

Franklin Hardin County Catholics

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque
me ha ungido...para anunciar la liberación a
los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para
dar libertad a los oprimidos.
- Lc 4, 18

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Questions?

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

Wisdom from a Saint

"What does it take to become a saint? Will it."

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

A Note from Fr. Kevin

Jan. 23, 2022 – Pro-Life: Children AND Mothers

Jan. 22, 2022 is the anniversary of the famous court case, “Roe v. Wade” which legalized abortion on a federal level across the country. Friday January 21 was the annual “March for Life” which protests abortion and is the longest-running annual protest march in the history of the United States.

I know abortion is a politically charged topic in our country; especially, as those who are labeled as “pro-life” are often accused of caring about the babies and NOT about the mothers.

I want to take a moment here to re-iterate and clarify the Catholic Church’s position. We as Catholics believe in the inviolable dignity of *every* human life, from conception until natural death and *every stage in between!* Thus, it’s not only about saving babies’ lives, *but also* about helping those mothers. Psychological research continues to show the devastating psychological and emotional effects that abortion can have on a woman, though sometimes those traumatic effects do not manifest until many, many years later! Thus, as the Church, we are not only “pro” the life of the unborn child, but we are also “pro” all those women who have had abortions, for their healing.

Vicki Thorn, a faithful Catholic from Milwaukee, WI, was so moved after a friend of hers had an abortion and she began to see the after effects. Vicki has since spent her life’s work in counseling and helping bring healing to all those who have ever had abortions, and all those affected (women, as well as fathers and families), to help bring healing and hope to all post-abortive people, founding a ministry known as “Project Rachel.” To learn more about Project Rachel visit, hopeafterabortion.com.

This is a great resource for healing for you or anyone you know who has had an abortion. On a local level there is support available through our Archdioceses Catholic Charities. Here is the information from their website catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/counseling.

“Post Abortion Counseling and Reconciliation | Project Rachel – is a free and confidential program available to anyone who is having difficulty with the after effects of an abortion. Project Rachel consists of meeting with a professional counselor and, if desired, referral to a priest, or minister who can prepare individuals for reconciliation. The local link to Project Rachel is catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/project-rachel.

To ask for help please call the toll-free number (800) 772-2758 and ask for “Rachel”. You will be connected to a trained counselor who will help you sort through your feelings, questions, and current conflict.

So if you are someone who has ever been involved in an abortion, I want to say first that *you are loved*. I want you to know there is hope and healing for you.

Peace,
– Fr. Kevin



Monday, January 24 *Saint Vincent & Saint Marianne Cope*

8:30 AM † Fr. Mel Hemman St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls

Tuesday, January 25 *Saint Francis de Sales*

8:30 AM † Janice Ripperger St. Patrick, Hampton

Wednesday, January 26 *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

8:30 AM † Arlene Thuente St. Mary, Ackley
6:30 PM Seminarians of the Archdiocese St. Mary, Eldora

Thursday, January 27 *Saint Timothy & Saint Titus*

8:30 AM † Albert Kadolph St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls

Friday, January 28 *Saint Angela Merici*

12:00 PM † Joe Giannetto St. Mary, Eldora

Saturday, January 29 *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

5:00 PM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls

Sunday, January 30 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Kenny DeVries St. Mary, Ackley
8:00 AM † St. Mark, Iowa Falls
10:30 AM † Bev & Bernie Kadolph St. Mary, Eldora
10:30 AM † Sr. Ellen Mary Garrett 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 Vigil 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.

Live Streaming of Masses

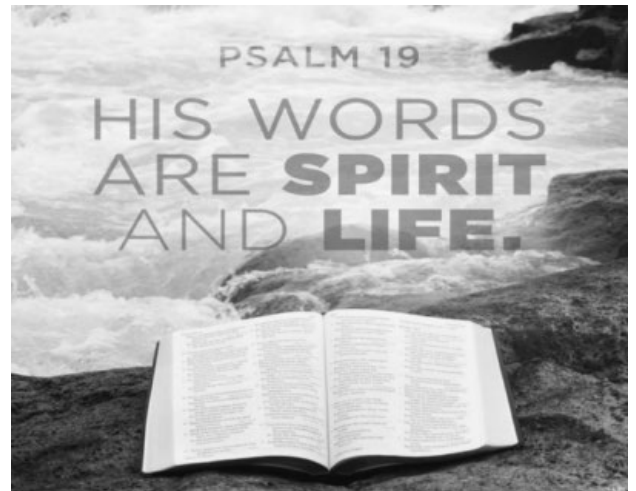
We have been having some technical issues with our live-streaming equipment. We hope to have this resolved quickly.



