

## **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

MASS INTENTIONS										
Mon.	Feb. 01	8:30am	Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. by Graziano Canini							
Wed.	Feb. 03	12 Noon	Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. by Graziano Canini							
Thurs	s. Feb. 04	8:30am	Edward Kavetsky Req. by Dan Kavetsky							
Fri.	Feb. 05	8:30am	For All Who Struggle with Addiction							
Sat.	Feb. 06	4:30pm	Virginia Pryce Req. by sister, Delores Evelyn Caldwell Req. by Rick & Linda Corrow							
Sun.	Feb. 07	9:00am	For Our Parish Family Edward Kavetsky Req. by Carmen & John Meconi Germano & Pierina Mularoni Req. by Graziano Canini							
		11:00am	Roman Dando Req. by Zofia Szymoniak Tadeusz Szymoniak Req. by Zofia Szymoniak Deceased Members of the Szymoniak Family Req. by Zofia Szymoniak							



#### Heavenly Father,

welcome Home those whom you have called from this world, especially:

#### Euginia Ozga & Loraine Sicks

and all the souls of our faithful. May they rest in peace. Amen



#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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If there are any names that can be <u>removed</u> from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

#### **OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

#### Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus taught in a synagogue on the Sabbath day and expelled (removed) an unclean spirit from a man. A synagogue is the Jewish place of worship, instruction and prayer. The Sabbath is the Jewish holy day of the week. The people in the synagogue were amazed Jesus taught with authority or "with power." "Unclean spirit" can be defined as bad feelings such as anger, jealousy, the feelings that disconnect us with God. Make a list of all the ways you may be disconnected with God; if you are mad at someone, if you hurt someone, when you forget to pray, and so on. How might we keep our heart and mind ready and accepting of God's love and presence?

In the coming weeks we will begin our journey through Lent. I will be hosting a Lenten ZOOM book study on Thursday mornings. It will begin the week after Ash Wednesday, on Thursday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am. Dates are February 24th thru March 31st. The last Zoom meeting would fall on Holy Thursday so we would conclude on the Wednesday March 31st the day before Holy Thursday. I will reveal the name of the book next week and add information to sign up. Thank you.

Giggles for the week...

What did the frog order at McDonald's? French flies and a Diet croak.

How do you throw a party on Mars? You planet. LOL!!!

Peace and Prayers,

Sabrina Queen

#### NOTES FROM PAUL

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." While this is the opening line from today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, this "regular" Paul wishes the same to each of you reading this bulletin. As this crazy world moves towards another Lent, I hope each of you can find a way to let a little of your anxieties go and grow in your trust in the Lord. I wish I could tell you the sure fire way to do this, but I am sure it is different for each of us, and it is something that I am working through myself. As many of us are thinking of what we would like to "give up" for Lent, maybe there are things that we can do that will help us move closer to God, and farther from anxiety. If watching (or listening) to the news makes you upset, maybe try tuning in to it for a shorter time each day, and reading the bible at that time instead. If there is a certain friend or family member, who has a way of making you anxious, maybe try praying a rosary for them instead of stewing over what they say after you talk. I am not advocating that you don't pay your mortgage or rent for 40 days because they stress you out. I am just challenging you to look for some anxiety that you can give up, trust God will handle it, and make more time for God at the same time. If you can find something, you will probably have a better lent than if you give up chocolate or coffee for another year.

God bless you,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate

Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our next High School Youth Group Meeting will be Monday, February 1 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the youth group room. Masks are required. All teens in Grades 9 -12 are welcome!

