

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Charlie O’Roake)
- 10:15 AM—Retreat for Confirmation Candidates, Parents, and Sponsors
- 12:00 PM Altar & Rosary Soup, Salad, and Dessert Luncheon



"Fill the jars with water."
John 2:7

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Weekday, (2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Weekday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Weekday; *Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, followed by Coffee
- 6:30 PM—K thru 8 Faith Formation
- 6:30 PM—High school youth meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

- 7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Weekday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Weekday; *Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Kay Hardie)



"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."
Luke 4:18-19

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

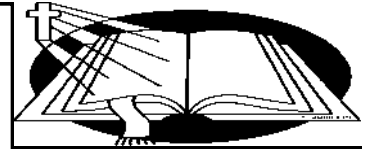
1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
Mk 3:7-12



Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8-10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Jan. 17—Altar & Rosary Society Soup, Salad, & Desert Lunch
- Jan. 17—Retreat for Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
- Jan. 21—Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 25—Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Life
- Jan. 28—Liturgy Committee meeting
- Jan. 28—Parish Council Meeting
- Feb. 6—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Basket Auction

Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Life

**Monday, January 25,
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**



Please join us and spend an hour in front of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as we pray that all life will be cherished as precious gift from God.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who stayed after church last week and helped put Christmas away. Your help was much appreciated.



**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
SOUP, SALAD, AND DESERT
LUNCH
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
MASS**

Please join us for a wonderful variety of soups, a loaded salad and desert bar. Free will offering.



New Coordinator of Faith Formation

Kirsten Royal has accepted the position of Coordinator of Faith Formation for our parish. Please welcome Kirsten as she learns the ropes of her new position. Kirsten may be reached through the office or at 641-275-2159 or kmroyal72@gmail.com.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Collection\$1,468.61
(\$77.00 auto-giving)
Food Pantry\$159.01

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**BASKET AUCTION, DINNER AND RAFFLE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Tickets are on sale before and after mass in the gathering space and are available from any Knight. See you there.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

This next week in January, we have several observances that deserve our attention. Monday is of course Martin Luther King, Jr. day—a day we pay respects to a man of peace and good-will who truly understood what it means when we say we are all God's children. King was a modern day prophet calling us back to all that God intended us to be. He paid the ultimate price for accepting God's call to be a prophet. On Monday, we should both honor him for what he did and for what he stood for and be thankful because God continues to send us prophets even if they make us uncomfortable. We need prophets to call us back to being God's children.

Monday is also the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we should constantly pray that all Christians will one day be united again as Christ and God intended, we set aside a week to pray especially for this. This is not just for Catholics but most Christian churches observe the week as a time for pray for unity. We must pray for Christian unity. It is a scandal that we all profess the same loving Father, creator of us all; the same savior, Jesus Christ, God among us, God become man; the same Spirit, our mentor, guide and protector; and one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and yet we gather in different buildings and different places each Sunday to worship and praise this trinity. We must ask for pardon for those things we have done to bring about this separation and pray for wisdom and understanding among all, so we can come back together again. Progress is being made, but we must pray for even more. Christ does not want to see his body fragmented.

Finally, Saturday, January 22, is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and a day of penance for crimes against life. In the words of our Bishops: *This day shall be observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life.* Abortion is not the only crime against life, and yet it is certainly a major one. We must do all we can so that no person in this country or world will ever feel that they have no other option but abortion. We must reach out to help those who find themselves in difficult pregnancies and we must reach out in love and healing to those who have suffered from abortion, both men and women. We must let all know that God is a loving and merciful God who always offers forgiveness but that he expects us to respect his gift of life.

So I urge you all to offer some sort of small penance for crimes against life next Saturday. I also urge you to pray that the culture of death that seems to be spreading across this country will be turned back and replaced by a culture of life that respects and cherish all life, from conception to natural death, as precious gift from God. Prayer can and does make a difference. We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for life from 6:30 to 7:30 on Monday, January 25. Please join us and spend an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for life.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe

No Social Action Committee Meeting this Month

Due to scheduling, the Social Action Committee meeting for January will be postponed until the third Tuesday of February.

Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador

A group will again be going down to El Salvador on a medical mission trip. Your support of them in the past has been most generous and they are grateful. The first-Sunday-of-the-month collection for February will support the mission trip.