We understand how frustrating it is that you cannot watch when unable to attend in person. Thank you for your patience and dedication to watching these broadcasts.

Where to Watch Mass
The Archdiocese offers a live broadcast of Archbishop Jackels' Sunday Mass. You can find the link on the archdiocese website.

<http://dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts>



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures and portrays this great missionary saint!



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Faith FormationMary Schumacher
StewardshipDavid Keninger
LiturgyJolene Harms
Social Justice.....Robert Harms/Keith Galpin
Parish Life.....David Keninger
Altar SocietyLinda Sudtelgte
Building & GroundsJeff Frazier
Music.....Pam Griffel/Julie Wojcik

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 a.m.

Lector: Ryleigh Schipper, Linda Sudtelgte
Ushers: Richard Bloom, Mike O'Brien,
Duane Sudtelgte, Joe Wojcik
Money Counters: Jim Wessels, Jodi Uthe
Altar Servers: Lyla Brekunitch, Ella Gronewold
Communion to the Homebound: Jo DeVries
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

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

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!

Just a thought

If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy.

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements will be coming out in the next week. If you feel your statement is incorrect or if you didn't receive a statement and think you should have, please contact Barb Keninger.

Email notification

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

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, January 16

Budget Envelopes.....\$1605.00
Offertory\$43.00
TOTAL.....\$1648.00

Give online: www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

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Finance Council Brian Krause

Faith Formation Commission Andrea Sparrow

Stewardship Cecilia Penning

Liturgy Vice Chair Judith Andrews

Social Justice Mary Nederhoff

Building & Grounds Jim Roling

Seton Circle Diana Stickney

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.

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



Family Mass is a wonderful way for families young and old to participate in prayer and worship together and all parishioners are welcome. We endeavor to engage and encourage the participation of children and their families in all aspects of the Mass. Families participate in greeting, bearing gifts, reading, and altar serving.

Thank you to everyone that came to help relocate all liturgy items to a new home in the south room of the Parish Center. They moved items, organized, cleaned, disassembled and reassembled shelving and moved items from the office basement. It was a productive morning. From now on that room will be dedicated to liturgy items only.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 30, 10:30 am

Lector: Brian Krause

Gifts: Terry & Nancy Miller Family

Greeters: (n) Clark & Beth Lawler
(s) Bill & Deb Lawless

Ushers: Steve Priske, Jim Roling

Altar Servers: Kendrick Duncan, Branden Weig

Offering Counters: Donna Lawler, Dianne Faris

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The Deacon's Corner

Prioritize

God's blessing is the lot of the just man, and in due time his hopes bear fruit. Say not: "What do I need?" "What further pleasure can be mine?" Say not: "I am independent. What harm can come to me now?"

The day of prosperity makes one forget adversity; the day of adversity makes one forget prosperity. For it is easy on the day of death to repay man according to his deeds. A moment's affliction brings forgetfulness of delights; when a man dies his life is revealed. Call no man happy before his death, for by how he

Attention Women of the parish—It's not too late to sign up for the Beauty in Christ Women's Conference on Saturday morning, January 29 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served at the end of the morning. Suggested donation: \$10. Contract Deacon Rob to sign up.

It is not what we do for our children so much as what we teach them to do for themselves that makes them successful.

Stewardship - Treasure

Date

Budget.....	\$1040.00
Offertory.....	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$1150.00

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 StewardshipCindy Stalzer
 LiturgySusan Swart
 Social Justice.....Rose Atkinson
 Parish Life.....Cindy Stalzer
 Women’s Group.....Sherry Martin
 Building & Grounds.....
 Knights of Columbus.....Kevin Bredthauer
 Music.....Lisa Barnett

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 29 – 5:00pm

Lector: Bruce Moore
 Eucharistic Minister: Tom Atkinson
 Greeters/Ushers: Ramona Welden, Rose Atkinson
 Gift Bearers: Sam & Anna See
 Music: Jessica Lara, Lisa Barnett

Sunday, January 30 – 8:00am

Lector: Knights of Columbus
 Eucharistic Minister: Knights of Columbus
 Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus
 Gift Bearers: Knights of Columbus
 Music: Susan Swart, Christine Burchfield
 Offertory Counters: Robert & Rachel Warrington, Kathy Barsness
 Livestream: Brenda Strayer

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**Our Annual Turkey Dinner is Back!!
 “Carry out only” held on February 13th.**

Tickets have been sent out to all registered parishioners and **calls** are beginning to find workers to **help with preparations and work the day of.**



*Our greatest need right now is finding people to **roast turkeys!** If you are able to help, please sign up in the church entrance or contact Marianne Jones (515-669-6615).*

ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to join our RE Families for our monthly **Mass on Wednesday, November 3 @ 6:30PM**

Come learn more about the Mass, as each month, Fr. Kevin will discuss a different part of this important celebration.

