart to the divine physician, proceeding with unshakable confidence on a lifelong journey of growth, maturity, and fruitfulness.

**Lie #2: Marriage will rescue me from my struggles.** In many evangelical congregations or in stricter Catholic families, the purity culture has upheld “purity” as a falsely exalted virginity. Those who enter marriage with their purity intact are upheld as mighty champions. They made it! On the surface, it seems like a great message. After all, fornication is a sin, because marriage is the God-given context for sexual intercourse. But is it really true that bringing virginity into marriage automatically makes you a champion? And does that make everyone else a loser?

In the very same Christian homes or extended families, children are often abused or neglected (physically, emotionally, sexually, or spiritually). They repeatedly see mom and dad not honoring and delighting in each other. They see aggression and contempt – whether the more active kind (interrupting, shouting, swearing, name calling, pushing, hitting) or the passive kind (sulking, silent treatments, cold gazes, disengaging, avoiding, undermining, or gossiping). Such children only feel loved when they are the kind of child their parents prefer them to be. When mom or dad treat each other or the children with contempt, the same parents pretend afterward as though nothing happened. They may even talk about how amazing or wonderful family is, stirring up a spirit of dread about “those people” in the world who are threatening family life.

Meanwhile, these same children and adolescents receive little to no real guidance about healthy sexuality. They discover pornography at a tender age and know instinctively that mom and dad would shame them if they knew about it. They commit one “impure” act and secretly fear that they must be one of the losers, not one of the champions.

Unwanted behaviors ensue, fueled by shame and secrecy. In the pressure cooker of supposed “purity,” humans begin to draw strange lines in the sand. Over the years, I have spoken to teens and young adults who have done just about every sexual act except for vaginal intercourse – because they didn’t want to lose their virginity before marriage.

Within this purity culture of our families and churches, how many millions of Christian young adults have sincerely believed that once they were married all these unwanted behaviors

would melt away. SPOILER ALERT: they don’t.

Each of us brings our whole personal history into our present day relationships. We bring our heartache and heartbreak, our unresolved trauma, our toxic shame, and our self-protection. In a fallen world that still bears traces of the divine, every family is both beautiful and broken. Amidst the brokenness, we have all learned ways of surviving. We know how to get through hard stuff without taking on even more wounds.

There is a brilliance here – using our God-given creativity to learn how to survive and even find some scraps of delight. How sad, though, when most or all of our human creativity is diverted into sheer survival. We are created for abundance, to be fruitful and multiply. We are created to receive and give love.

I think C.S. Lewis put it best:

*To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.*

Without vulnerability, without a capacity to receive the love of another as free gift, how can sex be healthy? When authentic emotional expression is stifled, how can marriage or family life flourish?

By overemphasizing “purity” before marriage, the purity culture has lost sight of the core of human love and sexuality: receiving and giving love, freely and wholeheartedly. Healthy and holy marriages are precious indeed! They slowly and steadily emerge as these two distinct children of God learn how to keep growing in maturity. Then they can (more and more) share from the fullness of their own heart, rather than use or manipulate, assault or punish, isolate or hide, guard or protect.

Maturing means both husband and wife must keep engaging their own personal story – understanding where they have come from. It means resisting the temptation to glamorize (“I had an amazing childhood!”) or minimize (“Others had it much worse...”). It takes enormous courage to tell the full truth about just how hard it was, how alone I felt, or how desperately I ached (and still ache) to be loved as I am. Marriage will never fix that.

There are parallel truths for priesthood and celibacy. It is impossible to make a fruitful gift of one’s sexuality without an ongoing willingness to become a whole person capable of receiving love. I will soon be talking with 20 other priests about these topics!

As a Church, we have so much work to do in naming our own dysfunction – both in our priests and in our marriages. Certainly, there are problems “out there” in the culture. But the transformation always begins within our own minds, our own bodies, and our own souls.

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### Communication Coordinator for St. Mary's and St. Raymond's

This is a part-time position, usually 15-20 hours per week. Position overview, responsibilities and qualifications are available on both parishes' websites. Interested candidates should send a résumé and cover letter to Jon Jones at JJones@SMSRCatholic.com.



