# Franklin Hardin County Catholics

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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 (641) 939-5545

 St. Patrick, Hampton
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 St. Mark, Iowa Falls
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 Ministerio Hispano
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Hubo una boda en Caná de Galilea, a la cual asistió la madre de Jesús. Este y sus discípulos también fueron invitados. Como llegara a faltar el vino, María le dijo a Jesús: "Ya no tienen vino". - Jn 2, 1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Go to www.franklinhardincatholic.formed.org
Look for "St. Mark-lowa Falls"

Set up an account (Spanish available)

Questions?

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

## Wisdom from a Saint

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from it's conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid."

— Saint John Paul II

## A Note from Fr. Kevin

## Jan 16, 2022 – Immerse Yourself in Scripture and Tradition this year!

Christ reveals Himself to us both through Sacred Scripture (the Bible), but also, He reveals Himself to us in what we Catholics call "Tradition," the lived experience and wisdom of Christ's instituted Church that He gave us to know how to understand, interpret and apply His teachings to our lives authentically and faithfully.

As Vatican II said in its Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation "... Sacred Scripture is the word of God inasmuch as it is consigned to writing under the inspiration of the divine Spirit, while sacred tradition takes the word of God entrusted by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, and hands it on to their successors in its full purity, so that led by the light of the Spirit of truth, they may in proclaiming it preserve this word of God faithfully, explain it, and make it more widely known. Consequently, it is not from Sacred Scripture alone that the Church draws her certainty about everything, which has been revealed. Therefore, both sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture are to be accepted and venerated with the same sense of loyalty and reverence." (Dei Verbum, 9) Thus, a great way to know Christ more deeply and be formed in Him is to immerse us in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition as

it is in and through these things, He reveals Himself to us and to the world.

Sacred Scripture: This year I have decided that I am going to read the entire Bible this year, following along with Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in a Year" Podcast. He is following a Bible reading plan that is not simply cover-to-cover – from Genesis to Revelation.

Rather the reading plan used is inspired by *The Great Adventure* Bible Timeline, developed by Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins, that identifies the 14 parenting heals that tell the start of Scripture from healinging to and The remaining "supplemental heals" of

that identifies the 14 narrative books that tell the story of Scripture from beginning to end. The remaining "supplemental books" of the Bible are then contextualized within the storyline of the 14 narrative books. The Psalms and Proverbs are spread out throughout the year to provide additional opportunity for prayer, reflection, and practical wisdom.

It is only about 20-25 minutes a day. And it is a great way to be immersed in the word of God and in the great story of His saving work, while being formed in the Biblical Vision of the world.

You can learn more about it here ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration.

Sacred Tradition: But not only is God's Word spoken to us through His inspired Word – the Scriptures – but you may also consider immersing yourself in the "Tradition" of the Church.

One of the best ways to do this is through the Saints: Their lives, their writings, and the teachings. "Butler's Lives of the Saints" is a classic compilation of an introduction/overview to the lives of many Saints that we celebrate throughout the year. Or directly reading the writings of the Saints. "The Confessions" by Saint Augustine; "The Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila; "Story of a Soul" by St. Therese of Lisieux and also her poems; the writings or words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; or the poetry of St. John of the Cross are just few of the options of our great treasure trove of spiritual wisdom handed on to us from the lives and teachings of the Saints.

Finally, you may consider reading "The Catechism of the Catholic Church"! Peace,

- Fr. Kevin

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Monday,	January 17	Saint Anthony
9:30 AM	† Fr. Phil Schmitt	Grand JiVante, Ackley
5:30 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Tuesday,	January 18	
8:30 AM	† Dave Rowen	St. Patrick, Hampton
Wednesd	ay, January 19	
8:30 AM	Margaret Wertz Family	St. Mary, Ackley
Thursday,	January 20	Caint Fabian, Saint Sebastian
8:30 AM	† Pat Lensing	St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Friday, Jo	anuary 20	Saint Agnes
12:00 PM	† Gene Kadolph	St. Mary, Eldora
Saturday	January 21	
5:00 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Sunday, J	anuary 22	hird Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	† Deana Sudtelgte	St. Mary, Ackley
8:00 AM	† John T. Brown	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
10:30 AM	† Anna Caster	St. Mary, Eldora
10:30 AM	† Dale Stock	St. Patrick, Hampton
5:30 PM	For the People	St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

## **SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

#### Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

#### **Funerals**

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Viail and Mass with the funeral director.

#### Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ♦ Anointing of the Sick
- **♦** Communion Calls
- ♦ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.



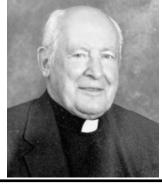
- † Congratulations to *Wyatt Adam Kulow,* baptized at St. Mark, Iowa Falls on January 16. Wyatt is the son of Adam and Megan Kulow.
- † Congratulations to *Tucker Phillip Baskerville*, baptized at St. Patrick, Hampton on January 9. Tucker is the son of Benjamin and Kelsey Baskerville.

May God bless all of them washed in the waters of Baptism.



- † Marilyn Blanchard, formerly of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, entered into eternal rest on January 11, 2022. Please keep her husband, Tim, and all their family in your prayers.
- † Marianina Schmitz, of St. Mary, Ackley, entered into eternal rest on January 2, 2022. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



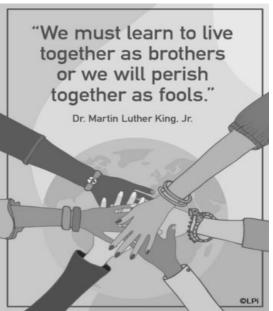
FR. PHILLIP SCHMITT, A PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE AND SERVED AT ST. MARK, IOWA FALLS DIED RECENTLY AT 91.

A MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00AM AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, CEDAR RAPIDS

YOU CAN WATCH ONLINE AT:

WWW. MURDOCHFUNERALHOME. COM/.../PHILLIP-SCHMITT.





A great opportunity for women to gather and grow in their faith.

Gatherings will be held at

St. Mark, Iowa Falls and St. Mary, Eldora.

Join us for a day of faith, fun, food, fellowship, & door prizes!!

See details on parish pages or contact:

Brenda Strayer & St. Mark, Iowa Falls

or

Deacon Rob Claypool & St. Mary, Eldora

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday & Friday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## **Parish Staff**

Secretary .......Barb Keninger DBQ001bk@DBQarch.org
Faith Formation ......Jolene Harms DBQ001re@DBQarch.org
Bookkeeper ......Barb Keninger DBQ001bk@DBQarch.org

### Parish Leadership - Committee Chairs

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I	Pastoral Council	Scott O'Brien
I	Finance Council	Jeff Frazier
I	Faith Formation	Mary Schumacher
I	Stewardship	David Keninger
I	Liturgy	Jolene Harms
I	Social Justice	Robert Harms/Keith Galpin
I	Parish Life	David Keninger
		Linda Sudtelgte
I	Building & Grounds	Jeff Frazier
I	Music	Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

## Thank you

Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church,

As we close out the year of 2021, I'd like to say thank you for your donations to the Ackley Food Pantry this past year. Your generosity is very much appreciated. It is our area churches, families and personal individual who support the pantry that makes the shelves full and our families grateful.

Again thank you and we look forward to a good year ahead of helping others in need.

May God continue to bless us all in 2022

Nan Bartling

Coordinator

# Rolls and Coffee

There will be rolls and coffee after Mass on Feb. 6 (first Sunday of the month). All are welcome.

## **Book Club**

February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

## The Red Tent

By Anita Diamant
Everyone is welcome
We would love to have you join us!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 a.m.

Lector: Kaitlyn Porter, Rosie Lindaman

Ushers: Mark Uthe, Gary Bonewitz, Jim Wessels,

**Bob Burkle** 

Money Counters: Jim Wessels, Jodi Uthe Altar Servers: Eli Kuper, Jaxon Schipper Communion to the Homebound: Kathy Burkle

Sacristan: Jo DeVries

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

## Just a thought

If we worry too much about ourselves, we won't have time for others.

