

*Family of Parishes Serving the Northern Lapeer Catholic Community  
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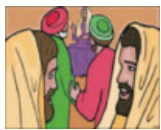
**Mission Statement of SS. Peter & Paul, St. Mary 's Burnside, St. Patrick Chapel, Sacred Heart, Brown City**

We, the Disciples of Christ, will faithfully radiate the love of Jesus that is in each of us and teach His "Good News" to all. We welcome everyone into His Home, the Roman Catholic Church, by living His gospel of love, hospitality, and service. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will joyfully and wholeheartedly minister to all that we meet along the way, as we journey to the Kingdom of God. *Adopted 2009.*

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*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 minimized. 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?

**St. Blaise | February 3**



You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

**Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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**Candle Blessing , after 8:30 Mass at SSPP,  
on Wed. 02/02/22**

Remembering the Feast of  
Presentation of Jesus  
(Light of the World) in the temple.

**Blessing of the Throat at all Sunday Masses  
February 5th and 6th**

**SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**

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 St. Patrick Chapel, Clifford, Mi.  
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E-mail [sspeterpaul@northbranchcatholic.com](mailto:sspeterpaul@northbranchcatholic.com)

Pastor: Rev. Richard L. Treml.....810-688-3797  
 Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Sama Muma.....810-688-1192  
 Senior Priest: Rev. Larry Delonay.... 810-688-3797  
 Deacon Pete Lynch..... 810-688-3797  
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 Parish Office Fax .....810-688-2969  
 Keenan Hall .....810-688-8343

Bulletin Editor, Denise Edwards.....810-688-3797  
 Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday by NOON the week prior to publication date.

**Office Hours:**

**Mon. ~ Tues. ~Wed. ~ Thurs. 9:00am-4:00 pm**

*Office Closed 12:00 pm. to 1:00 pm. daily (for lunch)*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING HOURS (during Faith Formation Classes): 4:15-7:00pm**

**St. Mary's of Burnside**

5622 Summers Road P.O. Box 268  
 North Branch, MI 48461

Worship Cathy Hampton..... 810-614-8323  
 Music Director Brandon Byrne.....810-338-4369\*

**Sacred Heart, Brown City**

7090 Cade Road,  
 Brown City, Michigan 48416

Parish Office .....810-688-3797  
 Secretary.....Lisa Juip

Announcement deadline: Monday @11am  
 Email or call the cluster parish office.....810-688-3797  
 Fax.....810-346-3036  
 Music Director Dianne Knox.....810-627-8401

**Mass Schedule**

**SS. Peter & Paul**

Daily 8:30 am. Monday-Friday  
**Saturday 4:30 pm.**  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**  
 Holy Day 7:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** North Branch Saturday - 3:30pm  
 or by appointment

**St. Patrick's Chapel**

NONE AT THIS TIME

**Sacred Heart of Brown City**

Sunday 8:30am

**St. Mary's of Burnside**

Sunday 9:30am

**Ministry Phone Directory**

Keenan Hall.....810-688-8343  
 Council President Kerry Seers .....989-761-7065  
 Music Director Christine Swoish.....810-247-3994  
 K of C—Adam Jacobson .....810-441-4926  
 Bereavement Ministry.....810-688-2476  
 Project Rachel.....888-722-4355  
 Domestic Violence.....800-799-7233  
 Grace In Action.....810-688-3797  
**Young Christian Ministry—**

**Catholic Crew :**Tina & Daryl Ide...989-795-2931

**MP3:** Lisa Banyas.....810-620-6004

**Sacred Heart Youth Group—**

Karmyn St. Andrew.....810-688-4912

**Faith Formation— Family of Parishes**

Dianne Knox.....810-627-8401



**FLOCKNOTES**

We LOVE having you as part of our flock.  
 Keep in touch with us via email and text!

**TEXT FOP3 TO 84576**

\*\*\*\*\*OR\*\*\*\*\*

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:**  
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**The Rosary and the Divine**

**Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at**  
**St. Patrick's at 3:00 pm on Friday's**

\*Except for 1st Friday Adoration



\*Call Donna Sherman at  
 989-670-2644 to verify that there has not  
 been a cancellation due to weather.



