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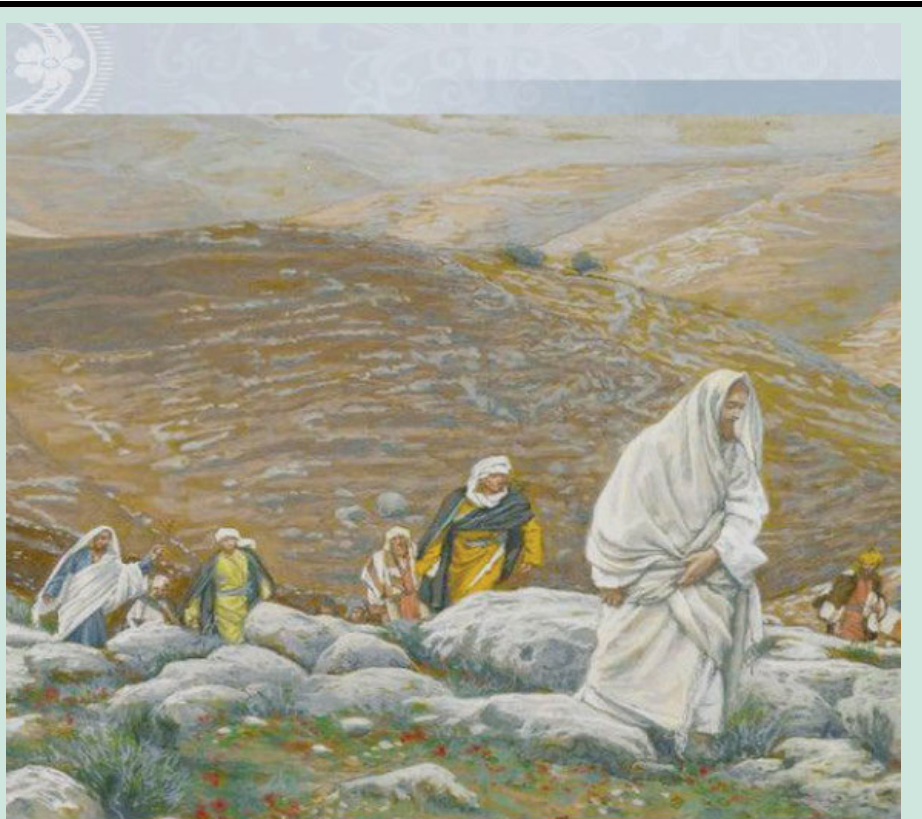
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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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JANUARY 30, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Eucharistic Celebration

**Saturday - 1/29 - 4:00 PM (S)**

† Rob/Sally Marget

**Sunday - 1/30 - 8:30 AM (K)**

† John/Anne Leinen Family Members

**Sunday - 1/30 - 10:30 AM (S)**

† Maxine Mather

**Tuesday - 2/1 - 9:00 AM (S)**

† Mae Peiffer

**Wednesday - 2/2 - 9:00 AM (K)**

Special Intentions

**Thursday - 2/3 - 9:00 AM (S)**

† Eugene Weber

**Friday - 2/4 - 9:00 AM (K)**

† Joy Greiner Schackel

**Saturday - 2/5 - 4:00 PM (K)**

† Roger Greiner

**Sunday - 2/6 - 8:30 AM (K)**

† Hubert Greiner

**Sunday - 2/6 - 10:30 AM (S)**

† Mary Louise Sieren

## St. Mary Ministers

### For the Month of January

<b>Weekend of Jan. 29 &amp; 30 -</b>	<b>Saturday 1/29 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 1/30 10:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Cheryl Monroe	Rhonda Wehr
<b>LECTOR</b>	Cheryl Monroe	Holly Martin

### For the Month of February

<b>Sunday 2/6</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Barb Blaylock
<b>LECTOR</b>	Barb Blaylock

<b>Sunday 2/13</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Janis Collins
<b>LECTOR</b>	Janis Collins

<b>Sunday 2/20</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Rhonda Wehr
<b>LECTOR</b>	Diana Wehr

<b>Sunday 2/27</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Holly Martin
<b>LECTOR</b>	Holly Martin

## Holy Trinity Ministers

### For the Month of January

<b>Sunday January 30</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Dave Shemanski
<b>LECTOR</b>	Dave Shemanski

### For the Month of February

<b>Weekend of Feb. 5 &amp; 6 -</b>	<b>Saturday 2/5 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 2/6 8:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Cindy Weber	Scott Sieren
<b>LECTOR</b>	Diane Conrad	Scott Sieren

<b>Weekend of Feb. 12 &amp; 13 -</b>	<b>Saturday 2/12 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 2/13 8:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Kathleen Greiner	Kathy Davis
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jinger Bell	Mick Berg