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## Save the Date

## Rite of Welcome

- Jan. 30** Start of Catholic Schools' Week
- Feb. 1** Claim Your Inheritance Faith Study 6:00pm @ SM
- Feb. 2** FFF/Edge in English @ SM
- Feb. 2** World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
- Feb. 5** 1st Saturday Confessions, Devotions and Mass @ SM
- Feb. 6** FFF/Edge @ SR
- Feb. 6** FFF in Spanish @ SM
- Feb. 7** Guadalupe Council KC Meeting 6:00pm @ SM
- Feb. 12 & 13** Anniversary Blessings at Weekend Masses
- Feb. 13** Social Sunday @ SM
- Feb. 14** Trinity Council KC Meeting 7:00pm @ SR
- Feb. 16** Parent/Child Activity Night: 1st Communion Prep. 6:00pm @ SR
- Feb. 17** Elizabeth Ministry Meeting 6:00pm @ SM
- Feb. 20** RCIA/Pathways 12pm @SM

### Subscribe to the Friday Fiat

Do you want to know more about what is happening at St. Mary's Parish or St. Raymond's Parish? Sign up and join the group "St. Mary's Parish News" or "St. Raymond's Parish News." Through our weekly email we highlight some amazing ministries and introduce new things our staff have been working on. Sign up by either calling your parish office or by scanning your parish's code below.

St. Mary's



St. Raymond's



Congratulations to Anneka Rogers who went through the Rite of Welcome during the 11:00am Mass at St. Mary's on January 23!

The Rite of Welcome is for non-Catholic adults already baptized in a different ecclesial community. They declare their intention to continue their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

Please pray for Anneka as she continues her journey toward becoming Catholic.

## Elizabeth Ministry Meeting

Thank you to all who helped to organize the Elizabeth Ministry meeting on January 20 at St. Mary's. Much fun was had by the women who attended.

Save the date for the next meeting on February 17!



## Cookies and Prayers for Our Seminarians

St. Raymond's Parish Council of Catholic Women is asking each family to donate 2 dozen homemade cookies for our seminarians. Please place them in gallon size Ziploc bags, so they are safe to handle. Annually, they package cookies and mail them to each of our seminarians, to let them know we are praying and thinking of them. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for Spiritual Bouquets and Rosaries to be said for the seminarians, as they need our prayers. Please have your cookies delivered to the St. Raymond's Kitchen by 9:30am on Sunday, February 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary King at 715-878-9472.

## FORMED Update

Please note that our parishes' subscription to FORMED will expire on February 3, 2022.



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## Youth Mass and Potluck

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Thank you to all of the youth who helped with the different liturgical and hospitality ministries at the Youth Mass at St.

Raymond's on January 22.

A fun and delicious potluck followed the Youth Mass in the St. Raymond's Parish Hall.



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## Guadalupe Council Family of the Month

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Knights of Columbus Council at St. Mary's would like to announce that Aaron and Cheree Tiry were named as Family of the Month for December. Aaron and Cheree have been married for seventeen years. They have been members of St Mary's Parish since 2017.

You will see both Aaron and Cheree working with the usher ministry almost every weekend welcoming parishioners to Mass. They have overseen the management of this ministry for several years now.

Aaron is also the chair of the St Mary's Finance Council. He organizes all meetings and sets the agendas. He is also a Relevant Radio Ambassador promoting Relevant Radio at St. Mary's.

Cheree oversees the St Mary's Facebook page. This communication tool has become a very important part of ministry at St. Mary's, especially over the last several years. She is also a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

They are owners of Team Tiry Real Estate, and Aaron is a Realtor Association Board of Directors member. They are also very involved in our community. They have donated

flowers and maintained the flower bed in Altoona's 10<sup>th</sup> Street Park since 2007. They have donated and distributed trees for Arbor Day to fourth and fifth grade students at Regis Catholic Schools since 2013. They have been Empty Bowls & Feed My People sponsors since 2016, and they have been Hike for the Homeless-Beacon House sponsors since 2015.

The Knights thank the Tiry family for their great service to St. Mary's and to the community and for their example of Catholic faith. May God bless them.

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