

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Barb Hanna)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday (4)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Weekday; *Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr;*
Saint Ansgar, Bishop

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Saint Miki and companions, Martyrs

- 5:30 PM—Knights' dinner and basket auction



"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"
Luke 4:22

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13

Ps 3:2-7

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:14-18

Ps 24:7-10

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2,9-17

Ps 32:1-2,5-7

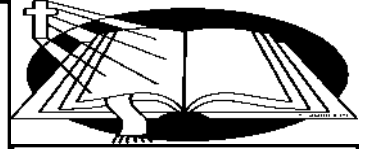
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b

Mk 6:7-13



Friday

Sir 47:2-11

Ps 18:31,47,50-51

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Ps 119:9-14

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a,3-8

Ps 138:1-5,7-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11

Lk 5:1-11

SOME DATES TO NOTE

Feb. 6—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Basket Auction

Feb. 10—Ash Wednesday

Feb. 11—Knight's Dinner and Meeting

Feb. 14—Altar & Rosary Meeting

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.

Special One-time Collection in Response to National Disasters

In response to the many devastating natural disasters in the United States the USCCB is requesting that the dioceses of the United States hold a special one-time collection to provide much-needed assistance. We held our collection last week and collected \$348.81. However, if you were unable to contribute but still want to, just turn in an envelope marked National Disasters Response or note it in the check memo. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Collection.....	\$1,215.40
(\$77.00 auto-giving)	
Catholic Messenger	\$262.00
Response to National Disasters	\$348.81



"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."
Luke 5:5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Marguerite Hamer) second collection to support El Salvador Mission Trip



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BASKET AUCTION, DINNER AND RAFFLE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
GREAT MEAL, \$10/ADULTS, \$5/KIDS
BASKET AUCTION
50/50 DRAWING
RAFFLE DRAWING (NEED NOT BE
PRESENT TO WIN)**

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

Parish financial reports for the first half of the fiscal year are available in the gathering space. Your individual contribution statements are also available. I am pleased to report the regular income for the parish for the first half of the year is up just a little bit. Last year, our regular income went down, a trend that can not continue. At this time of year, I want to remind you of two things, intentional giving and auto-giving.

Intentional giving, have you actually figured out what percent of God's blessings you are giving back to God—to the parish, the diocese and other charities. Of course the standard is tithing, 10%. What percent are you giving and can you increase that amount a step or two.

Auto-giving is safe, reliable, and easy. No more scrambling to write checks at the last minute. Please consider signing up. It is the best way to be sure that what you intend to give to the parish is actually given to the parish.

And now an article on Martyrs

Martyrs by Fr. Larry Rice

Recently, on the feast day of the first martyrs of the Church of Rome, I was reflecting on exactly what a martyr is and why they are important to us. In recent times, the term *martyr* has been erroneously applied to people like suicide bombers and terrorists. But for Christians, a martyr isn't one who commits suicide for an ideology.

A martyr is someone who holds on to their faith, even in the face of overwhelming, mortal force. During the Roman persecutions, Christians were ordered to renounce their faith or be put to death. And many lost their lives rather than abandon their faith. But what made them martyrs, and worthy of veneration, was their unwavering refusal to recant. They didn't desire to die, but if death was a consequence of their steadfastness, they were willing to accept that consequence.

From the earliest days of the Church, the martyrs were revered, and their tombs became places of worship. As an expression of the community's faith in God's ultimate justice, the martyrs were venerated as people who were most certainly with God in heaven. The catacombs in Rome have not only the graves of the martyrs, but also gathering places and altars where the Church would celebrate the Eucharist. For centuries this tradition lived on through the practice of placing a relic of a saint beneath a stone within the altars of all Catholic churches.

Ultimately, the martyrs are beacons of hope for us. By their willingness to sacrifice themselves rather than surrender their faith, they show God's grace "shining through our human weakness." A martyr isn't someone who seeks their own death but someone who holds on to their faith, even in the face of a mortal threat, trusting in God's ultimate justice. *Fr. Rice is vocations director for the Paulist Fathers. Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission*

God's abundant blessings
Dc. Joe

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Each week, The Catholic Messenger reflects the life of the church throughout the world with an emphasis on diocesan news, parishes, and our Catholic schools. Learn about how other Catholics are living out their faith, and the joys and struggles that come with it. This year we'll also share inspiring stories related to the Year of Mercy. The cost for a subscription is the same as last year -- \$29 -- and this includes 50 issues in print and/or E-edition. This is a real value for what The Catholic Messenger brings to you. Subscribe now through your parish. Subscription forms are available in the gathering space and envelopes are available in your envelope packet

WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER THIS WEEK.