<b>Weekend of Feb. 19 &amp; 20 -</b>	<b>Saturday 2/19 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 2/20 8:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Kevin Greiner	Ethel Sieren
<b>LECTOR</b>	Erin McGuire	Tim Sieren

<b>Weekend of Feb. 26 &amp; 27 -</b>	<b>Saturday 2/26 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 2/27 8:30 AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Diane Conrad	Dave Shemanski
<b>LECTOR</b>	Diane Conrad	Dave Shemanski

## Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

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/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 k 5:1-11

## Announcements—St. Mary

Sunday 2/6

Rel. Ed., 9:00 - 10:15 AM

Sunday 2/13

Rel. Ed., 9:00 - 10:15 AM

Sunday 2/20

Rel. Ed., 9:00 - 10:15 AM

If anyone is aware of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion regularly, please notify the parish office so we can develop a list.

St Mary's is seeking additional members to the Parish Council. If interested contact Fr. Lathrop 641-636-3883.

St. Mary Parish sends their condolences to Kathleen O'Rourke, Robin House and Molly Dahlstrom at the recent death of their brother, Jeff Marget. Jeff died on Saturday, January 15 with a memorial service planned for this summer.

Condolences to Nancy Weber at the recent death of her brother, Roger Ulin, who passed away on January 19.

### PLANNING

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

—Chinese Proverb

### St. Mary Stewardship

#### Envelopes

Weekly Budget .....	\$2,307
Received .....	\$805
Envelope Budget to Date .....	\$69,210
Actual to Date .....	\$67,108.36

#### Offertory

Weekly Budget .....	\$154
Received .....	\$73
Offertory Budget to Date .....	\$4,620
Actual to Date .....	\$3,120



I recently participated in the “nine-days for life” novena hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Each morning, from January 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> I received an email with the daily novena. As an overview, each day had an intention, prayers to recite, a reflection to read, three choices for an act of reparation and a section entitled “One Step Further”. There were very useful links provided in the body of the novena. The links allowed easy transfer to another site for the referenced prayers, organizations, and resources.

The intention was a focal point for the day. Examples include: Day 1-May the tragic practice of abortion end. Day 3-May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Day 7-May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life. Day 8-May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

The prayers for the nine days included repetitions of the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.

The reflections provided information from such sources as the Evangelium Vitae and Familiaris Consortio, Encyclicals written by John Paul II. There were recitations from multiple Bible verses and references to parables such as the Prodigal Son. There was reference to the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Material from the Declaration of Independence was presented along with postings from “Priorities at the Polls” which is posted for guidance on the USCCB website. As I was not familiar with the Encyclicals this caused some detoured reading in these areas.

The Acts of Reparation always included a choice of a sacrifice, prayer or act of penance that you feel called to do. But other examples included: giving up sleeping on your pillow or bed, praying the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Angelus, pray for and serve expectant mothers in need in your community, abstain from caffeine or unplug from the social media, television and movies, and abstaining from meat.

The section, One Step Further, provided an assortment of references to increase knowledge regarding some uncomfortable topics. Examples: “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting” provided tips to communicate support to a friend in need. “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion” gives guidance on what to say/not to say in this situation. An article “Another Look at Abortion” provides talking points regarding what to say about the sanctity of human life when the topic of abortion arises in conversation. “How to Build a Culture of Life” references the Church’s teachings regarding human life and “Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle” which provides some statistics regarding this particular subject.

This novena is available if you go to [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com) or [respect-life.org](http://respect-life.org). Please take some time and read through a few of the references mentioned above.

## Announcements—Holy Trinity

Sunday 2/6

Rel. Ed., 9:15 - 10:30 AM

Sunday 2/13

Rel. Ed., 9:15 - 10:30 AM

Sunday 2/20

Rel. Ed., 9:15 - 10:30 AM

Holy Trinity Parish is in search of an Organist or Pianist to play at Mass and possibly other occasions. Contact Fr. Lathrop if interested.

If you know of any shut-in Holy Trinity Parishioners who would like to receive communion on Wednesday mornings contact Diane Conrad at 641-636-3471. Leave your name, phone number and address so Diane can contact them.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Wednesday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.



Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.  
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

### 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

### Holy Trinity Stewardship 12/13/21 - 1/16/22

#### Envelopes

Weekly Budget ..... \$2,212  
Received ..... \$17,797  
Envelope Budget to Date ..... \$64,148  
Actual to Date ..... \$60,182

#### Offertory

Weekly Budget ..... \$193  
Received ..... \$1,254  
Offertory Budget to Date ..... \$5,597  
Actual to Date ..... \$6,849

FIM ..... \$4,350





#### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?



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