

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 01/14/2018

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Outreach Committee meets on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 PM in the Club Room

PSR classes continue on Saturdays at 10 AM in the St. Francis Room

Every Day: Say one prayer in thanksgiving, one prayer for someone other than yourself, and one prayer for the Church

PRO-LIFE CORNER: PRO-LIFE WORDS

“Indeed the tragedy of abortion haunts women from all walks of life. Abortion advocates are spending millions to package their tired rhetoric and half-truths in cutting-edge advertising campaigns targeted to young women...

The early feminists were pro-life. And really, abortion is a huge disservice to women, and it hasn't been presented that way." -- Emmy winning actress, Patricia Heaton

www.priestsforlife.org

REFLECTION - In today’s readings God has something very special He wants to communicate to each one of us. The story of Samuel we heard in the first reading is a story that we should make our own. The story in today’s Gospel account is a story we should likewise make our own. For God is calling us and inviting us to come and stay with Him. to come and be close to Him.

I don’t know how we pray our morning prayers but I would suggest that a good way to start our day is to repeat Samuel’s words each morning. When we begin the day with our first morning thoughts about God say: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” And then at the close of each day when we interpret the events of the day and try to make some sense out of them, repeat Samuel’s words: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Each time we pray, after having told God about all that’s happening in our lives and about all that we need from Him, say: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

- Fr. Caroli B. Shao, AJ

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, JANUARY 20 & 21

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity.

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. Simply write SVDP on the memo line and your donation will stay right here to help your friends and neighbors at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Thank you for your prayers, your help and your continued financial support!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASSTIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Jan. 13 & 14	Rev. Franz	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka
Jan. 20 & 21	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

January 6 & 7 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$2,833.12 Children: \$6.00 (6)
Issued: 226 Returned: 72
Food Pantry: \$90.00
Maintenance: \$40.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Please pray for the following:

Patricia Burfield	Deacon Moises Cruz	Burley Blankenship
Chris Rose	Sidonia & Hans Speier	Roger Gregory
Mike Schmidt	Ann Miller Kufner	Agnes Hogan
Sharon Sneed	Victoria Bailey	Judith Kenny
Michalyn Blasius	Lawrence Blasius	Frances Hasentaub
Dolores Bompiedi		Streeter Speakman

The clients served by our Community Kindness Food Pantry.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>January 13 & 14</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Steve McElroy	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	The Minarik Boys

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>January 20 & 21</u>			
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Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Candra Krusch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 01/14 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
 Wednesday: St. Anthony
 Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-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: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

MASS FOR LIFE on January 22, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass is celebrated on the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Many who are attending the March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19, will have the opportunity to participate within our diocese also this year. A Rosary for Life will follow the Mass. Please contact Peggy Gerovac at 216-334-2965 or pmgerovac@ccdacle.org with any questions or concerns.

ATTENTION RETIREES – The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting new volunteers. The IVC is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their time and talents to help others. IVC volunteers commit 1 or 2 days per week to work directly with organizations that address the issues that affect the poor. For more info call Ginny Pippin at 216-574-6300.

Saturday, January 13 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
†† Dawn & Russell Sutherland

Sunday, January 14 Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of the Kroesen & Lee Families

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
Second Sunday after Epiphany

† Joseph Harrison

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass

† Robert Greve

† Maryanne Keller Greve

Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni

Monday, January 15 Chapel

6:30 PM † Catharyn Riley

Tuesday, January 16 Church

7:00 AM Latin Mass (St. Marcellus, Pope & Martyr)
† John Zimmer

6:30 PM (Chapel)

† Allen Werter

Wednesday, January 17 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Anthony, Abbot)
† Ann Deike

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, January 18 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)

† Dorothy Blasius

Friday, January 19 Chapel

6:30 PM † Edward Jankowski

Saturday, January 20 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
†† Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

Sunday, January 21 Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
Third Sunday after Epiphany

† Mary Meluch

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Chrisann Blankenship

† Dawn Tucker

† Theresa Dailey

Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

Deceased Members of the Smith Family