



23 January 2022
Third Sunday of the Year

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

Slick



He wasn't doing anything, just sitting under the only light left on in the empty building. Finals and commencement were late that fall term. Christmas was just a few days off.

"Can I help?" I asked.

"What is this place?" He said.

I gave him the short answer, "A church."

"I thought so," he said. "I went in the church part but it was all dark in there and I kind of got scared, well, I mean well, you see, I've never been in a church before."

I was surprised but I suppose I shouldn't have been. In a country which prides itself on the separation of church and state but still prints, "In God we trust," on its currency, actually going to church is espoused but more and more sentimentalized or marginalized.

"I think my father is Catholic and I think my mom is Methodist but I'm not really sure," he said. "What kind are you?"

"I'm a Catholic priest," I said.

"Oh, cool," he said, not in the elongated 60s style but in

the clipped crisp 90s style in which there is only a hint of a vowel. "I'm from Alaska."

"Really?" I said. Then I noticed the name on his jacket, "Slick." "What kind of name is that?" I pointed to the embroidered script on his jacket.

"A nick name," he smiled. "What goes on here?"

"Church stuff." I smiled.

"Cool. Maybe I'll come some time next semester."

"Cool," I said, pronouncing both vowels.

He left. I thought for a moment that with a nick name like "Slick" he could have been casing the place for a midnight run at the collection. He would be disappointed. Then I wondered if he would be disappointed if he actually came for the "church stuff." The problem with "church stuff" is that you have to acquire a taste for it. Everyone remembers Paul getting knocked off his horse by a blinding light and forgets it took him a long time to get his sight back. GRS

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. • We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. • Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. • For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. • I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Music for Mass

✠ Entrance: Alleluia Sing To Jesus (#949)

Prichard

1) Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

4) Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of Lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim,
In the Eucharistic feast.

Readings can be found at #1100

✠ Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words (#31) Haas
Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

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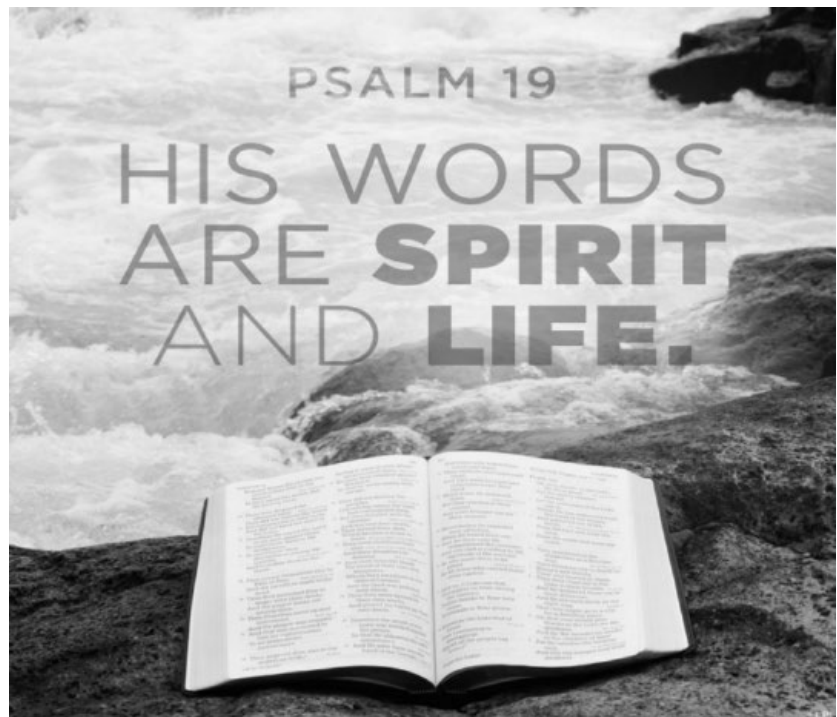
8 AM Mass response: Your words, O Lord are Spirit and Life.

✠ Preparation: We Are the Light of the World (#592) Jean Greif

1) Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain: We are the light of the world, May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do, And give glory to God.

2) Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.



MASS INTENTIONS

3:00 PM Saturday 22 January
Confessions
4:00 PM Saturday 22 January
Rose Tronnier by Elsie & Steve Block
8:00 AM Sunday 23 January
Cheri Johnson by Ron & Anita Sterud
10:00 AM Sunday 23 January
Parishioners
8:15 AM Tuesday 25 January
No Mass
8:15 AM Wednesday 26 January
No Mass
8:15 AM Thursday 27 January
No Mass
3:00 PM Saturday 29 January
Confessions
4:00 PM Saturday 29 January
Joan Kimball by Beth & Jerry Voss
8:00 AM Sunday 30 January
Parishioners
10:00 AM Sunday 30 January
Alvin Langer by Kevin & Terre' Langer

PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following in your prayer.

Norm Killian; Anita Casey (Darla Ironside's Sister-Inlaw);
Jessica Sabelko, Laura Kemmerer; Denise Cornell (Sylvia Falteisek's daughter); Jana Morrow (Walt & Carol Matzek's Daughter); Eileen Chase (Rich Niebur's mom);
Kelly Niebur (wife of Ryan); Jackie Unser; Bill Casperson (Nancy Peterson's brother); Robert Hei (Shirley Hei's Son); Dwight Hollen; Kristi Meier; Evan Horn; Richard Cornell; Dick Baker; Casie Johnson; Richard Hulne; Mike Meier; Jerry Killian; Michael "Chip" O'Brien; Leslie Cobian; Marv Lindseth; Julie Murchinson; Gracie Magnan (daughter of Peter & Jessie); George Johnson; Shirley Hei; Betty Armstrong; Jerry Hoss (brother of Janet Cleary); Bernie Wisniewski; Roberta Bradford (Shirley Dehning Granddaughter); Butch Carroll (Roxie's Husband); Boyd Huppert; Theresa Hei; Sharon Heikkila; Alice Mercord; Mike Ptacek; Mary Rother and all the parishioners who are homebound or in the nursing home.

