



## *St. Michael's*

**C A T H O L I C C H U R C H**  
**1/30/2022**

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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.

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**St. Peter's in Defiance**

**Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**St. Joseph's in Earling**

**Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am**

**Sunday 9:00 am**

**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS the Week of Jan. 30, 2022**

Monday, January 31, No Mass  
 Tuesday, February 1, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Ron Newcomb  
 Wednesday, February 2, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Otto Klein, Dean Klein & Irene Buckley  
 6:30 pm Family Formation Gathers  
 Thursday, February 3, 1:00 pm Vocations Mass with Bishop Joensen in memory of Fr. Dan Gehler  
 Friday, February 4, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Mildred & Tony Reinig  
 First Friday Adoration  
 Benediction at 12:00 noon  
 Saturday, February 5, 5:00 pm Mass in memory of Don Coenen & Connie (Coenen) Alexander and Ken Thielen, Maxine Thielen, Jerry Klein & Rose Mary Reinig  
 Sunday, February 6, 9:30 am Mass for the people of St. Michael's



*4th Sunday*  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 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

**Where to Watch**

St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday & Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday.) Mass is also available as **livestream** or on demand on Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>

St. Michael's 9:30 AM Sun Mass is **livestreamed** on Facebook:  
**St. Michael's Catholic Church - Harlan, IA**

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**Ministry Schedule**

	<b>Saturday</b> Feb. 5-6 5:00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am
<b>Lector</b>	Sharla Rau	Sandy Wingert
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jane Klein (T) Joe Klein Steve Finn	Beth Klein (T) Richard Lee Pat Lee
<b>Servers</b>	Cole Fahn Harlee Fahn	Kyia Rueschenberg Brecken Scheve Luke Dotzler
<b>Musicians Cantors</b>		Kate Kohorst
<b>Ushers</b>	Jackie Coenen Joe Zaccone Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Chuck Buhman Mitch Osborn Dale Swanson Brenda Grewe

**Remember the Sick**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Gary Kenkel         | Becca (Kloewer) Fawkes |
| Charlotte Leinen    | Olivia Fawkes          |
| Tami Rueschenberg   | Dawson Fawkes          |
| Jennifer Anderson   | Ethel Defenbaugh       |
| Gay Burgod          | Tyler Bruck            |
| Fr. Glen Wilwerding | Denny Stolz            |
| Carol Thompson      | Mikaelyn Lee           |
| Theresa Kranz       | Baby Lee               |

**Sacrament Information**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
 4:00 P.M. Saturday or by Appointment  
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
 Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
 Contact the office to set a date  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
 Wedding dates are set after initial interview with Father Clement



Bishop Joensen will be celebrating a Vocations Mass with the SCCS students Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass.

**+++Winter Weather Policy+++**

If school has a 2hr Late Start OR is Cancelled due to weather there will be NO DAILY MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE! If school is dismissed early or closed for weather there will not be Family Formation or DYG.

Marriage as Prayer:

Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Married Couples  
February 25-27, 2022

St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE

There will be time for individual and couples prayer, couple sharing, walks together and meeting other couples during meals. Come listen to how your love for each other has brought you closer to each other and to yourself and, just maybe, how God has been involved closely in your marriage as your guide. These days will be a vocation encounter, rather than a marriage encounter. Cost is \$204.08 per couple. To register call 402-352-8819 ext. 360 or go online: [stbenedictcenter.com](http://stbenedictcenter.com).

Women's Ignatian Retreat:

Prepare for Lent with the Spiritual Exercises.

This retreat will be conducted by

Father Andy Alexander, SJ; March 4-6, 2022.

Join us for a weekend *silent* retreat, based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be a time to grow in

Our Lord's love for us and to deepen your personal relationship with him, preparing your heart for the journey through Lent with Christ. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center outside Griswold, IA. Begins Friday at 4:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at 2:15 p.m.. Retreat cost: \$225. For more information and to register, visit [creighton.edu/curc](http://creighton.edu/curc) or pick up info/registration in back of church. Thank you!

**Save The Date!**

St. Michael's Spring Fundraiser/Auction & Dinner will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Rosman Parish Center. The committee is looking for a person or group of people to head up the 50/50 raffle.

Contact Ann Schwieso at [aschwieso@fnni.com](mailto:aschwieso@fnni.com) or

Bambi Ineson at [bambiineson@yahoo.com](mailto:bambiineson@yahoo.com)

Watch your mailbox, a letter will be mailed out soon!



Leroy Anastasi,  
of our parish.

Leo Hough,  
father of  
Tony Hough  
of our parish.

The Bishop wants to hear from us

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in

English, go here:

<https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8>

or scan the QR code.



OR go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/> then click on Survey Link

Surveys are also available on the table in the back of church. You can mail the survey to: Diocese of Des Moines - 601 Grand Ave - Des Moines, Iowa 50309 or return to the parish office.

The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.

**On Line Learning Opportunity**

The Center for Social Ministry's 2022 Winter Programming is now open for registration. If you have any questions, please contact

[director@centerforsocialministry.org](mailto:director@centerforsocialministry.org) or call 515-782-3054.

Topics include:

- Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times,
- Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response & Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response

St. Michael's Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life and justice for all, as we continue toward the eternal glory of God's kingdom.



### **Sunday Saints**

**Sunday 9:30 Mass 3 y/o - 2nd Graders**

### **Family Formation Encounter**

**2/2 6:30-7:45 K-6**

**Rosman Parish Hall**

### **Defenders Youth Group (DYG)**

**1/12, 1/19 and 1/26**

**6:30-8:00 ALL DYG Gather**

**Rosman Parish Hall**

**Jr High Music Rm - Sr High Library**

**- Confirmation in Gym -**

We are working on some Faith Formation ideas for upcoming events for all ages. If you have any ideas, suggestions or want to help please call 755-5366 or email Rhonda at [dre@stmichaelparish.com](mailto:dre@stmichaelparish.com)

**\*Don't forget to use AmazonSmile & support St. Mike's Faith Formation!**



This past summer, over 250 teens and chaperones from all over the nation joined Benedictine College for BCYC Encounter, an inspiring weekend youth conference filled with talks by dynamic speakers, Bible studies, small groups, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacraments, plus energizing activities like bubble soccer and hiking.

This summer, give your group the same amazing experience! BCYC Encounter 2021 is happening June 17-19, 2022, and we are gearing up for a summer just as full of faith, fun and fellowship!

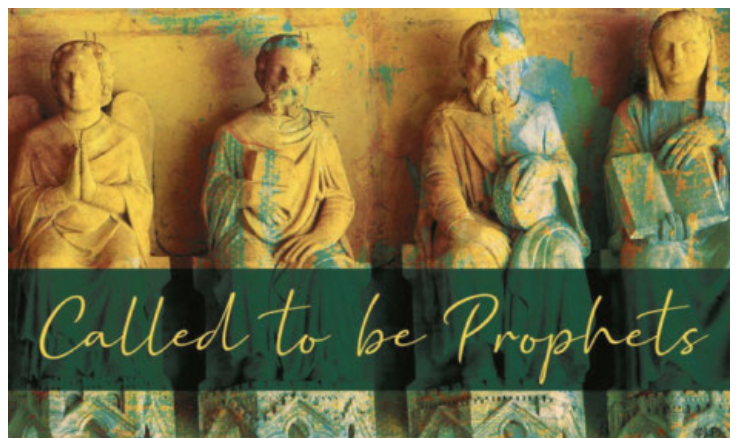
Please let Rhonda know if you're interested 755-5366

GOSPEL MEDITATION  
January 30, 2022  
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 minimalized. 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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