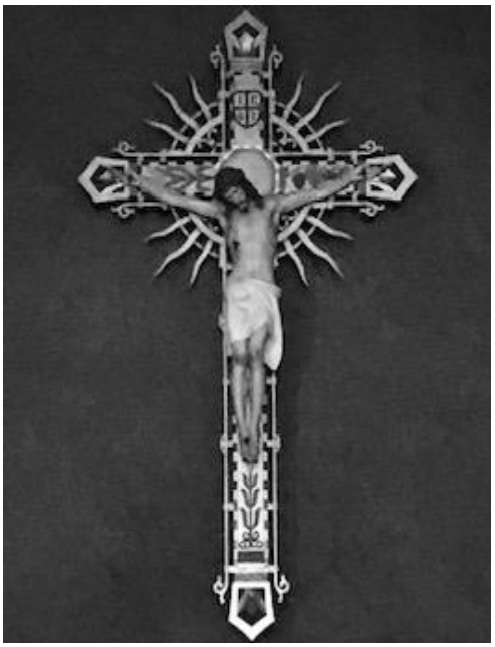

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M.
Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to Weekend Mass

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.
Friday: 6:45 A.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday & Tuesday: No Daily Mass
Wednesday (January 18): 6:00 P.M.
Elsie Houdek t by Bob & Rose Helgoth Family
Thursday (January 19): 6:45 A.M.
Yvonne Jeaneret t by Dr. John & Deb Crotty
Friday (January 20): 6:45 A.M.
Rev. Bob Warner t by Patricia Swanson
Saturday (January 21): 4:30 P.M.
Archie Ambrose t by Norm, Geri & Jason Wissing
Sunday (January 22): 9:00 A.M.
For All Parishioners

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Saturday, January 21, 4:30 P.M.

Lector: Toni Nielsen
Servers: Kunze's, Mark Usasz
Gift Bearers: Gene & Sheila Horak

Sunday, January 22, 9:00 A.M.

Lector: Tony Placke
Servers: James Buhrman, Eli Placke
Gift Bearers: Tim & Colleen Donovan

January Ushers: **Bob Singkofer, Steve Wissing, Brett Santin, Rod Wichmann, Monte Stelk, Tim Schleicher
******Head Usher

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

January 7 & 8, 2023

Offering: $4,030.80 Online: $595.00
Christmas offering: $75.00

Diocesan Appeal

****PLEASE NOTE: We have met our dollar goal! We still need 9 more households to to contribute to reach both our goals.**

Parish Goal: $20,274.00
Total Raised: $20,365.00

Household Goal: 75 Current Households: 66

UPCOMING EVENTS
*Every Wednesday Faith Formation at 6:30 P.M.
*January 15 - Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate meeting in the Parish Hall.
*January 16 – Music Team practice in the choir loft.
*January 18 - Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. Benediction at 7:20 P.M.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

In our Gospel reading for this Sunday, John the Baptist declares about Jesus, "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." That should sound very familiar because it is said in every Mass by the priest as he holds up the consecrated host before the congregation saying, "Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb." And the response is, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

This declaration and response are pure Holy Scripture. The first comes from today's Gospel. The reference to the lamb's supper comes from the end of the Book of Revelation, referring to the great banquet of the Lord and the redeemed at the end of time. The response is from the words of the Roman Centurion whose faith is commended by Jesus when he says it is unnecessary for Jesus to come to his home to heal his servant. He only needs to say it will be done and that is enough.

We make the response in the Mass as we look upon the consecrated Host, held up in the hands of the priest for all to see. It is our declaration of faith in the real presence of the Lord in the form of bread. Like the Centurion, we declare our faith in the words of Jesus when he says, "This is My Body. This is My Blood."

Yours in Christ our Lord. Fr. Sid.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS – We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our visitors. Registration forms for all new members may be found at the back of the church or contact Fr. Sid.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers comfortable with using a laptop computer to help with livestreaming weekend Masses at St. Libory. We hope to have enough volunteers, so they are needed only one weekend (either Saturday or Sunday) each month. For more information, contact Cathy Wieck (Mobile: 405-406-1857; Email: wieck.catherine@gmail.com.).

PARISH REGISTRY UPDATES – It has been brought to our attention that some parishioners have not received some parish mailings in the past couple of years. With End of Year mailings coming up, it is very important that your contact information is accurate.

- **If there are ANY changes to your contact information** (mailing address, phone/cell phone number, email, other), please update your information with the parish by contacting Cathy Wieck (Email: wieck.catherine@gmail.com; Mobile: 405-406-1857) **OR** completing a PARISH REGISTRATION FORM found in the entry of the church.
- **If you have ADULT CHILDREN** who claim St. Libory as their parish OR have not registered as an adult member, please encourage them to complete a Parish Registration Form.

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION - Please pray for the high school students and their Confirmation Sponsors as they meet Sunday, January 15 after 9:00 A.M. Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - This week 5 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep Brynlea Friedrichsen, Aurora Helgoth, Paige Loeffelbein, Easton Meyer, and Huxten Wissing in your prayers as they continue to prepare for First Communion.

PRAYERS

- January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.
- **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2023: Educators**
  We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.
- On Sunday January 22 from 3 to 4 PM, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Hanefeldt will lead a Holy Hour praying for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are welcome. Please continue to provide prayers and petitions for the protection of the unborn. https://www.respectlife.org/january-22.