

# THE LAPEER CATHOLIC

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.

- Lk 4:18

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/  
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**MASS TIMES**

Sunday Mass: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM (Traditional Latin Mass)  
Daily Mass: Mon-Thurs 9AM  
(Tues & Thurs- Traditional Latin Mass)  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM  
Holy Days: Please check the bulletin or the parish website.

**RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday: following 9AM. Mass  
Saturdays: 3-3:45PM .  
1st Wednesday of the month: 8PM  
For private appointment call the rectory.

**BLESSING OF OBJECTS**

1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the church.

**OUR SACRAMENTAL POLICY**

Six month Parish registration and participation are required **for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.**

**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requests that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If there are two godparents, one must be male, one must be female. If there is one godparent, they may be male or female.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Call the Rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be the Parish Pastor, Deacon, or a family member.

**Funerals:** Officiate must be the Parish Pastor of Immaculate Conception, or a family member

Please note: the services of the Parish Organists are used for all Weddings and Funerals.

For more details regarding our sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the "Sacraments" tab on our parish website.

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Flyers 2 weeks prior to bulletin (pending approval of pastor).

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**1/16/2022**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 23

**4:30PM (Vigil) OF-MC** Tony Duffiney+

**8:00AM OF-MC** Anthony Duffiney+

**10:00AM OF-MC** People of the Parish

**12:00 PM EF-MC** Mary O'Leary Cronin and Phillip Cronin+

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF)

3rd Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

### Monday, January 24

9:00AM **OF-LM** Dave Williamson+

St. Francis de Sales (OF)

St. Timothy (EF)

### Tuesday, January 25

9:00AM **EF-MC** Robbie Battani+

The Conversion of St. Paul (OF & EF)

### Wednesday, January 26

**9:00AM OF-LM** Josie Coates+

Sts. Timothy and Titus (OF)

St. Polycarp (EF)

### Thursday, January 27

**9:00AM OF-MC** Don Nolan+

St. Angela Merici (OF)

St. John Chrysostom (EF)

### Friday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas (OF)

St. Peter Nolasco (EF)

### Saturday, January 29

St. Francis de Sales (EF)

### Sunday, January 30

4:30PM (Vigil) **OF-MC** Ray Hile+

**8:00AM OF-MC** Josie Coates+

**10:00AM OF-MC** Karen Palleschi+

**12:00 PM EF-MC** People of the Parish

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF)

4th Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite/Novus Ordo)

EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)

MC - Missa Cantata (Sung) LM - Low Mass



## PARISH APOSTOLATES

### Ambassadors for Christ

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month BKS Room 303 7 -9PM.

All men 18 years and older are invited.

Harvey Vermeesch

(810)358-0943

### Angels of Mercy

For elderly and homebound of the parish.

Bea Castenada

(810-)813-4069

### Food Pantry

Dawn Peskey

(586)924-1873

### Homeschoolers

Meets for field trips and activities during the school year.

Ashley Gill

(248)918-7008

### Hospital, Homebound, and Nursing Home Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Joe Hojna

(810)969-4082

### Knights of Columbus

Meets first Tuesday of the month in the BKCS Community Room.

Phil Francis

(810)728-2295

### Ladies League

Meets at 6PM on the last Tuesday of the month. All adult ladies of the parish are welcome.

No meeting in Dec.

Dawn Walker

(810)664-6946

### Mother of Perpetual Help Rosaries

Meets first Wednesday of the month

Jenni Hulway

(586)453-4580

### Purgatorial Society

Increasing devotion and charity to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Meets 1st Monday of the Month at 7pm in the church.

Andrew Sprankle

(706)840-1568

### St. Vincent de Paul

Meets once a month in the rectory.

### Youth Group

Lillian Peddemors

(937)241-6407

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next 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

# SUNDAY READINGS

## FIRST READING **Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion.

He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose.

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!”

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground.

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

“Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—

for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

## PSALM

**Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15**



The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

The ordinances of the LORD are true,  
all of them just.

