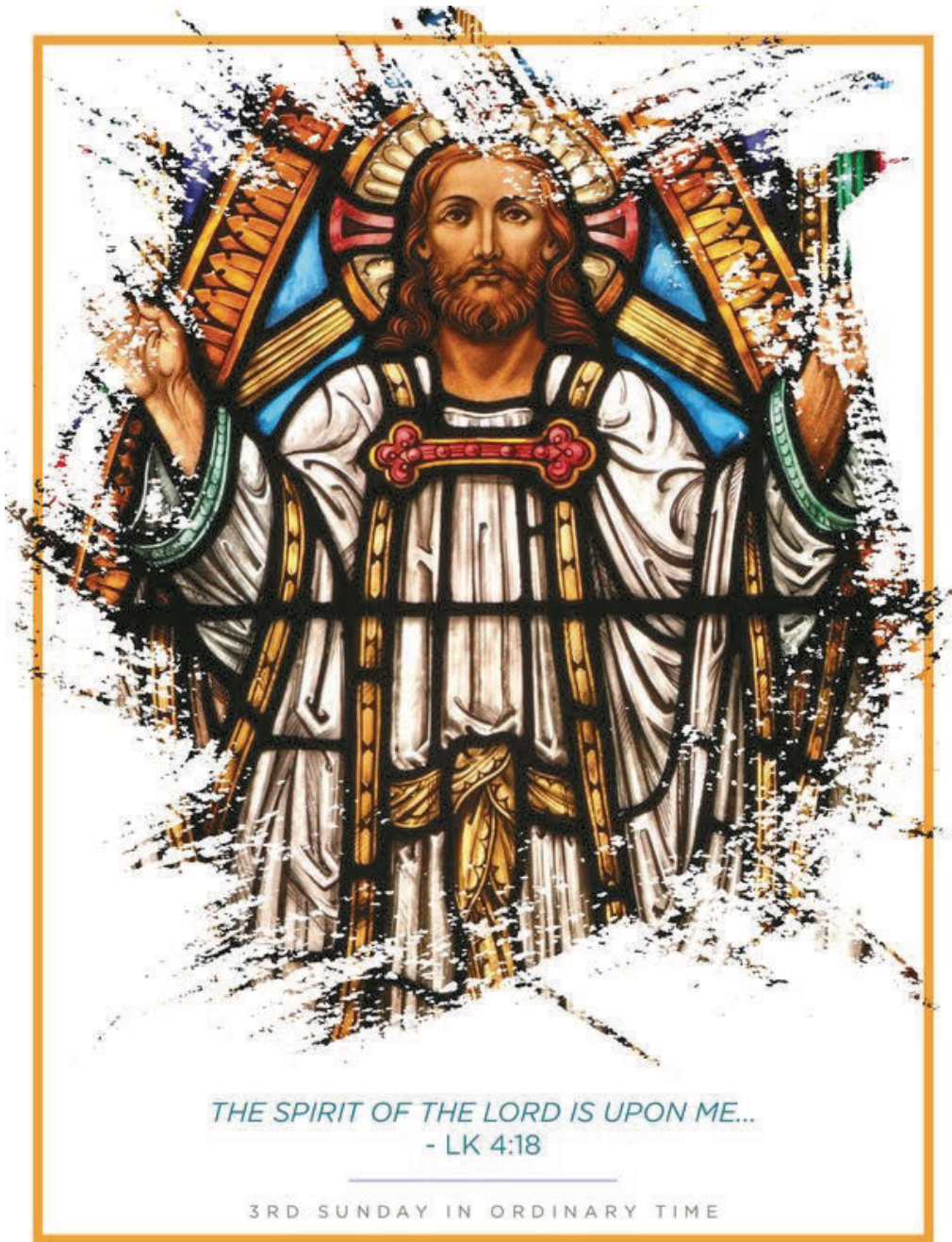


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**THERE WILL BE 9:00 AM MASS ON THURSDAYS AT ST. PIUS (WEATHER PERMITTING)  
FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.**

**Fr. Tony will be away from the parish in January and February. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Brent at 989-728-0055 or leave a message on the answering machine at 989-728-2278.**

### PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

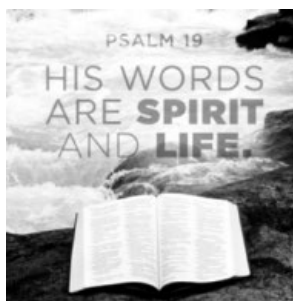
We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 2

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### ST. PIUS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### DAILY READINGS

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30  
Tues: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18  
Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:1-20  
Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25  
Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
/Mk 4:26-34

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 am Mass John Ahearne Requested by Brenda McDonald

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29:

4:00 pm Mass Steven Spodney Requested by Jim & Diane Ahearne  
Lector: Geri

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30:

9:30 am Mass Marilyn Cote Requested by Rhonda Brindley  
Lector: Jim

## AROUND ST. PIUS

Dear St. Pius Parishioners:

Thank you for the Christmas gifts shared with our residents on Christmas morning. It means the world to them. Thank you to the ladies that organize the gifting, sorting, and delivering. You are a blessing!

