



Our Parish

COMMUNITY

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 7:1–4, 6–7

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23

Mk 1:29–39



After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

MARK 1:32–33

Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✧ Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?
- ✧ As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.

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THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Boniface Parish and St. Meinrad Parish exist to nurture an intentional faith-filled Catholic Community which inspires and empowers all people to follow Jesus Christ. We will continue to "Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) by living the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments with meaningful worship, and calling one another to prayer, Christian Service, and fellowship rooted in the living tradition of a rich German-Catholic heritage.

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

(closed Thursday; Friday)

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-1-4 p.m.

by appointment only

Closed Holy Days

Observed Holidays

All times Central Time

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY If you are in need of a priest due to severe illness or death at any-time, call the switchboard at the Archabbey, **(812) 357-6611**. Please leave a message with the attendant, including your contact information. Father Anthony will be contacted and will follow up as soon as possible.

PRAYER REQUEST

Make a prayer request, personal petition or add to the Prayer Wall.

(812) 357-5533 x123

www.sbcatholic.church/pray

www.smccatholic.church/pray



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

SANCTUARY LAMPS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Claude Boehm

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

Alexandre Morrow

ST. MEINRAD PARISH

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

BAPTISM Parents are encouraged to contact the parish office before their child is born. Two sacrament preparation sessions are required for parents and godparents, a minimum of two months before the sacrament is celebrated. Complete online registration before the initial meeting.

www.sbcatholic.church/baptism

www.smccatholic.church/baptism

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are to contact the parish office a minimum of six months before the proposed wedding date to reserve the church and other parish spaces and to request an initial meeting with the pastor. Complete *Getting Married? Start Here!* online registration before the initial meeting.

www.sbcatholic.church/marriage

www.smccatholic.church/marriage

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Registered parishioners desiring to receive a blessing for significant marriage anniversaries at Mass contact the parish office a minimum of three months in advance at info@myparishfamily.church

MAINTENANCE REQUEST If you find a location or facility that needs attention, repair, have a safety concern, or items restocked, please notify a facilities & grounds coordinator by completing an online form.

www.sbcatholic.church/maintenance

www.smccatholic.church/maintenance

MINISTRY OF PRAYER POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION

February 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

SICK AND INFIRM

Ruth W, Nicole, Arthur, Melissa R, James M, Carl H, Gene H, JoAnn F, Don M, Philip M, Bo H, Steve K, Larry P, Dennis M, Dennis K, Walter T, Joe M

IN MEMORIAM

Father Abbot Bonaventure Knaebel, OSB, Eleanor Harpenau, Cletus E. Seifert, Kenny Aders, Betty Wiederkehr, Viola Hartwick, Marilyn Haefling, Father Vincent Tobin, OSB, Father Augustine Davis, OSB, Margaret "Marge" Fetter

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For the sick, infirm and homebound members of our parish family and community; members of our parish family who are in the care of others; and for the names, prayers, and petitions written in our parish books of prayer and petition and received through our home page prayer request portal — for God's care, comfort, and protection of the sick, suffering, isolated and quarantine in our parish family; for young parents and their pain; the unemployed and underemployed and individuals who do not or cannot earn a just wage; for marriages that are struggling and couples preparing to be parents and the protection of the unborn.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY: *ministries, programs and activities*

AS WE MOVE BACK TO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF MASS WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM THE DAILY SCHEDULE OF MASSES.

www.sbcatholic.church/live | www.smatholic.church/live

Ideally, the Mass is digitally cast "live" in real-time, as it is celebrated. Not all Masses and other sacred liturgies are livestreaming and recording for later viewing.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

www.sbcatholic.church/mass-times

www.smatholic.church/mass-times

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1:00	p.m.	PO	Formation Session in Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H
3:00	p.m.	FSC	BBQ Chicken and Pork Chop Dinners \$10 - Sponsored by Fulda Sportsman Club - drive through service only after 3:00 p.m. at the Sportsman. Dinners include choice of BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop, creek fries, baked beans and slaw.	
3:15	p.m.	SB	Confession	
3:35	p.m.	SB	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
4:00	p.m.	SB	Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</i>	