## **Christmas Gift**

We have a Christmas gift for each parishioner—if you have not picked one up—let the parish office know and we will make sure you get one. Your choices are:

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen Life Is Messy—by Matthew Kelly

## **Email notification**

We have an email notification list—we use to let people know the happenings at St. Mary—if you would like to be part of this—email stmarystpatrick@gmail.com and we will add you.

## Stewardship - Treasure

## Sunday, January 9

Budget Envelopes	\$1160.00
Offertory	\$37.00
TOTAL	

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Parish Office Hours	
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30 AM-11:30 AM
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SecretaryPat Fuchs	DBQ073sec@DBQarch.org
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	DBQ108d@DBQqarch.org
Caretaker	Grace Kadolph
Parish Leadership - Committee Cha	airs
Pastoral Council	Lorelei Lake
Finance Council	Brian Krause
Faith Formation Commission	Andrea Sparrow
Stewardship	Cecilia Penning
Liturgy Vice Chair	
Social Justice	Mary Nederhoff
Building & Grounds	Jim Roling
Seton Circle	Diana Stickney

### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

- January 23 Youth Ministry Crafting at the Care Center (CANCELLED)
- January 26—6:30 pm Family Mass
- **FEBRUARY 9**—6:30 PM FAMILY MEETING

## Sacristan Help Needed

We are looking for a couple of parishioners to train as Sacristans for St. Mary. The main responsibility for this volunteer position is to set up for Mass each Sunday on a rotating basis.

Ideally this would require about 15 minutes of prep time each week. Please contact Deacon Rob if you'd like to assist with this ministry.

If you or someone you know wishes to join the Catholic Church, contact Deacon Rob for more information.

oe vs. Wade - It is more important than ever that we have the will to honestly face the truth and say exactly what it is. Some call Abortion— a 'termination of pregnancy'. But so is birth. The fact is that every pregnancy terminates. The issue is how. We pray - Give us clear minds to know the truth, and courageous tongues to speak it. Amen.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 23, 10:30 am

Lector: Bill Kramer

Gifts: Randy & Lori Ledger

Greeters: (n) Dan & Sharilyn Kadolph

(s) Brian & Christy Krause

Ushers: Rick Gotto, Jared Cook

Altar Servers: Jada Hobson, Jacoby Hobson

Offering Counters: Clark & Beth Lawler, Marg Ruble

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.



St. Mary Eldora — 8:30 am to 1:00 pm All women/guests of the parish invited

We will be connecting virtually Confirmed Speakers: Liz Kelly & Emily Jaminet

**Lunch to follow** \$10.00 donation suggested

Please RSVP to Deacon Rob By Friday, January 21

## -America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally-For the overturing of Roe vs. Wade.

Saturday, January 22, 2021 9:00 am

St. Mary Eldora Chapel. *Please join us!* 

The scrip program has netted a profit of \$2,986.40 this year for St. Mary. Thank you to Marg and her substitutes for all their efforts and the parishioners who have supported the program. Please consider purchasing scrip for gas cards, groceries, and all your spending. If you have questions, see Marg before or after Mass for details.

## Stewardship - Treasure

### Date

Budget	\$924.00
Offertory	
Christmas	
Holy Days	
TOTAL	\$1354.00

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## **Parish Office Hours** Monday - Thursday ...... 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Staff Secretary ...... Lori Kohart (DBQ108bm@DBQarch.org) Faith Formation......Brenda Strayer (DBQ108ym@DBQarch.org) .....Traci Pilchard Parish Leadership - Committee Chairs Pastoral Council.....Robert Warrington Finance Council ......Shari Keninger Faith Formation Commission ......Rachel Warrington Stewardship ......Cindy Stalzer Liturgy ......Susan Swart Social Justice.....Rose Atkinson Parish Life......Cindy Stalzer Women's Group ......Sherry Martin Building & Grounds..... Knights of Columbus......Kevin Bredthauer Music .....Lisa Barnett

## St. Mark is planning a "carry out only" turkey dinner on February 13th.

Because Covid continues to spread, the committee felt it important to have an alternative, safer way to hold our turkey dinner. We will need to pull together as a parish to accomplish this because of the changes from our usual dine-in dinner. We will still be roasting, and carving turkeys, preparing the rest of the food, and filling carry-out containers. This will take a group effort. Additional details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Tickets were mailed out this week for you to sell.

