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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ JANUARY 23, 2022

## SPIRIT-INSPIRED

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

**W**HEN JESUS WAS GIVEN THE SCROLL of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue of Nazareth and he read a passage of his choosing, he was really making public his mission statement.

**His Spirit-inspired mission** was to give an experience of God's favor to those who were most in need of it: *the poor*, be they the materially poor or the spiritually poor; *the captives*, be it those who were enslaved by their economic circumstances or enslaved by a way of life that was contrary to God's will for them; *the blind*, be it the physically blind or the spiritually blind. He intentionally chose that passage to read in that synagogue. Jesus is up to something.

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon him**, the same Spirit that descended upon him at his baptism, that filled and led him in the wilderness, and with which he returned to Galilee. Something is stirring within him.

**And he speaks to them in the town in which he grew up**, in the synagogue where he worshipped as a child, among the people who know him and his family. It's almost as if he is saying, "I'm back, and let me tell you who I am and what I am about."

**Jesus is naming what God is concerned about in this world.** He is naming a truth and our responsibility for bringing that truth into existence. He's describing the work and direction of his life. He's taking a stand, a very public stand.

**Today's gospel (Luke 14:14-21) asks us to make a choice**, to take a stand that put us in conflict and even opposition with others – ourselves, our family, our country, our religion. It is true I have some real anxiety about preaching and living the gospel. It scares and challenges me. And I don't think I am the only one. I think we all have fears and concerns about taking stand, about living the gospel.

**Maybe that is why we so often say that religion has no place in politics.**

Maybe that's why we so often blame the ones Jesus says we should be helping; Maybe that is why we are so content with just having a friend in Jesus. Maybe that is

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**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Jan. 22-30, 2022**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**SAT. JAN. 22** *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
 Mk 3:20-21  
 3:30-4:30pm Confession  
 ► **5:00pm Vigil MASS for the 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time: For the People**

**SUN. JAN. 23** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
 1 Cor 12:12-30 (or 12:12-14, 27)  
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession  
 ► **8:30am MASS:** † Fr. Timothy Dombrowski [St. Mary Parish]  
 ► **10:30am MASS:** † Walter Radisovich [John & Tina Doyle and Family]  
 4-5:30pm Confirmation class / PC

**MON. JAN. 24** *Memorial: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  
 Mk 3:22-30  
 ► **12:10pm MASS:** † Victoria Curley [Marilyn & Allan DeShano]  
 3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed Classes / PC

**TUES. JAN. 25** *Feast: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 (or Acts 9:1-22)  
 Mk 16:15-18  
 ► **8:30am MASS:** † Carl Kemner [The Panches Family]

**WED. JAN. 26** *Memorial: Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1-8 (or Ti 1:1-5)  
 Mk 4:1-20  
 ► **8:30am MASS: INT:** Fr. John Lehner [Donna Hnizdor]

**THUR. JAN. 27** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Angela Merici, Virgin)*

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29  
 Mk 4:21-25  
 ► **8:30am MASS:** † Tom Burch [Inge & Pete Roncoli]  
 6:30pm "Bible Timeline" series begins/FFH

**FRI. JAN. 28** *Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
 Mk 4:26-34  
 ► **8:30am MASS:** † Clara Scheurman [Donna Hnizdor]

**SAT. JAN. 29** *Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)*

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  
 Mk 4: 35-41  
 3:30-4:30pm Confession  
 ► **5:00pm Vigil MASS for the 4th Sunday in Ord. Time: For the People**

**SUN. JAN. 30** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19  
 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 (or 13:4-13)  
 Lk 4:21-30  
 Blessing of Throats after each weekend Mass  
 8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession  
 ► **8:30am MASS:** † Joseph Fitzgerald [Pat Fitzgerald & Children]  
 ► **10:30am MASS:** † Walter Radisovich [Sylvie & Scott Strong]

**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*Spirit-Inspired*

why we usually see Jesus as being on our side, and the side of our church, our party, our country.