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:00	a.m.	SB	Mass +Susan Beier	
7:55	a.m.	SM	Confession	
8:05	a.m.	SM	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
8:30	a.m.	SM	Mass +Carol Vaal	
9:45	a.m.	PO	Formation Session in Preparation for Sacraments	Parish Office: Room H

If you do not see a ministry, program, or activity listed in the weekly schedule, please email info@myparishfamily.church as soon as possible. A parish staff member will contact you to confirm your request's date and time and the organizer's contact information. The facilities and grounds coordinators use this schedule to set key codes for electronic door locks and HVAC. Also, during **COVID-19**, this schedule guides the volunteers for pre-use and post-use sanitizing. Thank you for your careful review of space reservations. On January 6, 2021, members of the parish staff were once again contacted with a reminder that while Spencer County is in the **RED ZONE**, all parish facilities and sponsored programs and activities remain restricted to a maximum of 25 people for social gatherings except the church building for Mass and sacramental celebrations. We are to follow public health guidelines to limit the spread of the virus through person-to-person contact putting 6 feet of distance between individuals who do not live in the household while avoiding indoor spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:15	p.m.	SB	Mass +Susan Beier (No In-Person Mass)	
4:30	p.m.	SM	Father Anthony, OSB, Lincoln Hills Development Corporation, Board Meeting	eMeeting Tell City, IN
6:00	p.m.	PC	Reserved for Girl Scout Program through 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00	a.m.	PC	Reserved for Girl Scout Program through 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10	
7:15	a.m.	SM	Mass +John Wilson	
8:05	a.m.	SM	Staff Meeting (Office Staff and Coordinators)	Parish Office: Room G
1:00	p.m.	SM	Staff Meeting (Office Staff Only)	Parish Office: Room G
6:00	p.m.	SM	Facilities and Grounds Commission (SB)	eMeeting Invitation

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00	a.m.	PC	Reserved for Girl Scout Program through 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10	
7:15	a.m.	SB	Mass +Eugene Gudorf	
3:15	p.m.	SM	Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Hour for Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
3:30	p.m.	SM	Confession	
4:05	p.m.	SM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concludes with Benediction	
4:15	p.m.	SM	Mass +Raphael Greulich (Anniversary of Birth)	
6:00	p.m.	SM	Family Faith Formation—Preschool - Grade 8 (family joins through eLearning link received on 2/9/2021)	
7:00	p.m.	SM	Family Faith Formation—Grade 9 All Grades UNIT 3—Lesson for February 14, 2021 eLearning Invitation	

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30	a.m.	SHM	Mass (Due to COVID-19, area care centers remain closed until further notice.)	Scenic Hills at the Monastery
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:15	a.m.	SM	Mass +Thomas M. Kloeck (No In-Person Mass)	Livestream only
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

3:15	p.m.	SB	Confession	
3:35	p.m.	SB	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
4:00	p.m.	SB	Mass +Joan Boehm	

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00	a.m.	SB	Mass <i>Missa Pro Populo "Mass for the People"</i>	
7:55	a.m.	SM	Confession	
8:05	a.m.	SM	Rosary: Sanctification of Life, Marriage, Family Life and Vocations within the Church	
8:30	a.m.	SM	Mass +Sylvan (Anniversary of Birth) and Marge Fetter	
9:45	a.m.	PO	Formation Session in Preparation for Sacraments	

The deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to submit news and information to be featured in the weekly bulletin for parish ministries, programs, and activities and a minimum of three weeks for prescheduled Flocknote invitations and calendar alerts and for the creation of media releases for the parish website and local newspapers. Send information to info@myparishfamily.church | www.sbcatholic.church/info | www.smatholic.church/info.



GROWING AS A DISCIPLE IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: *evangelization and faith formation*

Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum  FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Family Guide

February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:29–39

Jesus brings God's life-giving, healing power to the people of Galilee. The Gospel portrays Jesus as a man of action who raises up Peter's mother-in-law, heals the sick, and frees the possessed. He also seeks time to pray. We are all called to imitate Jesus' compassion and love for people.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): People of all ages love and follow Jesus. This week, your child discussed places where we often gather. Talk about what your child likes to do with other people. Share great experiences of gathering, such as church or concerts. Remind your child that Jesus is always with us.