# Volunteers are needed to work at the Thrift Store on Friday, January 21.

There are two shifts available, **10-1** and **1-4**. Please sign up by calling Rose Atkinson.

There is still time to register to join us for faith, fun, food, fellowship, & door prizes!!

Archdiocesan Women's Conference Gathering

at St. Mark

on January 29, 2022 (8:00am-1:00pm)

Cost is only \$10 (conference fee, breakfast, & lunch)
We will have some booths with items to purchase
available that day too.

Pre-registration is expected so we have enough food.

Contact Brenda Strayer ASAP

to register or if you know of someone interested

in hosting a booth.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## Saturday, January 22 – 5:00pm

Lector: Doug Aldinger

Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Strayer Greeters/Ushers: Phil & Lois Oppold Gift Bearers: Chad & Carrie Last Family Music: Jessica Lara, Christine Burchfield

## Sunday, January 23 - 8:00am

Lector: Jeff Burchfield

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Brunkhorst Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Renee Colwell

Gift Bearers: Brian & Liz Buresh Music: Susan Swart, Ann Brunkhorst

Offertory Counters: Kathy Kuennen, Shari & Al Keninger

Livestream: Brenda Strayer

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## YOUTH

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -**

## Class Schedule — Kindergarten-Grade 8

\* Wednesday, January 19 (6:15-7:30pm)
First Eucharist Parent/Student Session (6:30pm)

\* Wednesday, January 26 (6:15-7:30pm)

## Class Schedule — Grades 9-12

\* Sunday, January 16 (4:00-6:00pm)

## **SACRAMENTAL PREP** -

**Baptism** - If you have a child you would like baptized, please contact Brenda Strayer to set up a time to meet.

**Reconciliation** - An email was sent to all parent's with 1st grade students. Contact Brenda Strayer if you did not receive one.

**Eucharist -** Our next Parent/Student session will be held on Wednesday, January 19. We will begin at 6:15 in the church.

## YOUTH MINISTRY -

Gathering - All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us. **Sunday, January 23 (2:00-4:00pm)** 

## **ADULTS**

### Women's Conference -

We are offering an event here at St. Mark on Saturday, January 29th in connection with the annual Women's Conference. See article for more details.

## Stewardship - Treasure

## January 8/9

Budget	\$870.00
Offertory	\$57.00
TOTAL	

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## Correction from last week:

EFTs - December ......\$6270.00

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday .......9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Finance Council	Jim Davies
Faith Formation	Mary Schumacher
Stewardship	Sue Rowen
Liturgy	Sue Basye
Social Justice	Donna Devereux
Parish Life	Sue Garrett
Building & Grounds	Dick Nelson
Knights of Columbus	Greg Cavazos
Music	Leon Kuehner



### **First Communion Notice**

Parents, if you have a child above 2nd grade that needs to receive First Communion please note the following:

- \* Your child will need to attend class.
- \* You will need to fill out the registration form and return to the parish office.
- \* Their baptismal certificate is required, if they were not baptized at our St. Patrick church.
- \* Classes will be set after the registration forms are turned in.
- \* Registration form **deadline** is February 5, 2022
- \* Contact Jolene with any questions.



### Notificación de Primera Comunión

Padres, si tienes un hijo mayor de segundo grado que necesite recibir su Primera Comunión, por favor toma nota de lo siguiente:

- \* Tu hijo deberá asistir a clases.
- \* Deberás completar un formulario de registro y devolverlo a la oficina parroquial.
- \* **Se requiere** su certificado de bautizo si no fue bautizado en la iglesia San Patricio.
- \* Se programará sus clases una vez que entregues el formulario de registro.
- \* La fecha de plazo de entrega del formulario de registro es el 5 de febrero de 2022.