Our High School Teens had a discussion on Loving and Living with the Differences in Others and I wanted to share some of our discussion points on this topic. With all the challenges going on in the world today I think it is a good reminder for all of us. Have you heard the old saying "Don't Judge a Book by its Cover"? Which means simply that you shouldn't make assumptions about someone by just their looks. I think many of us have done that before at least once in our lifetime. As a society, we often undervalue those who are viewed as broken or damaged goods. Throughout salvation history God has used the efforts and talents of these dejected people to advance the Kingdom. One of the many examples of this is the Story of the Good Samaritan or Zacchaeus but there are many others. Sometimes we are so busy labeling ourselves and others that we forget or fail to see what matters—that we are all beloved, children of God. We get so caught up in judging others that we are unable to see them as God sees them. Every person has value and worth and in God's eyes that worth isn't about what we look like or what we can or cannot do. Our worth as God sees us is in the fact that we are God's precious creations, and he longs to have us turn from sin, return to him, and accept His love and the gift of Jesus' sacrifice. He longs for us to then share that great love with the rest of his beloved children. Pope Francis: "If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world."

Carol Nelius

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

#### **PSALM**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

#### SECOND READING:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,

so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

#### COSPEL:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;

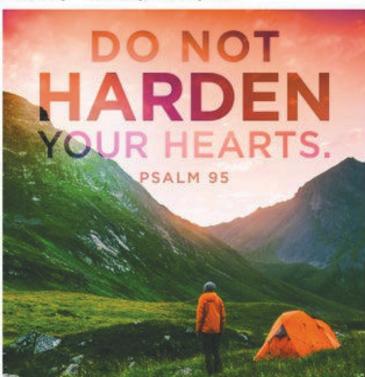
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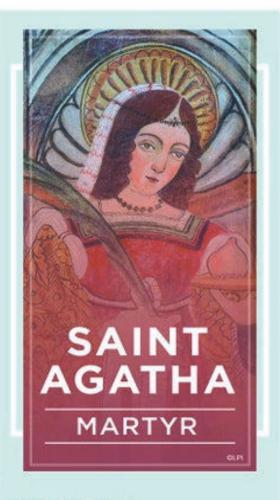
Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time





#### REFLECT

#### FIRST READING

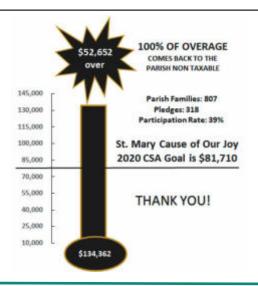
Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

#### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

#### GOSPEL READING

In the story of the healing of a demonpossessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT											
<u>Offertory</u>	Offertory #of Gifts		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>				
01/25/21	191	\$	9,072	\$	9,195	\$	(124)				
01/17/21	148	\$	5,696	\$	9,195	\$	(3,500)				
01/10/21	215	\$	10,248	\$	9,195	\$	1,053				
01/03/21	182	\$	10,701	\$	9,195	\$	1,506				
	Fiscal Year		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>				
	FY 20-21		\$ 278,051		\$ 275,838		2,212				
	FY 19-20	\$	298,502	\$ :	328,800	\$	(30,298)				
Christmas #of Gifts		Collected		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Variance</u>					
2020	311	\$	93,564	\$	51,500	\$	42,064				
2019	495	\$	104,765	\$	63,000	\$	41,765				

## Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm in the church. Bring your family Invite a friend! Next rosary will be Wednesday, February 3rd.

#### Eucharistic Exposition

Wednesdays 2:30—3:00pm

#### EMBRACING CHANGE IN CHRIST

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brandnew year. New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes. The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!" When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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#### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MINISTRY

Join us for FIRST SATURDAY Rosary and prayers to the Immaculate Heart at 4pm and Mass at 4:30pm.

Next mass will be Saturday, February 6, 2021. All Masses are in English.



#### **Puzzle Books for Veterans!**

During the month of February, we will be collecting puzzle books so we can donate them to Detroit Veteran's Hospital.

You can pick up the books at local dollar stores. There will be a collection box in the back of the church were you can drop them off, or give us a call and we can pick them up from you.

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- Jeff Burden, SK, Grand Knight





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Office Hours—closed for now Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm Friday: Closed

#### Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am **WED** 12:00 Noon SAT 4:30 pm **SUN** 9:00 am 11:00 am

Confession Saturdays: 3:30pm

#### **Baptisms**

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

#### Marriage

Arrangements must be made registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

#### **Anointing of Sick and** Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

#### **RCIA**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

#### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

#### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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