**Spend some time with our Lord...  
 Every 1st Friday**

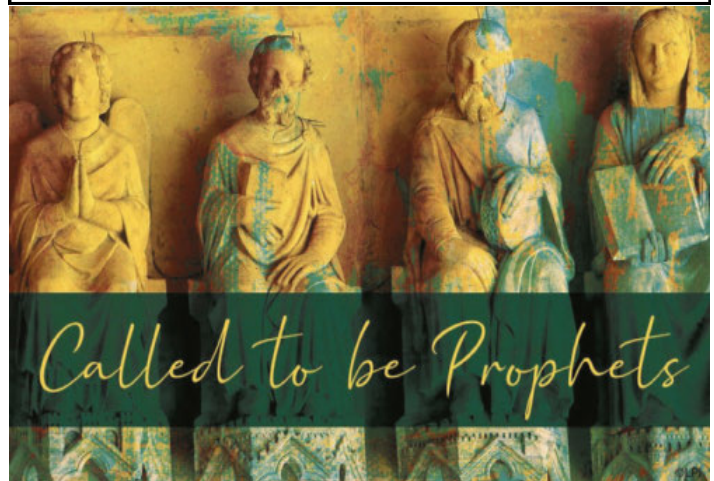
**Adoration & Benediction**

**3-4 pm at**

**After the 8:30**

**St. Patrick's in Clifford**

**Mass at SS Peter & Paul**





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, February 4, 2022**-Adoration and Benediction at SSPP after 8:30am Mass and at St. Patrick's Chapel in Clifford from 3:00-4:00 pm.

**Monday, February 7, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.

**Monday, February 14, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**-Catholic Crew meets in Keenan Hall at Noon.

**Monday, February 21, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**-Adoration before Mass at SSPP, 3-4pm

**Monday, February 28, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.


**Monday, February 28, 2022**-Grace in Action meeting at SSPP gathering space meeting room @ 6:30 pm.

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**- K of C Wild Game Dinner at NB American Legion Hall @ 5:00 pm

**Monday, March 7, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.

**Monday, March 14, 2022**-Bereavement Ministry meets in SSPP Mtg. Rm., 1pm.

**Monday, March 28, 2022**-Grace in Action meeting at SSPP gathering space meeting room @ 6:30 pm.

 Military Honor Roll—Pray for those currently serving

Dominic Mersino	Janelle Klimek	Julie Ruhlman
Andrew Smith	Orion Andrzejewski	Jeffrey Berlin
Joel Gyomory	Matt Van Cleve	Dalton Natke
Ryan Andrews	Jake Weingartz	Miranda Rogers
Alexander Repic	DJ Mitch	Ernest McNeas, Jr.
David A. Sinka II	Jacob Kreiner	Eli Parsch
Daniel Johnston	Crystal Dhooghe	Troy Manthei
Benjamin Causey	Josh Pasek	Jeremy Kohler
Lucas Perry	Jay Caldwell	Remely Andrzejewski



### SS. Peter & Paul Gift Shop

We have wide variety of cards, crafts for kids, Christian symbol cookie cutters, Sacramental gifts, Rosaries, Bibles and more.

If you are looking for a certain item, and we don't have it, we will make every effort to find it for you and place a special order.

The Gift Shop is located in SS. Peter & Paul's Gathering Space and is open after Masses on the weekends or call the cluster office to make arrangements during office hours.

\*There are free cluster parish directories by the gift shop.

#### Church Gift Shop Workers:

**Volunteers needed. Contact Regina Kreiner at 810-358-3646 if you would like to help out.**



#### Looking Ahead...

The community of North Branch will be having it's **2nd Annual Harvest Festival** on **Saturday, October 8, 2022.**

Our Family of Parishes will be participating in a few different ways for this community event and will need a committee formed to make this a great success. We are looking at having a Flea Market here at SSPP pavilion, cash raffle and *possibly* a community dinner, musical entertainment and/or car show. More details to come.

If you are interested in helping in any way please call the parish office at: 810-688-3797. More information to follow.