**Jesus doesn't just preach; he deals with the situation.** Jesus is trouble for the status quo and an interruption to business as usual. He did not come to bring peace but a sword (Mt. 10:34). His world is one in which the hungry are filled with good things. That's the promise within today's gospel. Jesus promises a new life and a new ordering of that life. And today we are the keepers or breakers of that promise. There is no neutral stand when it comes to Jesus.

**The only question is where we stand.** This is less about what we believe and more about how we live. It's about taking a position and not just asserting a proposition. That's the challenge Jesus set before the people in the synagogue. It is a challenge Jesus sets before us today. This remains Jesus' mission today. He wishes to continue to proclaim this year of God's favor through us, his followers.

**In today's second reading (1 Cor 12:12-30), Paul speaks about the community of the Lord's followers, the Church,** as the body of Christ. All of us together are now Christ's body in the world. The Spirit of the Lord that empowered and directed Jesus' mission has been given to us, the members of Christ's body. As Paul says at the beginning of that second reading, "In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink." The Spirit of the Lord will bring what is best in our life to full expression, and whenever that happens the poor experience good news and those who are captive discover a new freedom.

**Paul reminds us in that reading that there is great diversity in the body of Christ.** We each have different gifts of nature which the Spirit of God can bring to life. We each have a unique contribution to make to the Lord's mission in today's world. The Lord looks to each of us to place our gifts and our energies at his disposal, at the disposal of the Holy Spirit, so that he can continue to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor in our world today.

**Dear brothers and sisters,** we who worship in this church know the term "Corpus Christi." It is Latin for "Body of Christ." When we hear the term "Corpus Christi," we probably instinctively think of the Eucharist, the body of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist. The term "Corpus Christi," "Body of Christ," also refers to all of us who gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the community of the baptized. It is only when all the members of Christ's body are making the contribution that the Spirit enables them to make, that, in the words of the gospel reading, the *poor* will hear good news, *captives* will be freed, and the *blind* will receive new sight.

**As Paul again says in that reading,** "In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink." Let that Spirit of the Lord encourage us to stand for the values of the gospel. †

*Birthday Blessings!*

- JANUARY 23**  
Mrs. Margaret Smith
- JANUARY 26**  
Judith Walz
- JANUARY 28**  
Elizabeth Burch

*Altar Flowers*

**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
**For a Special Intention**  
 [ John & Tina Doyle ]

**STAND FOR**



**LIFE**

**Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."**

(Mark 9:36-37)



**PRAY FOR DOBBS**

### Beginning This Coming Thursday!

God offers His grace. St Jerome, the first Christian to translate the Bible from the original languages of Greek and Hebrew, told us, "To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ." The Bible is a lifeline to eternal life. If you don't read (and study) Scripture, connect the dots! The first session of "The Bible Timeline" will be this coming **Thurs., Jan 27** at 6:30pm in Fr. Fisher Hall. This is our opportunity to receive God's grace. It is Scripture study made easy. Carve out a couple of hours during your week to gain Bible knowledge – knowledge of Christ. Decide to make the commitment. If you have questions, contact Dcn Dennis: 734-761-3163, waltersdennis1940@gmail.com OR Bill Kwolek: 734-428-7674 land, 734-775-1124 cell, bkwolek@comcast.net OR the parish office: 734-428-8811.

### Career Opportunities with the Catholic Foundation serving the Diocese of Lansing

The Catholic Foundation is looking for disciples to fill two fundraising positions. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a Major Gift Officer or a Development Officer, please visit our website to learn more about these positions (and others) and how to apply: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

### Bonfire is a Men's Group

The next Bonfire meeting will be **Wed. Jan. 26** from 6:30-8:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton. Dinner will be Italian Sausage & Pepper Hoagies. And the presentation will be on "The Seven Deadly Sins." The men and boys of our parish are invited to experience the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, praise and worship, breakout sessions sharing and testifying how we can make more time for God in our journey to the kingdom! For additional information, please contact David Strupa at (734) 678-7280 or visit Bonfire Catholic Men's Group at [bonfirecatholic.com](http://bonfirecatholic.com) or email: [bonfirecatholicmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bonfirecatholicmensgroup@gmail.com)