## **Crafts and Fellowship**

Come join us on THURSDAY January 20th

1-3 PM for Crafts and Fellowship.

If you are working on a project, wanting to start a project or just want to chit-chat, Please join us! All are welcome!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 23 10:30 AM

Lectors: Cindy Dirksen

Servers: Chase Showalter, Cade Alonzo

Offertory Counters: Julie Streblow, Tracy Baltes Usher: Greg Cavazos, Filemon Flores, Wyatt Yoder

Sacristan: Millicent Fielding

Linen: Sue Garrett

Domingo, Enero 23 5:30 PM

Lectores: Margarita Rincon, Anabel Alanis Monaguillos: Sergio Rincon, Juan Valenzuela

Contadores de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Raquel Garcia-Hernandez

Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su

## Upcoming Events

**Próximos Eventos** 

## Monday/Lunes, January 17/Enero 17

Parish Council Mtg 5:30 PM/Consejo Parroquial Mtg 5:30 PM

Social Hall in Use-6:30-7:30PM

Linkage Finance Mtg in Iowa Falls

Tuesday/Martes, January 18/Enero 18

8:30 AM - Mass/Misa

6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg/Caballeros de Colón Mtg

7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

## Wednesday/Miércoles, January 19/Enreo 19

10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)

6:30 PM-Pre-K thru 8th grade Faith Formation Class/Clase de formación en la fe de Pre-K a 8° grado

Thursday/Jueves, January 20/Enero 20

6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración

Sunday/Domingo, January 23/Enero 23

10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa
Baptism/Baptismo

3:00 PM -Estudio Biblico/Bible Study-Espanola/ Spanish

5:30 PM-Masa/Mass-Espanola/Spanish 7:00 PM-Faith Formation-9th-12th grades/ Formación en la Fe-9°-12° grados

## Stewardship - Treasure

Budget	\$1580.00
Offertory	
Building & Grounds	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$200.00
Carpet Fund	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2191.00

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## Noticias del Ministerio Hispano

Teléfono de Ministerio Hispano: 641-512-5118
Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano Soiree Lara - DBQ097s@DBQarch.org

## Una nota del P. Kevin

## 16 de enero, 2022 – ¡ Sumérgete este año en las Escrituras y la Tradición!

Cristo se nos revela tanto a través de la Sagrada Escritura (la Biblia), como en aquello que los Católicos llamamos la "Tradición"; la experiencia vivida y la sabiduría de la Iglesia instituida por Cristo entregada por Él para que entendamos, interpretemos y apliquemos Sus enseñanzas a nuestras vidas de manera auténtica y fiel.

Como dijo el Vaticano II en su Constitución Dogmática sobre la Divina Revelación "... Ya que la Sagrada Escritura es la palabra de Dios en cuanto se consigna por escrito bajo la inspiración del Espíritu Santo, y la Sagrada Tradición transmite integramente a los sucesores de los Apóstoles la palabra de Dios, a ellos confiada por Cristo Señor y por el Espíritu Santo para que, con la luz del Espíritu de la verdad la guarden fielmente, la expongan y la difundan con su predicación; de donde se sigue que la Iglesia no deriva solamente de la Sagrada Escritura su certeza acerca de todas las verdades reveladas. Por eso se han de recibir y venerar ambas con un mismo espíritu de piedad". (Dei Verbum, 9)

Así, una gran manera de conocer más profundamente a Cristo y formarnos en Él es sumergirnos en la Sagrada Escritura y en la Sagrada Tradición en y a través de estas cosas, Él se revela al mundo y a nosotros.

