

# 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

### **Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date.

Marriage preparation sessions are required.

## PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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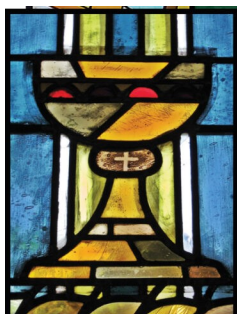
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand,

and helped her up.

Mk 1:30-31



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sat, Feb 3</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thomas Way; Doris Aman
<b>Sun, Feb 4</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Norton Thompson Parish Family
<b>Mon, Feb 5</b>	<b>ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN</b> No Mass
<b>Tues, Feb 6</b>  8:30 am	<b>ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</b> Adeline Konwinski
<b>Wed, Feb 7</b> 10:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Stephen Stoddard
<b>Thurs, Feb 8</b> 8:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Doris Johnson
<b>Fri, Feb 9</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> No Mass
<b>Sat, Feb 10</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parish Family
<b>Sun, Feb 11</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Carolyn Szubinski L/D member DeVries family

**SACRED SCRIPTURE****Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Agatha, Virgin</b> 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b> 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kgs 11:39-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Scholastica, Virgin</b> 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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**FROM FR. CHRISTOPHER EPPLETT....**

Lent is nearly upon us. As I mentioned last week, we will be shifting our Sunday Mass schedule to 10am beginning the first Sunday of Lent (February 18). Again, my hope is this will create a greater sense of community as the parish gathers with a larger representation than two smaller gatherings.

Lent is meant to recall the time Jesus spent in the desert, leading us into a desert of our own. We must challenge ourselves in going back to the basics, learning anew that it is ultimately God for whom we thirst. He, too, thirsts for us, which we will see most clearly and beautifully on the Cross at the end of the Lenten season.

During this liturgical season we are called to three actions: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are things we should be doing year round, but we have a particular focus on them during Lent.

The overall goal of these practices is a deeper repentance. The basic definition of "repent" means "change." This means we are called to pray, fast, and give alms during Lent to experience a core change in our lives. It's not as if I do something for Lent and then go right back to my old ways.

At the same time, I don't need to keep up my Lenten penance into the Easter Season. What should happen is that I have changed my outlook and habits in such a way that there is a permanent change within the core of who I am, resulting from those actions I practiced during Lent. Really, this is what living a virtuous life means -- continually practicing good habits until they become the default way I live.

As you consider how you want to approach Lent, please take advantage of opportunities at the parish and our neighboring parishes. For example, committing to daily Mass once or twice a week: Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am here (St. Jude also has an 8:30am Mass on Fridays). For those who work during the day, St. Alphonsus offers Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:15pm.

We will be adding some opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, which will be announced soon. These options exist at St. Alphonsus:

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Tuesday 6:45-8pm

Wednesday 5:30-6pm

Thursday and Friday 11:30am to 12:15pm

In the next couple weeks before Lent, I invite you to discern what the Lord is calling you to do this year. Ultimately, may all your Lenten practices cause you to draw closer to Him!

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Tues Feb 6:** 9:00am-1pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church  
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
 5:45-6:15pm Children's Choir rehearsal, MPR  
 6:15-6:45pm Honor Choir rehearsal, MPR  
 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR  
**Thurs Feb 1:** 6:30pm Religious Ed classes, school classrooms  
 7:00pm Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center

### HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We are always looking to keep our database updated. If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address, please let us know by calling the Parish Office, emailing us at church@bsacrament.net, or you can go to our website, under the tab "About Us" and use the form there to get us that info. Thanks for helping us keep our Parish records up-to-date.

### REVIVE BASKETBALL GROUP FOR WOMEN!

Blessed Sacrament Parish is hosting a basketball group for women! Did you used to play in school? Are you itching to play? Are you looking for a fun way to 'revive' not only your basketball skills but also your faith-based relationships? Then you are more than welcome to come and try it out! Whether you are in or out of shape, come and join us on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish Family Center. For more information please call/text Mary Pereira at 616-240-7896.

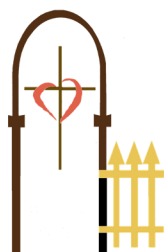
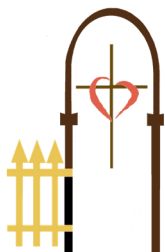
### STEWARDSHIP-WEEK OF JANUARY 27 & 28

<u>Week 31/52</u>	
Adult Envelopes (84 used)	\$7,628.00
Automatic Envelopes (53 used)	4,980.06
Youth	10.25
Loose Stewardship	321.50
<b>Total Stewardship this week</b>	<b>\$12,939.81</b>
YTD	\$379,431.47
Budget YTD	\$403,596.15
Last YTD	\$393,926.45
<b>5% Tithe this week</b>	<b>\$646.99</b>
YTD Tithe	\$18,971.57



### IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Marie Borek. Cards may be sent to Boulder Creek, 6070 Northland Dr NE #48, Rockford, 49341. Let Marie know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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## ENROLL AT ASA

Applications for new toddler - 8th grade students open Feb. 1st.

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Praise  
the Lord, who  
*heals*  
the broken  
hearted.

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