Promise (Grades K–1): Your child learned in class that he or she can be of help to others. Talk together about ways the members of your family help one another. Ask your child to share the story "Ben and the Sad Face" with the family. Talk, too, about ways Jesus helped people from this week's Gospel reading.

Good News (Grades 2–3): Your child learned about Saint Martin de Porres. Ask your child to share his story with the family. Your child learned the names of all Seven Sacraments. Ask him or her to describe what a sacrament is and see if he or she can name all seven. The class also learned and more about the Gospel of Saint Mark. Let everyone in the family look at the little booklet your child put together in class. Let your child share what he or she learned about Mark's Gospel.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week, your child learned about the healing ministry of Jesus. Your child also learned about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick—the sacrament that brings help and healing to people suffering from illness. Examine your family's attitude toward people who are sick and explore ways that you can make a difference in the lives of people who are hurting. Ask your young one who Saint Josephine Bakhita was.

Visions (Grades 7–9): During this week's class, your son or daughter discovered how Jesus calls all to discipleship. The class also discovered how to handle conflicts and how people working together can make a real difference in the world and can inspire others. Talk about needs in your neighborhood or community that can be met by your family reaching out to help. Ask your young person to share what the class learned about resolving conflict.

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about Sunday's Gospel lesson, create a family litany for people who are suffering from illness or who are struggling in life. Let members of the family take turns mentioning the name of a person who is in need. After each name, the family can respond, "Lord, make haste to help them." When the family runs out of names, close by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: Thanks to parents for your proactive and patient response in kicking off the spring semester of parish-based faith formation. If you have trouble registering at the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies digital learning platform, please use the **unique code** assigned to each student, not your or your child's email address. Follow the Pflaum link below, at the "Register" prompt use *the entire unique code* assigned to your child, then create your own password. Make sure to save your login and password info in a safe place! Pflaum Gospel Weeklies digital platform @ <https://pflaum.zinioapps.com/sign-up>.

If you have not completed the 2020-2021 Student Enrollment Form for student programs through Summer 2021, please do so @ <https://sbcatholic.church/ff-enroll-2020> | <https://smccatholic.church/ff-enroll-2020>.



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The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 14, 2021 • Jesus Is Good News

Sunday Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11.1; Mark 1:40-45

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: When have you felt alone and isolated?

Gospel Question: How can you reach out to isolated people as Jesus does?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

With whom might you build a bridge from isolation to participation in family life, parish life, or economic life?

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-9)

Life Question: What makes you jealous of someone else?

Gospel Question: What can you do to welcome outsiders as Jesus does?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How do you reach out to people in your area who need help?

Gospel Question: To whom does Jesus reach out? To whom can you reach out?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: How do I reach out to other people?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus reach out to people?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: How does it feel to be left out?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus feel about those who are left out?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Who are Jesus' friends?

Gospel Question: What is Jesus' Good News?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

When people found out Jesus could heal, they constantly asked him to do so. He tried to find rest and quiet in the desert, but the people followed him there too. Still, he helped many people who needed healing.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Many priests work long hours to help people in need in their parish. Arrive a few minutes early to Mass. Ask your priest how you might help him get ready or if you can serve the parish in another way this week.

Question of the Week

How can you find the strength to help people?

Family Prayer

Jesus, teach us to see when people are in need and reach out to them. Amen.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Quando la gente se enteró que Jesús podía sanar, todo el mundo le pedía constantemente que lo hiciera. Trataba de encontrar descanso y silencio en el desierto, pero la gente lo seguía allí también. Sin embargo, ayudaba a muchas personas que necesitaban sanación.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la iglesia

Muchos sacerdotes trabajan muchas horas para ayudar a la gente necesitada de su parroquia. Llega unos minutos antes a Misa. Pregúntale a tu sacerdote cómo podrías ayudarlo a prepararse o si puedes servir a la parroquia de alguna manera esta semana.

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes encontrar la fortaleza para ayudar a la gente?

Oración en familia

Jesús, enséñanos a ver cuando la gente tiene necesidades y a tenderles la mano. Amén.