To add a name to the prayer corner, call 715-262-5310. Names will remain on the list for one month, unless the parish office is notified otherwise.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays during the 10am Mass we have classes for 4-, & 5-year-old children downstairs. Register anytime. (Stories of God's Love")

January 26th No class. Adult Formation Presentation with Fr. Pierce

February 2 Classes in person-Grades 1-10. 9th Grade will be virtual. 2nd grade has 1st Communion Learning Centers from 4-7. Stations take about one hour to complete.

February 9th Classes Grades 1-9.

February 16th Classes Grade 1-10, 9th grade virtual. Grades 5 & 6 will have Alice Heinzen presenting "The Way of Love", please watch for mailing.

Any questions: Call or email Carol at 715-262-3514 or 651-208-4449 or carolmercord@stjosephprescott.com



Altar server training will be held February 2nd at 3:30PM. Open to anyone 5th grade or older, including adults. Please contact Carol Mercord at 651-208-4449 or carolmercord@stjosephprescott.com
Thank you

BREAD AND WINE

Our Eucharist bread and wine for the month of January has been donated IMO the Beeler and Cotter Families, by Mary Beeler.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Adult Envelope Contributions	\$ 6,549
Offertory	<u>\$ 150</u>

Total for week ending 1-16-2022 \$ 6,699

If you would like to set up automatic contributions to the parish, please contact the office to have a form sent out to you, 715-262-5310 or email us at ParishOffice@StJosephPrescott.com.

There is also a copy of the form on the website under Church-Shortcuts. Thank you for the continued support of our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Church. If you need a contribution statement for 2021 please call the Parish office at. (715) 262-5310. or email us at ParishOffice@StJosephPrescott.com

St. Joseph Parish School

As the winter weather continues outside, our school year is heating up toward the end of January. The seventh annual Gala event, "Disco Knights", is just one week away, on Saturday the 29th! Tickets are \$50 in advance and will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend, any time this coming week in the school office, and the night of the event. Visit <http://event.gives/discoknights> for more info, to donate, or to purchase tickets online.

Are you a parent of an incoming Kindergarten, or are you wondering if your school-age child would benefit from a faith-based education? If you answered yes to either of those questions, I invite you to visit our school and see firsthand what we offer to our students and families. We welcome any inquiring families to attend our **Kindergarten Open House** on Thursday, February 10th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it that evening, please call or email the school office at 715 262-5912, or school.office@stjosephprescott.com to set up a time to meet with Principal Magee, tour the school, or have any of your questions answered. We believe strongly in sharing our Catholic faith through education, and our entire staff would love to foster that encounter with Christ for your child here at St. Joseph Parish School!

— Mr. Magee, School Principal

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"THE REAL JESUS:

Who is He....and How Can We Know?"

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING PRESENTATION

by Mons. Mark Pierce

Wednesday January 26th in the school gym, 5:30-7:30

RSVP to Carol at 651-208-4449

ALL ARE WELCOME and **BRING YOUR BIBLE**

Contact Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Mr. Gerald T. RyndaDeacon
 Chris Magee.....School Principal
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 Rita Johnson.....Parish Administrative Assistant
 Ann Schwebach.....Finance and Benefits
 Crystal McCarthy..... School Administrative Assistant
 Howie KittlesonBuilding & Grounds Manager
 Don Sabelko Cemetery Sexton

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OFFICE HOURS

Closed Monday & Friday; 9:00 am-3:00 pm Tuesday to Thursday

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Help Novena

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A class for new and expecting parents is held quarterly. Parents must be registered as parish members prior to attending the class. Call the parish office for more information. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Lenten season.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Marriages are not celebrated during the Lenten season.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the pastor.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Holy Communion is brought to the sick and homebound every Wednesday. Those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery should contact the parish office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH BULLETIN

Items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Friday at 12:30pm. (i.e. 9 days before the bulletin date)

PARISH WEBSITE..... WWW.STJOSEPHPRESCOTT.COM

PARISH EMAIL.....parishoffice@stjosephprescott.com

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Saturday, 29 Jan. • 4:00 pm Sunday, 30 Jan • 8:00 am

Rob Daugherty	Lector 1	Pat Eich	Lector 1 & 2
Shirley Hayes	Lector 2	Bennett Matzek	Server
Jack Groskopf	Server	David Hovel	Usher
Ron Sterud	Usher	Jim Hovel	Usher
OPEN	Usher		
Jim Packard	Video		

Sunday, 30 Jan • 10:00 am

Jennifer Christiansen	Lector 1
Patrick Leahy	Lector 2
Thomas Rynda	Server
Anne Markert	Server
Steve Sabelko	Usher
Don Sabelko	Usher

Lector 1 • 1st reading
 Lector 2 • 2nd reading
 & petitions

Money Counters

First National Bank
 Monday, 31 January • 9:00 am
 Roger and Carm Klegin

✠ Communion: We Are Many Parts (#834)

Marty Haugen

Refrain: We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have
we are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one indeed;
one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the
cross that we bear.

- 1) God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world.
- 2) So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy, too;
all is brought together in the Lord.
- 3) All you seekers, great and small, Seek the greatest gift of all;
If you love, then you will know the Lord.

✠ Closing: Now Thank We All Our God (#636)

Martin Rinkart

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| 1) Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today. | 2) O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess. |
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St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28


One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “*The Summa Theologiae*.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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