### Rummage Sale


The Columbus Ladies Auxiliary in Dexter will be holding their 2022 Rummage Sale on **Thurs and Fri, Feb. 3 and 4** from 8:30am-7:00pm and on **Sat., Feb 5** from 8:30am-noon. The sale will be held at Columbus Hall & Banquet Center, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Rd. in Dexter. Proceeds to benefit St. Louis Center. Donations will be accepted **Jan. 24-31** from 1:00-6:00pm. (Please: No furniture, computers, TVs, car seats, Christmas trees, or large exercise equipment.) For more info, visit the facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ColumbusLadiesAuxiliary](http://www.facebook.com/ColumbusLadiesAuxiliary)

### Please let Fr Bosco know...

If you or anyone in your family or friends group is sick or in anyway in need of a priest, please let Fr. Bosco know! We are blessed with a priest who so generously gives of himself to help those in need. What a sadness if someone is struggling with health or approaching death, and no one lets the priest know. You may be helping someone more than you know.

### O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Jesus invites us into an intimate union with Him during a special time at our parish when He is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, visible in the monstrance on the holy altar, all day and all evening on First Fridays. He awaits your visit! Please consider drawing closer to Jesus by making time for **Eucharistic Adoration** – especially on First Fridays when we have **Exposition!** Spend time with Jesus anytime during the hours of First Friday Exposition & Adoration, i.e. following morning Mass until 10:00pm! Come for an hour or 5 minutes or however long you are able. Pray, read, sit silently, gaze on Him, seek His peace, give Him your burdens. A special blessing is yours as a "committed adorer," that is, someone who commits to being present at a certain time during the hours of Exposition & Adoration. (For each hour of Exposition & Adoration, at least one person must be present.) There are open times needing to be filled and substitute adorers are always needed. Please contact Pete Nashif (who coordinates Adoration) at [pjnashif@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjnashif@sbcglobal.net) O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine...



**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**  
**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...**

- 1) For Fr. Bosco, in appreciation for his faithful service. (Inge & Pete Roncoli)
- 2) + For Deacon Dennis, in appreciation for his faithful service. (Inge & Pete Roncoli)

**Requiescat in Pace**  
**Duane Beuerle**  
born into Eternal Life on  
**JANUARY 16, 2022**  
May the angels lead you  
into Paradise.

**Please Pray for...**

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| • Cindy Kelly   | • Debbie, John, and Julie Huber                |
| • Laurie Sanders' son's fiancée's family, especially "Greg" | • Connie Achtenberg (daughter of Connie & Jim) |
| • John Salvatore  | • Mary Alice Krzyzaniak                        |
| • The family of Alice Kidd                                  | • Tom Leib                                     |
| • Ron Mann (and his family)                                 | • Jean Duffy and her siblings                  |
| • Neoma Reeter  | • Marja Warner                                 |
| • Josh Zimmer   | • Ryan Coulter                                 |
| • Anna Brogley (mother of Martin Brogley)                   | • Mark Wiedmayer                               |

To add or remove a name from this prayer list, please email: [stmarymanchester2@gmail.com](mailto:stmarymanchester2@gmail.com)

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Env (68)             | \$ 5,837.19 |
| Welcome & Loose             | 285.10      |
| E-Giving (2)                | 132.37      |
| Solemnity of Mary (9)       | 170.00      |
| Utility/Fuel (7)            | 110.00      |
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| Combined toward budget:     | \$ 6,534.66 |
| Budget goal:                | 5,300.00    |
| Amt ABOVE goal:             | + 1,234.66  |
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| <b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b> |             |
| Bldg. & Maint (3)           | \$ 385.00   |
| Worldwide Evang (1)         | 15.00       |
| Tornado/Disaster Relief (4) | 100.00      |
| Poor Box                    | 212.25      |
| Votive candles              | 44.00       |

**Think you might be pregnant? Need Help?**  
Alternatives to Abortion  
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)

**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? "COURAGE"** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)**

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