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The Gospel for All Ages Family Catechesis

Gathering Ritual

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 14, 2021 • Jesus Is Good News

Sunday Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11-1; Mark 1:40-45

 **Sing:** "The Beatitudes" from the *Promise/Good News Music CD* (CD-2, #17). Lyrics are available at gospelweeklies.com/lyrics.

All: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us pray. Jesus, you inspire us to heal and forgive others as you did, to welcome the outsider into your circle. Help us heal the harm and hurt we all do and experience from others. Walk with us when we reach out beyond our circle of friends to include others.

All: Amen.

Prayer: Psalm 32, Sunday's Responsorial Psalm

Leader: I turn to you, God, in times of trouble.

All: You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Leader: Blessed is the person who has no guilt.

All: Be glad and rejoice, you who are just.

Gospel

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to the Gospel. Loving God, open our ears to hear your call.

All: Open our eyes to see the Spirit in our lives.

Leader: Open our hearts to live the Gospel.

All: Open our hands to reach out to others like Jesus.

Reader: A reading from the Gospel According to Mark 1:40-45. *Use the Gospel in reader parts from Venture or Visions.*

Reflection

The first days of Jesus' ministry are busy. He calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. He goes to the synagogue and frees a man from an unclean spirit. He raises up Peter's mother-in-law from a fever. He heals many sick people and goes from village to village proclaiming the Good News. The Kingdom of God is near. When Jesus meets a man who is sick and from whom other people stay far, far

away, what does he do? When the man pleads with Jesus to heal him, so he can be with other people, what does Jesus do? Jesus sees and hears the man and feels compassion for him. He cares for him. He heals the man. Jesus brings the man the good news that God loves him. This Gospel story tells us that God loves every one of us, even outsiders, even those no one else seems to like. Jesus has the power to heal, and so do we. Let us go now to our sessions and think together about ways we can use our power.

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Who has ideas about how you can use your power to reach out, heal, and spread Jesus' Good News?

(Use the situations on page 4 of Good News. Invite children to suggest what children can do to help.)

Leader: Together let us pray the Prayer of Saint Francis, who tells us many ways we can heal others. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

All: Where there is hatred let me show love.

Leader: Where there is injury, pardon.

All: Where there is doubt, faith.

Leader: Where there is despair, hope.

All: Where there is darkness, light.

Leader: Where there is sadness, joy.

All: Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

Leader: To be understood as to understand.

All: To be loved as to love.

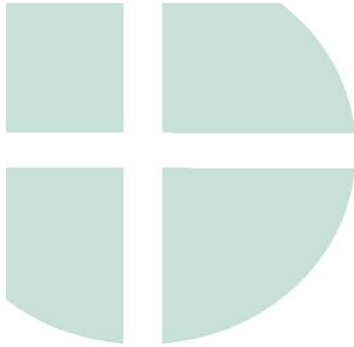
Leader: For it is in giving that we receive.

All: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

Leader: It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

All: Amen.

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

National Marriage Week

February 7-14, 2021

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.



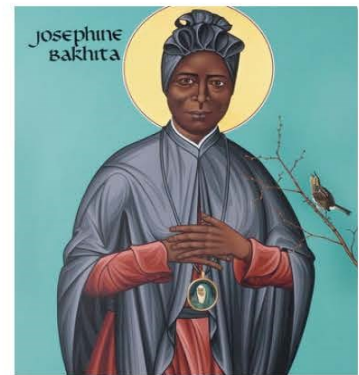
International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

February 8, 2021

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of

prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking.

On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.



February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation."

World Day for the Sick

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We pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.

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PADRE'S POST

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I pray that you had a healthy and safe week and are enduring the various weather patterns of February in southern Indiana. Admittedly, it is nice to see a bit of snow. As we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue in the Gospel of Mark. Mark describes Jesus as a healer. As Jesus visits the home of Simon and Andrew he cures Simon's mother-in-law. Although Jesus' gift of healing kept him busy, he found time to go off and pray alone, to recharge.

If we are too busy to pray and listen, how will our daily prayer and action be impacted? Remember, we might be missing the point that Mark is trying to make in last Sunday's Gospel if we make it our life work trying to explain the healing work of Jesus without acknowledging his authority as Messiah. The crowd seeing Jesus cure the possessed man leads to a further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' faith and action give greater credence to his teaching and call to follow him.

