

January 24th - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wayne States Universally

There is nothing new to report on the Families of Parishes that affects us.

Wednesday February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. Blaise was a bishop in Armenia. He is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century during the persecution of the emperor Licinius. Known as a healer, he has been venerated since the eighth century and is specially invoked to intercede for protection against diseases of the throat. We ordinarily honor his memory on the Sunday before his feast day. This year we will remember him on Sunday, January 31st. Due to health and safety concerns, individual blessings will not occur. A general blessing, similar to the one we receive at the end of Mass, will be offered.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Holy Season Lent. It is fast approaching. Mass on February 17th will be at 9 a.m., 4 p.m., and again at 7 p.m. Distribution of Ashes will take place at Mass only. Ashes will not be available outside of Mass or for home use.

Taking into consideration the pandemic, Rome has recently provided guidelines for the distribution of ashes. Invoking a tradition still in use at the Vatican and throughout Italy, this year ashes will be sprinkled on top of our heads. A practice of monastic life, this tradition dates back several centuries. Friars whose heads were partially shaved and tonsured would then be covered with ashes. Historically, the signing of ashes on the forehead, as we know it, is a later development.

Ashes will be blessed at Mass in the usual way. The formula: "Repent and believe in the Gospel," is spoken only once. Coming forward just as you normally would, in silence, a small amount of Ash will be sprinkled on top of your head. After receiving ashes, as per usual, you will return to your seat.

Unless we experience a serious upswing in COVID infections and related deaths, I believe that Holy Week and Easter will occur uninterrupted. I do, however, anticipate modifications to some of the Holy Week rituals this year. Most notable, the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday, and the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. There will be no Washing of Feet. To reverence the cross, one will come forward, pause briefly and bow in acknowledgment of the of the cross.

Projecting further out, and again barring further health and safety restrictions, the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday May 22 will begin with outdoor activities, including hot dogs on the grill (weather permitting), a Festival of Praise, followed by Mass. The times for each event are TENTATIVELY scheduled for:

5pm-Outdoor Activities (including hot dogs on the grill)
6pm-Festival of Praise
7pm-Vigil

Take Care, Be Well
Fr. Wayne



Mike's Musings

St. Timothy



What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop. He had the honor of being a fellow apostle of Paul, sharing both the privilege of preaching the Gospel and suffering for it by opposition and imprisonment. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage", he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church at Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul- often in the face of great disturbances in Churches Paul had founded.

Timothy was with Paul during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 12:32). Paul himself installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus.

Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. (Let no one look down upon you because of your youth," writes Paul). Several references indicated that he was timid. And one of Paul's frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking water only. Take a little wine for the good of your stomach, and because of your frequent illnesses."

Comment: Nostalgia should never blind us to the fact that servants have never been greater than the Master. Their service was lived out in day to day perplexities, sufferings and apparent failure. The world is not saved by what we do, but by what God does through the life he creates in us.

Deacon. Mike

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, January 25

Office Open 9am-3pm

Tuesday, January 26

Office Open 9am-3pm

10am-Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 27

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Mass

Thursday, January 28

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Mass

Friday, January 29

9am-Mass

Saturday, January 30

5pm-Mass

Sunday, January 31

9am-Mass

11am-Mass

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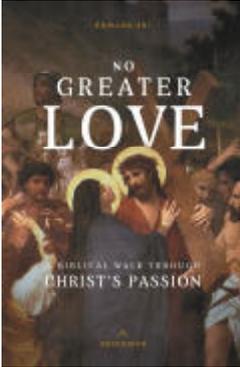


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Church of the Holy Spirit will be offering this 5-week Adult Formation study during Lent. There will be several options available: Monday evenings 7-9pm, Tuesday afternoons 12-2pm, or Wednesday mornings 10am-12 pm. You can even do the study from the comfort of your own home! We will begin the week of February 22nd and conclude the week of March 22nd.

Student guides are \$24.95, and you can purchase your own at www.ascensionpress.com click on the “study programs” tab at the top of the page, then “Bible Studies” and finally “No Greater Love” to purchase your materials and gain access to the online videos. You can also call Jillian Peck – 248-887-1634, or email jillian@holyspirithighland to register and I’ll order your materials if you prefer.

Weekly Report

Parish Target	\$73,817
Pledged	\$66,080
Amount Needed to Reach Goal.....	\$ 7,737

Thank you for your generous response.

