

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions

1/31/21 For the People of the Parish
 2/1/21 Bryan Sieben
 2/6/21 Philomena Andrews

Week of January 24 - 30, 2021

Income \$1,883.26
 CCD \$132.00
 Church in Latin America \$681.00
 Expenses \$7,190.15

Birthday List

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| William Borel | 2/1 |
| Kelsey Provost | 2/2 |
| Severo Saavedra | 2/3 |
| Gloria Jacobs | 2/5 |
| Christopher Sparks | 2/5 |
| Natalie Wilson | 2/5 |

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Thursday. The minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall for your viewing.

January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you, Steven Sovereign for leading our BFA effort this year! I appreciate your dedication! I know how difficult the past year has been for all of us. Yet, God continues to bless us lavishly. Participating in the BFA is a great way to give thanks to God and also help our parish church.
 - *Father Ross+*

Mass will not be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week. The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be prayed on Wednesday at 6pm. The St Blaise's Blessing of Throats will be prayed at the end of the Liturgy on Wednesday. The First Saturday Mass will be offered on February 6 at 11:00.

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church teach?

"When the Church asks publicly and authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism. Jesus performed exorcisms and from him the Church has received the power and office of exorcizing. (Mk.1:25-26) In a simple form, exorcism is performed at the celebration of Baptism. The solemn exorcism, called 'a major exorcism,' can be performed only by a priest and with the permission of the bishop. The priest must proceed with prudence, strictly observing the rules established by the Church. Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or to the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to his Church. Illness, especially psychological illness, is a very different matter; treating this is the concern of medical science. Therefore, before an exorcism is performed, it is important to ascertain that one is dealing with the presence of the Evil One, and not an illness." - *from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1673*

In the Gospel (Mark 1:21-28), when Jesus drives out a demonic spirit his teaching is recognized as a "completely new teaching," namely, teaching presented "with authority." This completely new teaching "frightens" people. They see the proof of newness in the deliverance from the demon, but this can at most only be a confirmation of his authority, not the doctrine itself. The decisive point is found at the opening of the Gospel: Jesus teaches in the synagogue "and the people were astonished at his teaching." His "divine authority" was apparent in the teaching itself, distinguishing it from the teaching of "the scribes." The new doctrine demands a radicality in obedience to God that is completely different from the legalistic strictness required by the scribes. This radicality by no means requires a flight from the world, rather, in the midst of the world and its work and drudgery it calls to a life lived undividedly, solely for God and according to his command. This command is both infinitely simple and infinitely demanding. Jesus constantly repeated it: love God above all else and love your neighbor as yourself. - *from Light of the Word, by Hans Urs von Balthasar*



Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, Stan Davis