In the days to come, I encourage you to pray. Listen for Jesus' call. Often, we forget the amazing things - the events, the people, and the signs and wonders surrounding us. Like those first disciples with an eyewitness account of Jesus' prayer and work, giving pause to these realities can inspire some. Others may feel threatened like the scribes in today's gospel whose place and authority are challenged. Think about it! What was so amazing about Jesus? Perhaps, in Jesus, people were coming to know and love their God through what they saw and heard. Where are you looking for the Messiah in your life? Are you looking in today's joys and sorrows or in tomorrow's fear or trust you have in God's plan for you and your loved ones? Living out our vocation in spirit and truth while girded with daily prayer and faithful discernment illuminates the message in today's gospel, acknowledging that the tensions felt during Jesus' life on earth remain as tensions today. God calls you and me to bring life to Christ's presence and authority subsisting in the Catholic Church by living out our faith and discipleship through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. I pray that the gifts of faith, hope, and love, continue to grow patiently and prayerfully within you. Prayer can

strengthen the bond we share in Christ as you offer songs of praise to the Lord through faith and action. I pray that you can do this well and without the earthly distractions, keeping close to your heart the reality that our citizenship is in heaven.

I encourage all of us to be attentive to the signs of the time while remaining practical with what is realistic in our personal and communal responsibilities as a parish family. After speaking with parish sodality and men's society group leadership our parish family will not be hosting fish fries during Lent, due to COVID-19. A large part of the fish fry experience is sharing in the spirit of hospitality and visiting with parishioners, friends and neighbors in person. I trust that area organizations are making decisions for the right reasons focusing on the spiritual aspects of the season with its program or activity and not letting monetary reasons be the driving force when the health and safety of the many volunteers, including those who work behind the scenes, as well as guests could be compromised. I believe that we are all being transformed through this experience of physical distancing and having to respond creatively. Let us trust that the Lord will provide. Thanks to the generosity of so many who continue to strengthen and sustain the life of our parish especially during these times of quiet rest and patient waiting. I pray that the mission of our parish family continues to prosper according to God's will and our desire to cooperate with his will in what is familiar and for what lies ahead in joyful anticipation. God bless you and have a peaceful week.

PAX -

Fr. Anthony, O.P.

CRS RICE BOWL AVAILABLE FOR LENT



Pick up your rice bowl to support Catholic Relief Services this Lent. Rice bowls are available in pews and on courtesy tables at all entrances the weekend of Sunday, February 7. Now, it is your turn. With the spiritual pillars of Lent at your disposal, we set out on a forty-day journey, a journey to encounter with ourselves, our neighbors and our God in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

2020 PARISH GOALS UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

ST. BONIFACE PARISH
Goal \$7,627 **Pledged \$5,065** 66% to goal

ST. MEINRAD PARISH
Goal \$10,741 **Pledged \$5,245** 49% to goal
Update February 4, 2021

HOW IS A PARISH GOAL SET?

Each parish throughout the archdiocese has a set goal for the annual appeal using a formula averaging the last three year's Sunday and Holy Day collection totals.

Here are several ways in which you can make a gift to the United Catholic Appeal.

- A cash gift placed inside the enclosed, return envelope, or in the envelope provided to you by your parish on Intention Weekend
- A one-time pledge made by credit card (fill out the necessary information on your pledge card and send it back in the return envelope provided)
- A monthly pledge made by credit card or ACH (fill out the necessary information on your pledge card and send it back in the return envelope provided)
- A recurring monthly gift made by credit card or ACH (you can call the Office of Stewardship & Development to set this up, or go online to www.archindy.org/UCA and click on "Donate to UCA" in the top, right-hand corner)
- A gift of stock (if you would like to use a gift of stock to make your UCA pledge, contact Cindy Riley in the Office of Stewardship & Development at criley@archindy.org, or 317-236-1415)
- A donor-advised fund (If you have a donor-advised fund set up through the Catholic Community Foundation, you can make a gift to the UCA using funds available by contacting Amy Higgins with the Catholic Community Foundation at ahiggins@archindy.org, or 317-236-1482)

