

# January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MAKE US READY, LORD.

Lord, we trust you to be present for us.

*Until then we try to catch just a glimpse of you:  
in midnight stars and geese in flight;  
planets on path, a child's face;  
each sorrow and all joy.*

*We look for you in the homeless, hungry,  
in immigrants and victims of bias,  
in caretakers of the environment and the sick.*

*Please bless our searching for you,  
flasks full and lamps trimmed.  
Let us find you in all things.*

(Copyright 2023, Anne M. Osdieck, Used with permission)

## The Beautiful Beatitudes

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy and righteousness. The Ten commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the Beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven. + (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 29 – Bob and Sharon Miller  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
February 5 – Dale Tunny  
February 12 – Sister Shirley

## MASS INTENTIONS

January 28 – Pat and Marjorie Haunert  
January 29 – Dale Tunny  
February 4 – Bob and Sharon Miller  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
February 5 – Pauline Witkemper

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 4 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner  
*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner  
*Eucharist Minister:* Roseann Wirth

### Sunday – February 5 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Donna Harlemert, Arlene Gehl  
*Gifts:* Greg and Amy Kinker  
*Eucharist Minister:* Amanda Schutte

### Saturday – February 11 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Morgan Busch, Allie Harmeyer  
*Lector:* Tara Johannigman  
*Gifts:* Ken and Terry Harmeyer  
*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – February 12 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell  
*Gifts:* Ken and Janice Fry  
*Eucharist Minister:* Cindy Weisenbach

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$1193.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.00
Loose Collection	\$ 141.00
Total Regular Collection	\$1338.00
Capital Improvement	\$130.00
Latin America	\$126.00
Criterion	\$80.00

## **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH!**

*Gracious God, you who have blessed us so richly,  
please give us the grace to be a blessing to others. We  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Redemptorists)*

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** – Congratulations to **Bob and Sharon Miller**, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 3. May God bless you with every good gift!

**ADORATION** – **Please Note:** There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of February, the 3rd. Instead, Adoration will be held on Friday, February 24, 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and all the other Fridays of Lent.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Committee #2 with Susan Pahner as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of February. Thank you, ladies, for keeping our church clean.

**MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE** – The Mary & Martha Circle will meet in the Hall on Thursday, February 2, at 6:00 PM, to start planning for the Spring Smorgasbord. Anyone who would like to help is most welcome and urged to attend!

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room after the Masses. Roseann Wirth and Katie Spreckelson will be there to assist you.

**PICK POCKETS** – Next weekend, our Pick Pockets will resume collecting money for the Ripley County Food Pantry. Let's join them in their efforts.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 to 1:00, and from 2:30 until 5:00. Donors can schedule online at [www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon) or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394.

**SOUP LUNCHEON** – The soup luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, following the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule asking for parishioners to make the soup.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED** – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, February 1, 6:45 PM.

**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Grades 6 through 12 will meet next weekend, February 5, at 8:30 AM.

**ADDITIONAL 2023 DATES**

February 19, 11:00 AM – Soup and Salad Luncheon  
April 6 – Holy Thursday  
April 7 – Good Friday  
April 9 – Easter Sunday  
May 5-6 – Spring Rummage Sale  
June 11 – First Communion Mass  
September 22 – Feast of St. Maurice  
October 6-7 – Fall Rummage Sale

**Please Note:** Fr. Dan Bedel was scheduled to celebrate Masses here on the weekend of March 18-19. Because of his duties at the seminary, that date had to be changed to **April 29-30**.

**4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

February 4 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner  
February 11 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch  
February 18 – Steve Gilland, Ken Hellmich  
February 25 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch

**10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

February 5 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner  
February 12 – George and Mary Bultman  
February 19 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
February 26 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

**ASH WEDNESDAY GREETERS - 7:00 PM**

February 22 – Paul Simon, Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner (3rd for Side Door and Hall, if needed)

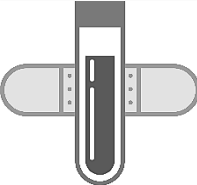

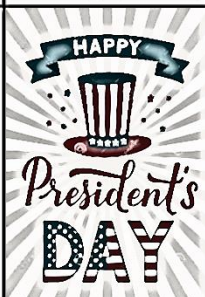

**WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS** – What does...blessed mean? The original term does not mean one with a full belly...but rather it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in God's grace and progresses on God's path: patience, poverty, service to others, comfort...Those who advance in these things are happy and shall be blessed. (General Audience, January 29, 2020)

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Reminiscing about the sorely missed great clean comedians of yesteryear, JN consulting editor George Goldtrap of Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, a humor historian, recalled Red Skelton appearing at a concert in Nashville, TN.

At a press conference, Skelton was asked why he did not use the foul language embraced by many other comedians.

"Because, why would people pay to hear me say words they can read on the restroom walls for free?" Skelton replied. (The Joyful Noiseletter)

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
RE Classes 8:30 AM  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM			RE Classes 6:45 PM	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Feast of St. Blaise  NO ADORATION: See February 24	Mass 4:00 PM  Blessing of Throats  Pick Pockets  Blood Pressure Checks
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Blessing of Throats Pick Pockets Blood Pressure Checks Donuts and Coffee		 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
RE Classes 8:30 AM SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM  Donuts and Coffee		Happy Valentines Day 	RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM  SOUP LUNCHEON AFTER MASS			ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fast and Abstinence</i>  RE Children 6:45 PM  MASS & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM		ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8:00 - Noon  WAY OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM  Day of Abstinence	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
RE Classes 8:30 AM  FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 10:00 AM  Donuts and Coffee				<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b>   For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.		