

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS Heals

HE CURED MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH VARIOUS DISEASES

Mark 1:34

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

† ST. JOSEPH

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MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER FOR

*Consecrated
Life*



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

MASS TIMES

7:00 AM

12:05 PM &

7:00 PM

Sts. Peter & Paul



NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B February 4, 2024

A middle aged man suffered a heart attack and died. His brother was distraught. He called his parish priest, informing Father of his brother's death and asking if the funeral Mass could be at the parish church. Father knew the dead man's reputation around town. He was a miserable husband, an abusive father, a cutthroat businessman and a mean boss. In fact, both brothers lived a life of scandal throughout the community. Father was a bit taken aback, wondering how he could celebrate a funeral Mass for such a disreputable man.

The brother then added, "Father, I would like to have you mention at the funeral Mass that my brother was a saint." Now, Father was in a real quandary. Everyone knew this man was more like the devil. Father thought for a moment. If he called this man a saint, he'd be telling a flat out lie.

Realizing that Father was hesitant, the brother tried to persuade the priest with a financial gift. The brother said, "Father, if you call my brother a saint during the funeral Mass. I will give you \$5,000 toward the new banquet hall you are building." Father thought a moment and accepted the deal. The brother wrote the check. The priest rushed to the bank to make sure that the check cleared. At the funeral the priest said, "Everyone knows that this man was a ruthless cutthroat and a callous scab head. However, compared to his brother. he was a saint!"

St. Paul reminds us today in our second reading that we are to be free from anxiety and worry. What good does it do to worry about things we have no control over? We must learn that each moment is a grace filled opportunity to live life in the love of God. Ultimately, that is what will matter in the end. Sometimes, like the priest in the story, you just have to get creative in what life gives you!

Jr. Vincent L. Pasoma

World Day for Consecrated Life

will be celebrated in Catholic Parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them.

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer for Consecrated Life: God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Hbly Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	2/5	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	2/6	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Liana Wroblewski
Wednesday	2/7	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † Matthew Parsons By Ray & Becky Murdock
Thursday	2/8	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † Daryl Platek By Marie Platek & Family
Friday	2/9	9:00 am Daily Mass (Brookfield) † Jackie Synowski By Dan & Barb McIntyre
Saturday	2/10	4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP) 5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † Joseph & † Victoria Radke By Shirley Hanisch & Family
Sunday	2/11	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Dan & Janet Reilly 10:00 am Mass (SPP) People of the Parishes

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 10TH - 11TH

May God Bless you & strengthen your faith through this ministry. Amen

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

SACRISTAN: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet

GREETERS: Jeanne & Larry Happ / Don & Becky Knox

LECTOR: Michael Happ

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Meagan Dubas / Larry Happ

SERVERS: Braxton Brennan

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREETERS: Jamie & Jenni Klanecky Family

LECTOR: Tara Sjuts

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kelli Seward / Connie Becker

SERVERS: Jace Klanecky / Ella Mottl / Hayes Mottl

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet

GREETERS: 6th Grade Religious Ed. Students

LECTOR: 6th Grade Religious Ed. Students

EM: Monte Brouillette / Chris Townsend / Frank & Mary Stepanek

SERVERS: Archer Shotkoski / Owen Shotkoski / Jamie Stepanek

TRI-PARISH YOUTH Religious Education

Preschool - 4th Grades: **Sundays 9-10am**
 5th - 11th Grades: **Wednesdays 7-8pm**
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Classrooms
 DREs ~ *Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418*
 If you are planning to go to a Summer Retreat, get registered before February 15 to get the discount.
You are doing a great job helping at Mass!

Faith-Filled Summer Youth Camps:

Higher Ground Extreme Faith Middle School, Higher Ground - High School, & Steubenville of the Rockies
 Registration opened **February 1, 2024**
 register by **February 15** to get Early Bird discount!
 Visit <https://www.gidiocese.org/youth-events> for camp dates & information.

Lenten Fish Fry

Serving Fridays 5-7 pm
 February 16th,
 March 1st and 15th



\$12 - ADULTS (13+)
\$5 - KIDS 6-12
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MEAL SERVED AT THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

FRIED & BAKED FISH
POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
SALAD
DINNER ROLL
DESSERT

Children's Rosary ~ Feb. 7 SPP 6:30pm
 Parents & Grandparents bring your children & all your petitions to our **Mother Mary**

2024 PRO-LIFE YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST due March 20

Information / requirements are available at the back of Church & at Religious Ed. classrooms. Top 3 from each grade can be submitted. Diocesan cash prizes for 1st to 3rd place for each grade level.

CCW Meeting - Monday, February 5

7:00PM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center
 All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!
Inviting all ladies 18 and older to consider a CCW officer position. Contact Shelly Johns if interested 308-571-0515. New officer installation will be at the February 5th meeting.

CCW All ladies of Parish over 18 are CCW members!
 Please put your **\$10 - 2024 annual dues** in a marked envelope in the collection or drop by the Church office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 1918 next Meeting:
Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 PM
at SPP Parish Center NW classroom

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If you would like to be on a call or text list to be contacted when there is a change in the daily Mass Schedule,

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

February 9-11 Lincoln, NE Contact Brenda 402-370-5839 for info./ also Virtual Encounter Weekends www.wmme.org

World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass Feb. 10th

Bishop Hanefeldt will be presiding, 5pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Anniversaries divisible by 5 will be honored, RSVP 308-379-9325. A free offering lasagna meal will follow.

Valentine Supper - February 10th 5:30-7pm

Enjoy a steak dinner including wine & dessert, \$40/person or \$300/table at St. Libory Parish Hall - Reservation due by Feb. 4 to Ken Kozisek 308-379-1949 Make checks payable to St. Libory Church, mail to 106 Eagle Rd St. Libory, NE 68872 with your info. Must be 21. Mass offered at 4:30pm with blessing of Husbands & Wives.

PRO-LIFE COFFEE with State Senators on February 17



at Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island. You are invited!
 Doors open at 8:30am, program runs 9-11am.

RSVP appreciated - <https://www.gidiocese.org/pro-life>
 The program will feature State Senators from central & south-central Nebraska. Senator Rick Holdcraft (Bellevue) will make a special presentation on his priority bill, the Newborn Safe Haven Act, LB 876. Program will provide an opportunity to learn about pro-life legislation in Nebraska and about defeating the pro-choice ballot initiatives.

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Registrations are open!
2024 CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST weekends are March 8-10 (Women's) and March 22-24 (Men's). At Camp Comeca in Cozad, you will experience how God's grace works in you and how you can share this grace with others. Visit gidiocese.org or scan this QR code to register!



Diocesan Appeal Giving Statements

Note from the Diocese: Appeal giving statements have been mailed out "to those who gave more than one donation during the calendar year with a total of \$250.00 or more".

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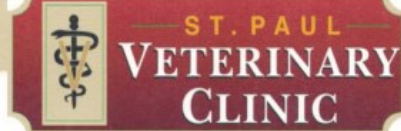
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Stations of the Cross - SJ February 23 @ 6PM

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St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039

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Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonian 5:17