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Christ Our Hope

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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Weekly Bible Reflection on Stewardship

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

HISTORIC ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Parish Founded 1847

www.sbcatholic.church



ST. MEINRAD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Founded 1861

www.sm catholic.church

ANNOUNCEMENTS: local church and local community

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CUB SCOUTS

Mike Gudorf

GIRL SCOUTS

Kathy Seckinger

SUMMER PICNIC

Pearl Gelarden

LADIES SODALITY (SB)

Brenda Kleiser

LADIES SODALITY (SB)

Cindy Sitzman

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5599 (SM)

Rodney Vaal

BOY SCOUTS

Scott Gries

FALL PICNIC

Nancy Graman

MEN'S SOCIETY (SB)

Jim Gogel

PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION TO SHARE, COMPLETE ONLINE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

www.sbcatholic.church/info
www.sm catholic.church/info

- The deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to submit news and information to be featured in the weekly bulletin for parish ministries, programs, and activities and a minimum of three weeks for prescheduled Flocknote invitations and calendar alerts and for the creation of media releases for the parish website and local newspapers.
- The editor of the weekly bulletin and website retains the right to edit the information for clarity or brevity. All requests for parish facilities and meeting space must be submitted no less than six weeks before planned activities occur to be listed in the activity's calendar and receive verification of reservation and unique electronic access code for entry.

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MARCH PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE

Complimentary copies of *Give Us This Day: Daily Prayer for Today's Catholics* available at all courtesy tables and pews throughout parish churches. A resource for your daily prayer, includes daily Mass readings, highlights from the saint of the day, and inspiring stories, art and writings from contemporary men and women who, just like us, long for a greater relationship with Christ in the Church. *Pray with us!*

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT NOW AVAILABLE

The Little Black Book is your companion for Lent. It's an old-fashioned "vade mecum" (pronounced vahday maykum). That's Latin for "travel with me" and was used to describe a book that was a constant companion throughout the 40 Days of Lent.

Six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle B) now available in churches. Books located in pews and on courtesy tables at all entrances. Parishioners in residence at care centers have received copies.

Also, available for children age 3-grade 8 *The Little Purple Book for Children, Walking with God*.



MASS INTENTIONS

To view the current *Mass Intention* schedule or to learn how to request a Mass Intention with a monthly envelope (gray color) designated in your Sunday Stewardship envelope series or online, access the parish homepage. In the search box at the top of the homepage, type *Mass Intentions*. In the search results, click on *Mass Intentions 2021*. Mass intentions may not be scheduled for more than one year in advance.



Lent 2021 February 17 – April 4

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 22 - 28, 2021

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

ST. MEINRAD PARISH

\$206	ON-LINE GIVING	\$150
\$705	OFFERTORY	\$1,420
FY 2020-2021		
175	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	221
426	# OF SOULS	463
SUNDAY JANUARY 31 2021		
IN-PERSON	MASS COUNTS	LIVESTREAM
73	4:00 p.m.	69
NA	6:00 a.m.	53
83	8:30 a.m.	NA



ITEMS REQUESTED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY CARE PACKAGES

Items requested by the Service and Outreach Commission to prepare Valentine's Day Care Packages for parishioners at local care centers, identified homebound, and infirm.

Items include: throw blankets, homemade cards, low ankle cut socks, word search books, crossword puzzles, sudoku (large print), Uno cards, adult coloring books, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, fine tip markers for drawing, personal nail care items including: large nail files, Chapstick, travel size Kleenex, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, snack size bags of Cheez-It and popcorn, sugar free candy.

The due date for all items collected is Thursday, February 11 by 9 a.m. Items can be placed inside the handicapped entrance at churches daily from dawn to dusk. Questions, contact Sue Kloeck, Service and Outreach Chair @skloeck@psci.net

Dear Padre,

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by “adopting” a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is “what is best for the child.”

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,
MAY 24, 2019



Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Gn 1:1–19

Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Gn 1:20—2:4a

Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17

Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

Gn 2:18–25

Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

Gn 3:1–8

Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

Gn 3:9–24

Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46

1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Mk 1:40–45