**AS HE PASSED
BY THE SEA OF
GALILEE, HE SAW
SIMON AND HIS
BROTHER ANDREW
CASTING THEIR NETS
INTO THE SEA; THEY
WERE FISHERMEN.
JESUS SAID TO
THEM, “COME
AFTER ME, AND I
WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN.”**

—Mk 1:16–17

**Please Prayerfully Consider
Adoring in Our Chapel**

We are looking to have the following hours immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM, 2-3PM
Monday	2-3AM, 3-4AM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
Thursday	5-6AM, 9-10PM
Friday	5-6AM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

COVID Cleaning Schedule
Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers.
Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623
Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Meditations for January 24
Mark 1:14-20

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming. . . . “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:14, 15)

Today, as we near the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of God’s Word. How fitting, then, that the readings today look at two proclaimers of God’s word: Jonah and Jesus. Both proclaimed God’s word, and both witnessed the power of that word to unite the people who heard it.

Although Jesus and Jonah were similar, their differences are even more significant. Unlike Jonah, Jesus was no reluctant prophet. On the contrary, he moved with determination from village to village in his desire to preach God’s word (Mark 1:38-39). Also unlike Jonah, Jesus didn’t preach only repentance. He also announced that God’s time of redemption had finally come. In Jesus, we see the Word of God himself breaking into history and gathering all God’s children into one. As Jesus would later say, “Something greater than Jonah [is] here” (Matthew 12:41).

How amazing it must have been to see and hear Jesus, the Word of God, walking this earth! But our celebration of God’s word today reminds us that we have that same powerful Word available to us every time we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed at Mass. Jesus is always speaking to us.

So just as God’s word touched the hearts of people in Nineveh and Galilee, it can move us to repentance and faith. Just as Jesus’ words moved Simon and Andrew to leave their nets and follow him, they can move us to re-order our priorities and follow Jesus more closely. And just as Jesus’ words called both Jews and Gentiles into one Church, God’s word can bring us to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Pope Francis said when instituting Word of God Sunday, “The word of God unites believers and makes them one people” (Aperuit Illis, 4).

“Lord, change us by your word, and make us one so that the world might believe.”

Readings for Sunday, January 31
 Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

Prayer REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
01/18	\$ 6,463	\$ 9,885	(\$ 3,422)
Y-T-D	\$392,408	\$376,665	\$15,743

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Meet Our Extended Family



St. Agape
 Feast Day April 3
 St. Agape, St. Chionia, and St. Irene were three virgin sisters from Thessalonica, Macedonia. According to Christian tradition, Agape and her sisters were martyred for the faith in the year 304. They were convicted of possessing sacred scriptural texts despite a decree issued in 303 by the Emperor Diocletian naming such

possessions a crime punishable by death. During their trial, the sisters refused to make a sacrifice to the pagan gods and were martyred. Even though it would have been seemingly easy for Agape to momentarily push her faith aside to keep her life, she said, "I believe in the living God and will not by an evil action lose all the merits of my past life." She was wise enough to know that one small evil action can have enormous consequences.

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Family Challenge

Ask God to show you something for which you need to repent. Pray about this and ask God for forgiveness. Receive absolution for this sin through the sacrament of Reconciliation when you are able.

Fun Facts!

In 2019, Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God to remind the faithful to read the Bible regularly and to put God's Word at the center of our lives.

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Juice boxes, Beef Stew,
 Mayo, Dish Soap, Syrup, Peas, Pasta Sauce,
 Peanut Butter, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Vegetable Oil
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 plastic or paper bags*

Explore the Sunday Gospel



The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry and the Call of the First Disciples

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.

Take Time to Chat

1. What does it mean to "believe in the Gospel"?
2. Why do you think Jesus commands us to repent?
3. Simon, Andrew, James and John all left behind their old life in order to follow Jesus. In what way are we called to leave behind our old habits and follow Jesus today?
4. Today is Word of God Sunday (see Fun Fact). In what way did St. Agape honor the Word of God? In what way can we honor the Word of God in our family?



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Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 | Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 | Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27

Heb 10:11-18 | Mk 4:1-20

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

9:00 a.m. Our Parishioners

Thursday, January 28

Heb 10:19-25 | Mk 4:21-25

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary & Maurie Luther

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Malik, Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

Friday, January 29

Heb 10:32-39 | Mk 4:26-34

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

9:00 a.m. +Ted Gostomski

Saturday, January 30

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

5:00 p.m. +Michael Bogdan

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

9:00 a.m. +Gordon Buttrey

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Mary Johnson

11:00 a.m. Our Parish

Saturday, January 30:

5:00 p.m. - Audrey Schilkey

Sunday, January 31:

9:00 a.m. - Bill Metz

11:00 a.m. - Ron Shankin

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor

Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

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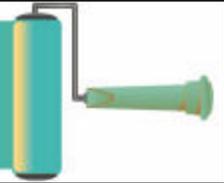
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