Available via live-stream on our website.



YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

Class Schedule — Kindergarten-Grade 8

- * Wednesday, January 26 (6:15-7:30pm)
 - * Wednesday, February 2 (6:15-7:30pm)
- Mass (6:30pm)

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.

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. If interested, please contact Brenda Strayer ASAP!

Stewardship - Treasure

January 15/16

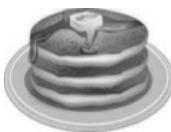
Budget	\$1025.00
Offertory	\$43.00
TOTAL	\$1068.00

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KNIGHTS K-NEWS



- Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00pm.
- The KC’s will be serving a pancake breakfast open to everyone following Mass on Sunday, January 30th!



Prayer of Spouses for Each Other

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection.

Amen.

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 Parish Life.....Sue Garrett
 Building & Grounds.....Dick Nelson
 Knights of Columbus.....Greg Cavazos
 Music.....Leon Kuehner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, January 30 10:30 AM

Lectors: Denielle Conlon
Servers: James Conlon, Joseph Conlon, April Markwardt
Offertory Counters: Paige Magner, Sue Basye
Usher: Sue Basye, Trace Brocka, Cici Sullivan
Sacristan: Millicent Fielding

Linen: Sue Garrett

Domingo, Enero 30 5:30 PM

Lectores: Esther Garcia, Anabel Alanis
Monaguillos: Ayleen Rodriguez, America Rincon
Contadores de Dinero: Soiree Lara, Margarita Rincon
Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

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

Upcoming Events

Próximos Eventos

Tuesday/Martes, January 25/Enero 25

8:30 AM - Mass/Misa
7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 26/Enero 26

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 8º grado

Thursday/Jueves, January 27/Enero 27

6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración

Sunday/Domingo, January 30/Enero 30

10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa
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-9º-12º grados

Family Focus serving Hampton-Dumont-Cal and West Fork schools is asking for sock donations for students in need. Please place them in the box in the back of the church by January 30th. Thank you!

Stewardship - Treasure

Budget \$315.00
 Offertory \$136.00
 TOTAL.....\$451.00

Give online: www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

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.
- * Póngase en contacto con Jolene si tiene alguna pregunta.

Please be sure the items for the Valentine's Bags for the local Care Centers and homebound are in the basket by January 30th. Your generosity will be happiness and smiles!

Una nota del P. Kevin

23 de enero, 2022: Pro-Vida: Niños Y Madres

Esta semana, el 22 de enero se celebra otro aniversario del famoso caso en tribunales, “Roe v. Wade” el cual legalizó el aborto a nivel federal en todo el país. El viernes 21 de enero se llevó a cabo la “Marcha por la Vida”, protestando por el aborto. Esta es la marcha de protesta anual de más larga data en la historia de los Estados Unidos.

Sé que el aborto es un tema con una carga política en nuestro país. Especialmente ya que aquellos que se llaman “pro-vida” son usualmente acusados de preocuparse por los bebés y NO por las madres.

Quiero tomarme un momento aquí para reiterar y clarificar la posición de la Iglesia Católica. Nosotros como Católicos creemos en la dignidad inviolable de *cada* vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural y ¡*cada paso entremedio!* Así que no sólo se trata de salvar las vidas de los bebés, *pero también* de ayudar a esas madres. Estudios psicológicos continúan exponiendo los devastadores efectos psicológicos y emocionales que el aborto puede causar en una mujer; aunque a veces, esos efectos traumáticos no se manifiesten hasta ¡muchos, muchos años después! Por eso, como Iglesia no sólo somos “pro” vida del hijo no nacido, pero también “pro” todas aquellas mujeres que han tenido abortos, por su sanación.

Vicki Thorn, una devota Católica desde Milwaukee, Wis., se emocionó mucho después de ver los devastadores efectos que el aborto causó en una amiga. Desde entonces, Vicki ha pasado su vida como consejera ayudando a traer sanación tanto a mujeres que han alguna vez abortado, como a todos los demás afectados – mujeres, padres y familias – para ayudar a sanar y traer esperanza a todas las personas después de un aborto, por medio de su ministerio llamado “Project Rachel”.