Ministers' Schedule	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Sacristan
<b>Sat. February 05, 2022</b> SSPP-4:30 pm Vigil Mass	None at this time	Tom Staroska	Margie Huestis Barb Sinka	Tom Staroska
<b>Sun. February 06, 2022</b> <i>St. Patrick's</i>	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
<b>Sun. February 06, 2022</b> <i>Sacred Heart 8:30am</i>	None at this time	Charles Page Monica Bussone Thomas Geiger	Jesse Vanbuskirk Steve Kohler	Ray Deshutter
<b>Sun. February 06, 2022</b> <i>Mary's- 9:30am</i>	None at this time	Margaret Almand Willie Ankley	Michelle Bader Larry Doherty	Rena Bader
<b>Sun. February 06, 2022</b> <i>SSPP- 10:30am</i>	None at this time	Robin Wilkins	Tina Ide Nancy McDonald	Annette Armstrong

 PRAYER REQUESTS

Shelly Gill	Francis Andrzejewski	John Schumitsch
Robt. Hannick, Jr.	Stephen Nellenbach	Troy Rutkofske
Susie Martinez	John Rusztowicz Jr.	J.D. Shipman
Jim Essenmacher	Sharon Perry	Elizabeth Wymer
Cathy Kinch	Dianne McClelland	Ceci Church
Karen Brzezinski	Layla Chandler	Sarah Tanner
Aaron Am	Claire Aldred	Barbara Taylor
Tim Rawson	Blake Ellens	Louis Kelsey, Jr.
Joseph Muma	Joanne Palomino	Mike Denver
Paul Clemens	Darrell Daenzer	Dennis Phillips
Dennis Wnuk	Jim Vercammen	Wanda Siterlet
Frank Downey	Eleanore Kiesel	Norm Bringard
Lucy Johnson	James Guigar	Gordy Potter
Carrie Brzezinski	Steve Grabowski	Chris Kreiner
Madeleine Weber	Wanda Parker	Patricia Kreps
Jacob Shuselt	Randy Geisenhaver	Fr. Rich Trembl
Jack Lorring	Jeff Palmatier	Linda Lebioda
Mary Kohler	Ed Czelusniak	Scott Thibodeau
Ruth O'Malley	Jan Brunett	Carol Fantin
Gennice Gromada	Mitchell Ludwig	Mrs. Larry Gormley
Barbara Pincheck	Frank Andrzejewski	Joanne Wohlfel
Dana Primeau	Steven Andrzejewski	Tia Stokes
Chris Howland	Arlene Emmie	Rhonda Hess
Diane Ruhlman	Mary Ann Hatch	Ron Caldwell
Delores Willard	Rocky Gardner	Diane Skwirsk
Toby Willard	Darcy Szufnar	Marie Repic
June Ford	Gina Coullard	Keith Kohler
Sherry Chase	Taylor Coullard	Susan Edwards
Theresa Weingartz	Theresa Travinkar	Joanne Cetnar
Danielle Shiels	Julio Palomino	James Cetnar Sr.
Mildred Bailey	Steve Weingartz	Cathy Schlaud
Lisa Verellen	Baby Haley	Brandon Pease
Ann Kreiner	Terry Hunicut & Family	Gerald Bader
Ashley	Rita Gonzales	Janice Walter
Jill Krych	Ron Cowan	Millie Sell
Joe Syler	Rob Marshall	Mary Hall
For our Troops	Barbara LaMarra	Tom Rawson
Cindy Lewis	Tom Stacherski	Ruth Oxyer
Ruthie Powell	Marlene Pawlaczyk	Don Ecker
Pat Burgess	Janet Finkbeiner Fox	Sue Korte
Ralph Deshetsy	Jim & Rhonda Hess	Justin Martin
Daniel Potter	Randy Armstrong	Cassie Belanger
Joan Staroska	Deanna	Deacon Pete's Mother Joan
Susan Hughes	Ken Strzelecki	Charlie Rice
Scotty Hayes	Tom Rogers	Dorothy Rinke
	Ryan Walther	Patricia Dallaire

**Readings for the week of January 30, 2022**

**Sunday:** 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

**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

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday, January 28, 2022**

**8:30 am** †Linda Hayes by Renae Bader

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**4:30 pm @ SS. Peter & Paul**

†Joanie Skwirsk by Jim Skwirsk

†Vern Steele by Dean & Maria Chase

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**7:30am @ St. Patrick~ NO MASS**