- ⇒ Sisters of St. Francis-Clinton celebrate and reflect on their roots.
- ⇒ SJV-Bettendorf and OLOR-LeClaire cancel Haiti mission trips.
- ⇒ Application, formation process for Deacon Class VIII begins this fall.
- ⇒ Fr. Doyle responds to a question about distractions at Mass.
- ⇒ March for Life marks 43rd anniversary of Roe decision.
- ⇒ Hope inspires Egyptian artist's effort to seek peace.
- ⇒ Spanish page: Oskaloosa retreat in Feb.; columns on mercy, Unbound.
- ⇒ Opinions: Fr. Rolheiser explores blessings; C. Winter writes on Islam.
- ⇒ Messenger Editorial: get ready to caucus.



Lenten Opportunities

Adoration: Starting on Friday, February 12, we will have a half hour of adoration beginning at 6:00 PM.

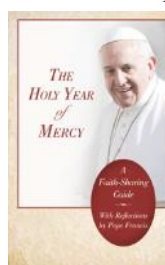
Stations of the Cross. Starting on Friday, February 12, we will pray the stations of the cross at 6:30 PM and closing with evening prayer. (You may come for adoration, for the stations, or for both.)

Communion Service: We will have our regular communion service on Wednesday morning at 9:00.

Communal Reconciliation: Communal reconciliation service will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 PM. (Other opportunities in the area will be listed in the bulletin in the future.)

The Word Among Us (Regular and Pocket Edition), and The Little Black Book: These daily meditation books are in the gathering space for you to take. They each offer a different daily meditation.

Rice Bowl: The rice bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice bowl is a perfect way to observe the three practices of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.



Discussion Groups on the Holy Year of Mercy: A collection of homilies by Pope Francis on Mercy. Groups will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM, and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. These gatherings will begin on Wednesday, February 17. The books and sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space next weekend.

If you would like to read the book but can't attend any of the small group sessions, you may read it on your own. If there is enough interest, we might try an on-line discussion group.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Ministers: January 31, 2016—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joann Carrothers & Linda Barnum
Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp
Altar Servers: Brooke Dross & Meta Hill
Greeters: Bussan Family
Ministers: February 7, 2016—11:00 AM
Lectors: Mary Dell Flattery & Laurie Moffitt
Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Bell & Claire Williams
Altar Servers: Alexis Dross & Sharon Jones
Greeters: Bill & Meta Hill



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.



Flu Season is Here

While we will not be making any changes to the liturgy at this time please keep the following in mind:

Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time of concern, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

Sign of Peace: Members of our congregations should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "Peace be with You", to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.

Reception of Holy Communion: While it is the teaching of the Church that the Fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist, under the form of the Host that is distributed at the Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

AGATHA: third century Memorial—February 5

As with other early Christian martyrs, the details of Agatha's story are based on Christian tradition and legend. The Sicilian-born virgin was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Decius, who ruled from 249-51. She was sent to a brothel in an attempt to force her to repudiate her vow of chastity, but she remained steadfast. Amid this ordeal, her breasts were cut off. Healed when St. Peter appeared to her in prison, she died a few days later from further torture. Popular devotion to Agatha soon spread, and she was added to the Roman Canon of the Mass in about 600.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

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

Aphorism: [a short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth]

- Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- Scratch a cat . . . and you will have a permanent job.
- No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
- There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

Cathedral Sunday: February 7

Bishop Martin Amos has designated the 2nd Sunday in February as Cathedral Sunday, an event recognizing Sacred Heart as the Mother Church of our diocese! Dedicated November 14, 1891 this beautiful church deserves the recognition, support and monetary benefits to preserve its spiritual and architectural integrity. Please join Bishop Amos and Catholics throughout the Diocese with your personal support of Cathedral Sunday and help our Mother Church of the Davenport Diocese maintain our spiritual presence in the Midwest .

A Stewardship Moment

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?

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.