Para aprender más sobre Project Rachel en Español, visita esperanzaposaborto.org/.

Este es un recurso de sanación muy bueno para ti o cualquiera que conozcas que haya tenido un aborto. A nivel local, hay ayuda disponible a través de las Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis. Encuentra más información en el sitio web catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/counseling.

“Reconciliación y Consejería Post Aborto | Project Rachel – es un programa gratis y confidencial disponible para cualquiera que esté teniendo dificultades con los efectos posteriores a un aborto. Project Rachel consiste en reuniones con un consejero profesional y, si lo desea, remisión a un sacerdote o ministro, que pueda preparar a los individuos para la reconciliación. El sitio local de Project Rachel es catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/espanol.

Para pedir ayuda, por favor llame al número telefónico sin cargo (800) 772-2758 y pregunte por “Rachel”.

Serás conectado con un(a) consejero(a) entrenado(a) quien te ayudará con sus sentimientos, preguntas y conflictos actuales”.

Así es que si eres alguien que ha estado involucrado(a) en un aborto, quiero decirte primero que *eres amado*. Y quiero que sepas que hay esperanza y sanación para ti.

Paz,
– Fr. Kevin

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Planta tus obras en la Palabra

Una de las cosas acerca de las Escrituras es que incluso la palabra más pequeña y la frase más corta pueden ser críticas para el mensaje general. Cuando tomas un momento de tranquilidad para descansar con la Palabra, te das cuenta de la rapidez con la que la oración más mundana puede llegar y atraparte, llevándote a una contemplación más profunda de alguna verdad que ni siquiera habías considerado hasta entonces.

Pero a menudo fallamos en actuar como los israelitas en el Libro de Nehemías, parados frente a la Puerta del Agua "escuchando atentamente." Ya sea en la Misa durante la Liturgia de la Palabra o en casa estudiando detenidamente la Biblia, una y otra vez nos encontramos menos conscientes de lo que podríamos estar. Nuestros oídos aceptan los sonidos de las palabras y nuestros ojos miran la forma de las letras.

Pero ¿somos conscientes, de verdad?

La mejor respuesta, esperemos sea, al menos algunas veces. Siempre hay tareas que completar, problemas que pesan en nuestras mentes y que no podemos entregar muy bien a Dios. Nos perdemos en estas cosas en lugar de en las Escrituras. Nos "registramos" con la lectura de la Biblia en lugar de "sumergirnos."

Nunca podemos olvidar que las palabras del Señor son espíritu y vida. Ellas son el suelo que aviva la semilla de toda corresponsabilidad. No hay conciencia plena, oración, gracia, gratitud, responsabilidad o sentido de compromiso a menos que exista la Palabra.

Así que oremos hoy por la conciencia plena, que cada una de nuestras acciones se base en la ley de Dios, dándole verdadero espíritu y vida.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

Readings of the Week GLP

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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; 4:14-2

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun: 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

Please Pray for Our Sick:

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|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| - Chuck Baltes | - Mary Harms | - Bruce Pieper |
| - Ray Baltes | - Dianne Henrich | - Tom Pieper |
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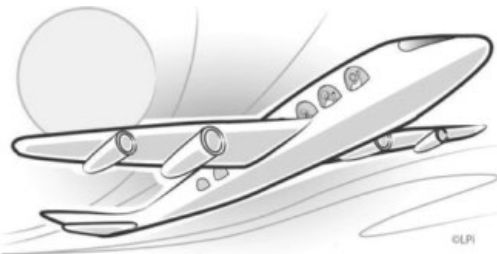
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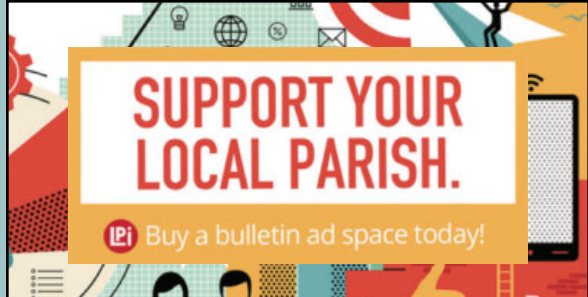
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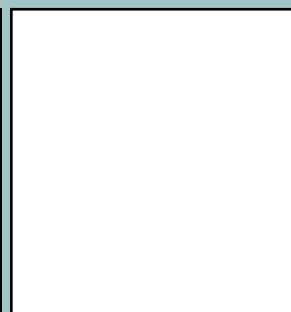



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