**8:30am @ Sacred Heart**

†Fr. Schmidberger by Tony & Maureen Zimmerman

†Arnold, Maureen, Ken & Duane Ford by Florence Elston

**9:30am @ St. Mary's**

†John Schulte (honor of B'Day) by wife, children & grandkids

†Al Bader (honor of B'Day) by Renae, Cody and Hannah

**10:30am @ SS. Peter & Paul**

†For the gentle repose of the soul of Todd Lajewski by Tina & Daryl Ide

†Bob Thibodeau by Brenda Martus

†Gary Kohler by Ann Kohler

\*For the Living & † Deceased members of our Parish Family

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**8:30 am** †Josephine Ruhlman by Stan & Cathy Hampton

**Tuesday, February 01, 2022**

†Kirk Finkbeiner by Stan and Linda Picarski

**Wednesday, February 02, 2022**

**8:30 am** †Johanna Peplinski by Jennifer Brusie

**Thursday, February 03, 2022**

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**Friday, February 04, 2022**

**8:30 am** †For the deceased in the Schank & Ruhlman families

**Saturday, February 05, 2022**

**4:30 pm @ SS. Peter & Paul**

†Marie Braidwood by Jennifer, Noah, Matt & Sam Snoblen-Howard

†Charles Walther by Dave & Barb Sinka

**Sunday, February 06, 2022**

**7:30am @ St. Patrick~ NO MASS**

**8:30am @ Sacred Heart**

†Dave & Sherry Ren by family of Laurie Deiotte

†Frances Nellenbach by Glenn & Corrine Kreiner

†Maggie Cassar by Janet Mutch

\*For the Living & † Deceased members of our Parish Family

**9:30am @ St. Mary's**

†Joseph & Clara Holcomb by Ankley family

†Geraldine Templin by Pat & Joanne Ruhlman

†Dale Cronce by Bruce Doherty

**10:30am @ SS. Peter & Paul**

†Josephine Ruhlman by Don & Sally Doran

†Kirk Finkbeiner by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Schlaud

†Dennis Mersino by Verellen family

## Our Return to God

### SS. Peter & Paul

January 23, 2022.....	\$2,868.25
Number of envelopes.....	58
Average Contribution.....	\$47.50
Utilities.....	285.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$80.00
Christmas.....	\$40.00

### St. Patrick Chapel

January 23, 2022.....	\$1,136.00
Number of envelopes.....	8
Average Contribution.....	\$142.00

### Electronic Donations

SS. Peter & Paul & St. Patrick parishioners have the option to make their Sunday donation electronically. It is simple to do.

**Please call the parish to sign up now.**

### St. Mary's

January 23, 2022 .....	\$ 1,475.00
Number of envelopes.....	32
Average Contributions.....	\$45.21
Retirement for Religious.....	\$120.00
Utilities.....	\$190.00

### Sacred Heart

January 23, 2022.....	\$1,375.00
Number of envelopes.....	22
Average Contribution.....	62.50
Retirement for Religious..	\$150.00
Building Fund.....	\$320.00

## KNIGHT'S KORNER.....

**North Branch  
Knights of Columbus #9568 News**

**Check out our web site at  
[www.nbkofc.org](http://www.nbkofc.org)**



**Officers Meeting 1st Tuesday  
Regular Meeting 3rd Tuesday  
7:00 pm in Keenan Hall**



### Bulletin Deadlines are Changing...

Due to delays in shipping, we are going to have to adjust our submission deadline for the bulletin to a week earlier than we have been used to. **The deadline will still be on Tuesday at noon BUT it will need to be in the week BEFORE the actual publication date.** **Example: For the Sunday publication date of February 13th you will have to have the information submitted to the bulletin editor no later than NOON on February 1st.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

### Bereavement Support Ministry

Starting Monday, February 7th, at 1:00 pm and continuing on for a total of 6 weeks, I will be facilitating a bereavement support program.



We will be meeting in the SS Peter & Paul Church gathering space meeting room. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending but want more information...I will be at all Masses the weekend of Jan. 29th & 30th to answer any questions.