List of Non-medicine Supplies for El Salvador

- * Sunglasses
- * Oral Hygiene: Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- * Toiletries: shampoo (no conditioner please), soap, combs, brushes, etc. (no lotions needed)
- * Educational supplies: Books in Spanish, paper, notebooks crayons, folders, rulers, pencils, sharpeners, glue, etc.
- * Baby bundle supplies: cloth diapers, diaper pins, onesies, t-shirts, receiving blankets, wash cloth/towels, caps, baby outfits, pajamas
- * Recreational items: stickers, bubbles, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, balloons, Frisbees, soccer items
- * Suitcases: medium or large size, sturdy

We will be collecting supplies through Feb 21st. Our departure date is Feb 27th.

They are also in need of old t-shirts, size L or XL, at least 80% cotton, any color. These will be made into diapers for the baby. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Dc. Joe and he will pass your name on.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes will meet this week, Jan. 20, at 6:30 as usual.

Dear Members of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Churches:

On Tuesday I had surgery in which 12 inches of my colon was removed. Later Wednesday afternoon I was moved from Intensive Care to a regular room at the Grinnell hospital.

This recovery will be slow, but at least I should now be finished with the diverticulitis pain which has plagued me for several months.

Thanks for your interest, prayers, cards, concern, and visits. As of Friday morning when the bulletin was printed I am still at the hospital. When I am able to return to Newton my scheduled will be reduced and subject to change.

Thanks so much for everything.

Fr. Bill Reynolds

A Stewardship Moment

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Ministers: January 17, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Nancy Webb & Sharon Jones
Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Hayden & Lisa Bussan
Altar Servers: Dane Owens & Rita Krueger
Greeters: Bob & Joyce Brown

Ministers: January 24, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Rita Krueger & Phil Webb
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Birkenholtz & Susan Heggen
Altar Servers: Mackenzie Bussan & Lisa Bussan
Greeters: Wood Family



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Greg Ernst, nephew of Rita Krueger
Julia Jorensen, niece of Mary May
Wes and Donna Koebrick (parents of Linda Barnum)
Jeannette Weldon, mother of Irma Bell
JoAnn Besler, sister of Karen Van Dusseldorp
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For our parish and our faith formation program.
For all who have died and for vocations.



Nine Days for Life A Novena for Life

Our Bishops have asked us to join in a novena for life, 9 Days for life. You may learn about this by going to www.usscb.org, the Bishops' web site, and at the top of the page, you will see "9 days for life." You can download an app that will send you daily prayers and meditations. You can also receive them by email or text. If none of those work for you and you would like to participate, I have also run copies of the novena that you can pick up in the gathering space. While the novena actually starts on Saturday, January 16, it is never too late to join in. Please pray for life.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Marianne Cope 1838–1918

Memorial—January 23

Marie Anna Barbara Koob was born in Germany and moved to the United States with her family when she was two years old. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York, taking the name Marianne, and served for 20 years as a teacher and hospital administrator. In 1883, she traveled with six sisters to Hawaii to minister to people with Hansen's disease, then known as leprosy. In 1888, they opened a home on Molokai for women and girls with the disease and continued the work of St. Damien de Veuster after his death. Mother Marianne died on Molokai; her feast is her birthday. At her canonization in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI called her "a shining example of the tradition of Catholic nursing sisters and of the spirit of her beloved St. Francis."



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
More Holy Humor

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

WE MADE IT

Thanks to your generosity, we have reached our goal and passed it by a little. Any extra will come back to the parish.

Cancellations Due to Weather

Winter is back. A reminder of cancellation policies. Sunday morning services will not be cancelled unless it is so bad that Dc. Joe can't make it to the church. But he doesn't live very far away so that seldom happens. If it does, he will send out an email, post it on the web site, www.immaculateconceptioncolfax.org, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO. If Father can't make it from Newton, we will have a communion service.

The obligation to attend mass on Sunday is very serious but God certainly does not want you to risk your life or your health to attend mass. Always use your best judgment.

Religious Ed. If the Colfax-Mingo or PCM schools are dismissed early because of weather, classes are automatically cancelled. (This does not of course include scheduled early out days.) If classes are cancelled, Dc. Joe will send out an email, post it on the web site, and put it on KCOB, KCCI, and WHO. Faith Formation staff will also try to call families. Again, always use your best judgment.

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.