Sagrada Escritura: He decidido que voy a leer toda la Biblia este año, siguiendo el podcast del Padre Mike Schmitz "Bible in a Year" (La Biblia en un año). Éste, sigue un plan de lectura de la Biblia que no es simplemente de principio a fin – desde el Génesis hasta el Apocalipsis. Sino más bien, el plan de lectura usado está inspirado en el sistema de aprendizaje de la Cronología de la Biblia de *The Great Adventure*, desarrollado por el reconocido profesor de Biblia Jeff Cavins, que identifica los 14 libros narrativos que cuentan la historia de las Escrituras de principio a fin. Los "libros suplementarios" restantes de la Biblia son luego contextualizados dentro de la narrativa de los 14 libros. Los Salmos y Proverbios son repartidos a través del año para entregar una oportunidad adicional de oración, reflexión y sabiduría práctica.

Sólo toma entre 20-25 minutos al día. Y es una gran manera de sumergirse en la palabra de Dios y en la gran historia de su obra salvadora, mientras te informas de la Visión Bíblica del mundo.

¡A partir del 1 de enero, está disponible la versión en Español de "La Biblia en un año" con Fray Sergio Serrano y el Padre Dempsey! Puedes encontrar más información en ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration.

Tradiciones Sacras: Pero no sólo conocemos la Palabra de Dios a través de Su Palabra inspirada – las Escrituras – sino también, considera sumergirte en la "Tradición" de la Iglesia.

Una de las mejores formas de hacerlo es a través de los santos: Sus vidas, sus escrituras y sus enseñanzas. Los libros que enumero a continuación están disponibles en Español: "Las Vidas de los Santos", de Alban Butler, es una compilación clásica de una introducción/resumen de las vidas de muchos Santos que celebramos a lo largo del año. O leer directamente los escritos de los Santos. Las "Confesiones" por San Agustín; "Las Moradas: El castillo interior del alma" por Sta. Teresa of Ávila; "Historia de un Alma" por Sta. Teresa de Lisieux, además de sus poemas; los escritos esenciales de la Sta. Madre Teresa de Calcuta; o los poemas de San Juan de la Cruz son algunas de las opciones de nuestro gran tesoro de sabiduría espiritual que se nos entrega sobre las vidas y enseñanzas de los Santos.

Finalmente, ¡considera leer "El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica"!

- Fr. Kevin







## Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

**Sun:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/

Jn 2:1-11

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/

Mk 2:18-22

**Tues:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/

Mk 3:1-6

**Thurs:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/

Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Sat:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/

Mk 3:20-21

**Sun:** 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

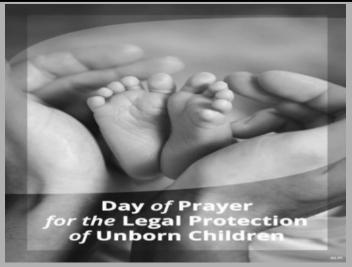
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January 22 has been designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as "a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." Life is at the heart of the gospel – a beautiful gift from God. When that gift is destroyed rather than treasured, a violent act is committed not just against God, but all humanity. As Pope John Paul II remarked, "The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."

Each and every human being is created in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and value. The commitment to defend the weak and preserve the family is not just a Christian commitment – it should be one that all with a basic concern for humanity can stand behind. On this day, we commit ourselves in prayer to the legal protection of the inherent dignity of each person, born and unborn. The Church has a particular duty to care for each and every individual – born and unborn.

Violating the right to life rejects the inherent value and dignity of the human person at a time when he or she is most defenseless and vulnerable. The mother's womb, which should be the safest place in the world for a child, becomes a site of violence in this cruel infraction against the family.

We ask that you pray for the respect and protection of life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage. One prayer is provided on page 10 of this bulletin, and more prayers can be found at: www.usccb.org/pro-life-prayer

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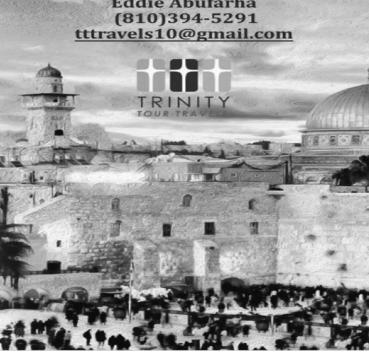
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We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.





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