In addition, If there are a number of parishioners from Sacred Heart Church who are interested, I am willing to present the program there. ~ Don Ecker



## CSA 2021 Targets

**SS PETER & PAUL \$33,244**

Pledges/Gifts as of 01-09-2022

**\$68,674.00**

**ST MARY'S \$8,972**

Pledges/Gifts as of 01-09-2022

**\$12,985.00**

**SACRED HEART \$7,775**

Pledges/Gifts as of 01-09-2022

**\$10,465.00**

**Congratulations! We Did It! We met our goals, now anything given to the CSA remains in our parishes entirely!**



### Have You Lost A Loved One?

The Northern Lapeer County Family of Parishes offers a Bereavement Ministry that would like to help you at the time of loss of a loved one (spouse, child,

parent, sibling).

Our bereavement support group meets at:

**SS. Peter and Paul Church in North Branch.**

Please call the parish office for info at:

**810-688-3797.**

*May God give you healing and peace.*



## Immaculate Conception

### Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

### Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

## The Time is Now

If you are ever going to love me, love me now, while I can know the sweet and tender feelings, which from true affection flow.

Love me now, while I am living. Do not wait until I'm gone and then have it chiseled in marble, set words on ice-cold stone.

If you have tender thoughts of me, please, tell me now. If you wait until I am sleeping, never to awaken, there will be death between us and I won't hear you.

So, if you love me, even a little bit let me know it while I am living, so I can treasure it forever, while I am living.

## Valentines Day Blessings

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary and would like to be recognized at Mass the weekend of February 12th & 13th.

Please call the office and let us know!  
810-688-3797

## Prayer for Life

**O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged.**

**Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.**

## Monthly Children's Mass

As a reminder, our Family of Parishes will be having its *children's Mass(s) the first Sunday of the month.*

**February 6, 2022 the children's Mass will be held at:**



**Sacred Heart in Brown City at 8:30 am**

**and at**

**St. Mary's Burnside at 9:30 am**

We ask that the parishioners bring a non-perishable food item for the local food banks.

# FULFILLED

[He said to them],  
"Today this Scripture  
passage is fulfilled in  
your hearing."

LUKE 4:21

**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?).

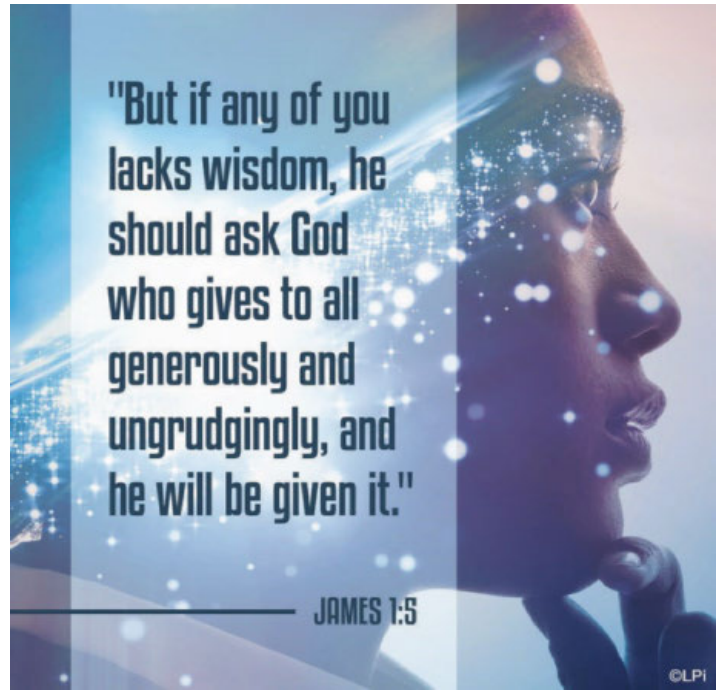
A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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THINK POSITIVE BE POSITIVE



**Is God Calling You to Serve?**

Use your God-Given Gifts to serve others. —1 Peter 4:10

*Please pray that the Holy Spirit will direct you.*

If you would like to volunteer for a training to be Sacristan, Lector or Eucharistic Minister, or have any questions, please call the parish office.

If any names that are currently on our prayer list are able to be removed, please call the parish office, 810-688-3797.





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