## PSALM (continued)

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart  
find favor before you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## SECOND READING

**1 Cor 12:12-14, 27**

(Shorter Version)

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

## GOSPEL

**Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

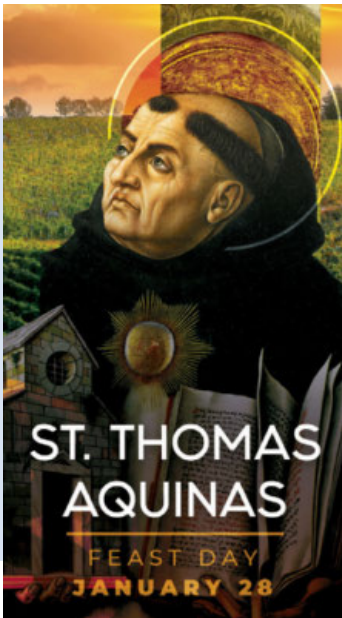
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”



## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS - JANUARY 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

## BLESSING OF OBJECTS AND CONFESSIONS

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Blessing of Objects and Confessions for January will be this Wednesday, January 26. Blessing of Objects will begin at 7:35PM, followed by Confessions at approximately 8:15PM.

## CANDLEMAS

If you would like candles blessed on Candlemas, February 2, bring them in a box with your name attached to the 7PM TLM. They will be blessed in the rite at the beginning of mass.

## LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced your missal? Rosary? Favorite hat? The lost and found shelf in the back of the church near the choir loft steps is overflowing with misplaced goods. Check and see if your items are there. Items remaining in a few weeks will be removed and donated to various ministries or thrift stores.



## HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITAL MINISTRY IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The homebound and hospital ministries are in dire need of volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are not currently certified, or if your certification has lapsed, you will need to be re-certified. Certification is good for five years.

Won't you please open your hearts and souls to serve in these much needed ministries? You may call me at 810-969-4082 or call the rectory for registration and certification information.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Joe Hojna  
Hospital and Homebound Ministries Coordinator

## PRAYER LIST

Katie Sellers	Dawn
Mark Gabryel	Samantha
Felix Gabryel	Anthony
Ann Palmer	David
Skylar Rose	Liz and Terry
Janet	

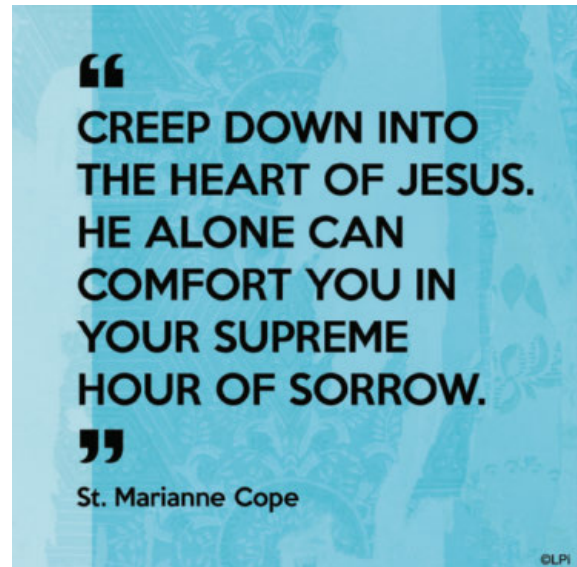
*If you wish to have your loved one put on the prayer list, please call the rectory. The names will remain on the list for four weeks, or you can call the rectory to have their name relisted*

## BISHOP KELLEY SCHOOL NEWS

We are in urgent need of full-time teachers and substitutes, especially for Middle School (i.e. grades 6, 7, and 8) and for Kindergarten/Preschool. These are paid positions and a great way to share your faith and knowledge with the next generation. Please contact Principal Bernadette Barron, 810-664-5011 and email your resume to [barron@bishopkelleylapeer.org](mailto:barron@bishopkelleylapeer.org).

Next week, January 30-February 5, is Catholic Schools week.

Please pray for our First Communion students as they prepare for their First Reconciliation in the upcoming weeks.



## KNIGHTS CORNER

The next Knights of Columbus general membership meeting is Tuesday, January 25 in the Community Room of Bishop Kelley School. See you there.



## CATHOLIC Q&A

**Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?**

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal



system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



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