

Notes from Elizabeth

- ✘ Contribution statements were emailed to you. Those who requested printed copies should have receive them in the mail. Please let us know if you need a mailed copy.
- ✘ Coffee & donuts is today! Please join us inn Galvin Hall after mass.
- ✘ Mark your calendars! March 15 will be our Gift Card Bingo Fundraiser at West Vigo High School. Tickets will be sold next weekend after mass.
- ✘ Next Sunday, Feb. 8 is World Marriage Day. We will be blessing all married couples during mass.

Ordinary Time may feel uneventful, but it is doing something essential.

It is quietly preparing us for Lent.

Before the Church asks us to fast, repent, and carry the Cross, she first teaches us who Jesus is and how He walks. Ordinary Time unfolds Christ's teachings, parables, miracles, and daily obedience. It forms the mind and heart before demanding sacrifice.

Lent is not meant to come as a shock. It grows naturally out of Ordinary Time. What we hear in green vestments becomes what we practice in purple ones. The lessons of patience, humility, mercy, and faithfulness slowly shape us so that repentance is real, not forced.

There is also a pastoral wisdom here. The Church knows that conversion cannot be rushed. Ordinary Time builds spiritual stamina. It strengthens roots so that when Lent arrives with its call to self-denial, the soul does not collapse under the weight.

Ordinary Time also reveals something about Jesus Himself. Before the Cross, there were years of walking, teaching, praying, and serving. Lent mirrors that movement toward Jerusalem, but Ordinary Time shows us the daily faithfulness that made the sacrifice possible.

This season teaches us to listen before acting, to follow before suffering, and to trust before surrendering everything. Without Ordinary Time, Lent would be harsh and disconnected. With it, Lent becomes a response to a relationship already formed.

So Ordinary Time prepares us quietly, patiently, almost invisibly, just like God often works.

When Lent finally arrives, it does not interrupt our journey rather it completes the preparation that Ordinary Time has been patiently building all along.

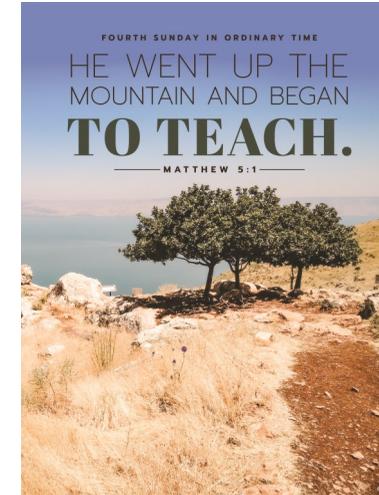
Now you know.

~taken from Catholic Dalies

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February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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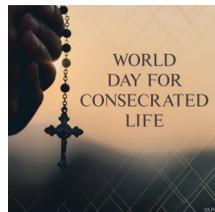
Confessions—Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm
at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony
are arranged by calling the Parish Office to
schedule preparation.

Liturgical Ministers

Date	February 1	February 8
Lector	Patty Curley	Youth
Server	Vivian Sereno	Owen Ramsey
Ushers	Owen Ramsey & Jody Stafford	Youth
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Norris & Carol Cummins	Lana Thralls & Krista Toney
Counters	Sarah Hartzler & Tom Mckinney	Kay & Terry Jatczak
Cleaners	Sheila Stultz	

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO FOR FEBRUARY

For children with Incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Intentions:

February 1 St. Mary's Village Church
February 8 +Mary Winters

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Chris Marrs 2-1
Terry & Kay Jatczak 2-25



Birthday Blessings to:

Amelia Vest 2-3
Bonnie Warn 2-4
Hank Richey 2-4
Jan Garzolini 2-5
Shannon Corbett 2-5
Jessica Leclerq 2-7



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PRAYER REQUESTS

David Auterson Dick Stultz
Flo Callahan Jeanette Stultz
Ray Edwards Dave Sullivan
Jane Frazier
Dan Kane
Rosie Meehan

Youth Liturgy

The youth will participate in Mass on
Sunday, Feb. 8.

Finance Report

There is no collection report since we did not have mass last weekend.

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR

SUPERBOWL



It will be held Friday, February 6 from 6-7pm. Chili will be provided as well as tea and lemonade. Please bring a "tailgate" food to share, as well as your quarters and your dollar bills. Hope you all can make it because we always have a great time!



St. Blaise | February 3

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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