Residents of Iosco County Medical Care Facility



### Knights of Columbus

The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

### Council of Catholic Women

The CCW meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon.



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| 10th Prize: Ice Fishing Shanty        |                                 |

**THE HEMKER FAMILY WILL BE SELLING TICKETS IN THE GATHERING ROOM AFTER MASS.**

Iosco County Right to Life is sponsoring a Walk for Life today, Sunday, January 23 at 1:00 pm. Meet at the East Tawas Community Center and walk with the group to Rushman Hall (Knights of Columbus). There will be a brief prayer service at the Memorial

### Abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults by Priests, Deacons or Others

To report allegations of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable adults within the Diocese of Gaylord by priests, deacons or other employees or volunteers, regardless of when it occurred, individuals should: Contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (855-444-3911). The Michigan Attorney General's Office has also set up a special phone line for people to share information that may be of help in their ongoing investigation of sexual misconduct by Catholic clergy. That number is 844-324-3374. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Larry LaCross, at 989-705-9010.

In the State of Michigan many professionals, including clergy, teachers, doctors, counselors and named others are mandated reporters. This means such individuals are REQUIRED to make an oral or online report IMMEDIATELY to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services if they suspect a child is being neglected or abused in any way. Individuals may call the state report line at the number above, which is answered 24 hours a day, or submit a report online at [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971\\_7119---00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---00.html).



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*Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the prayer list.*

### SPECIAL PERSONS

Fr. Tony Cureton  
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Please send Fr. Tony a get well/cheerful card as he recovers from knee surgery. All cards will be forwarded to Texas.

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### Food Pantry

We served two families this week. Even though it is Donor's Choice, we need just about everything. Thank you for your generosity.



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### OFFERING COUNTERS Monday January 24

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### STEWARDSHIP January 16, 2022

Collection \$524.00  
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Thank you for your generosity.

**50/50 Drawing** every Sunday during coffee and donut hour. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the church's general fund. Last week's lucky winner was Dorene Winer. Donuts were donated by Barb Darlington. Thank you, Barb.

### Stewardship by the Book

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Dan Neville & Family Requested by Anna Hanninen



**Please pray** for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families:

Frank West, Ron & Eric Dober, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Lillian Smith, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Mary Giori, Joan Jordan, Richard Densmore, Mary Lu Goodman, Nettie Sylvester, Dorothy Alejski, Lynn Daniels, Alyssa MacDonald and Fr. Tony.

**May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.**

### Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Bradley Nursey, Rev. Gerald Okoli, Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious Life, Rev. Leonard Paul, Rev. Alfred Pillarelli, Rev. Msgr. John Porter and all Seminarians.

### Family Perspective By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal **expectations**. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our **expectations**.

**Contribution Statements** for 2021 are available by contacting the office.

### Smile!

An old man walks up to the counter of a pawn shop holding an old, weathered guitar. "I'd like your expert opinion on this guitar, how much do you think it's worth?" asks the old man. The pawnbroker looks it up and down. "Well, I can tell right now that there's a little warping in the neck, the lacquer is faded and there are scratches and dents all over it. It's an old, well-played guitar but I don't think it's worth any more than twenty bucks." The old man reaches his hand out and says, "Okay, if that's what you think it's worth, you have a deal!" "Great!" replies the pawnbroker, shaking his hand. "Here's twenty bucks." says the old man, "I'll buy it right now!" The broker stops and suddenly looks confused. "Wait, buy it?" he asks. "Yes!" smiles the old man as he flips the guitar over. "This one has a sticker price of \$150, but now that I have your honest opinion I think twenty bucks is a great deal."





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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### THURSDAY, NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.  
11:00 am

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2022

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel.  
11:15 am The NEW Mr. and Mrs. Justin Pillsbury. Congratulations, Love Mom.

*Pray for* ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

**Sick:** Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy and Craig Buchoz,  
Barb Dolata, Gerri Turner, Darlene Cox and Barb Delorey and Barb Renaud.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness  
or injury has been made.

**Home Bound:** Kate Stohon, Richard Preston and Elizabeth Harden.

St. Thomas Aquinas was an Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, Catholic priest and Doctor of the Church. Among other things, he was a prominent proponent of natural theology and the father of a school of thought known as Thomism. He argued that God is the source of both the light of natural reason and the light of faith.

Aquinas is considered one of the Catholic Churches greatest theologians and philosophers.

Aquinas was called the “dumb ox” because he was very quiet and didn’t talk much to others . He also had a lifelong fear of storms.

St. Thomas of Aquinas died in 1254 going to Jesus whom he so faithfully served in Life. He is the patron saint of education and academics, students, philosophy and theology. His feast day is January 28th.

#### C.C.W. NEWS

Once again we are offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student. Applications are on the round table if you know of someone.

We plan on doing a Super Bowl “snack” sale Sunday Feb 13th. We’re asking you to bring snacks/ appetizers to sell for the big game. Such as dips, snack trays, your favorite chicken wings, Chex mix etc. be creative!! You can also bring cookies, pies, cakes whatever you choose.

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