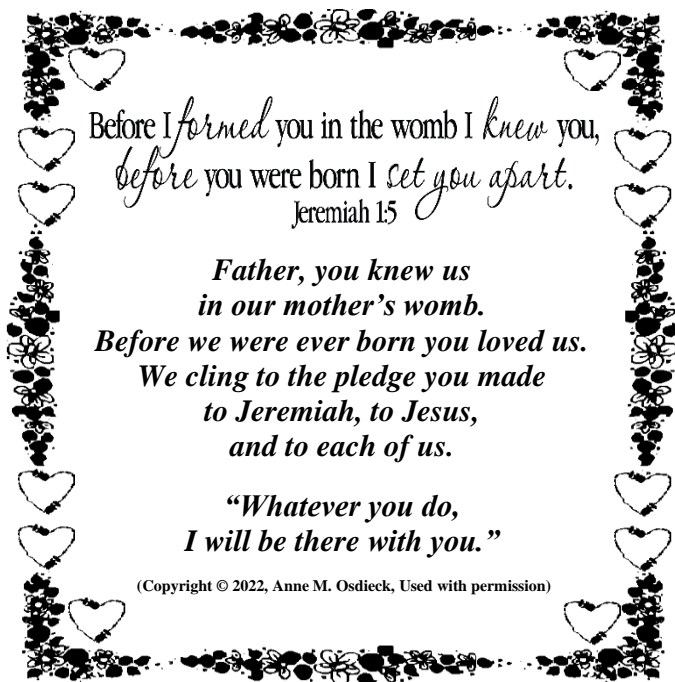


# January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Developing the Strength of a Prophet

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was the knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them. + (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 30 – Tony Wagner  
February 6 – Theodore and Matilda Mistler  
February 13 – Jim and Ruby Freeman

## MASS INTENTIONS

January 29 – Harold Huff  
January 30 – Dale Tunny  
February 5 – Julie Eckstein  
February 6 – Walter Hermesch

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 5 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff  
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner  
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

### Sunday – February 6 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Ron Bauerle  
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert  
Eucharist Minister: Susan Schutte

### Saturday – February 12 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke  
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford  
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – February 13 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Julie Stephens  
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry  
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2805.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 14.60
Loose Collection	\$ 252.00
Total Collection	\$3071.60
Latin America	\$315.00
Criterion	\$170.00
Utilities	\$100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR "TREASURE" THIS WEEK!

*"Lord, your love never fails. Help me to embrace life with gratitude and love and joyfully welcome all people into my heart."*

(From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

**REST IN PEACE** – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of John Volz, whose Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at St. John, Osgood. May God welcome John to Eternal Life!

**LOVE IS** – In today's second reading we hear one of the best-known and loved passages in Scripture. It deals with the ordinary, everyday kind of love that ordinary living requires. Paul describes this kind of love more by telling us what love is not than what it is. Love is not jealous, pompous, rude...He's not describing those experiences of love that we refer to as falling in love. He is talking about the ordinary experience of living with other people, some of whom we may not like a whole lot, but whom we learn how to be kind to nevertheless. Practicing this ordinary kind of love doesn't always sweep us off our feet, but it does bring a kind of joy, because our vocation and our fulfillment in life is to learn how to love one another.

**FAITH FORMATION** – Our Faith Formation Committee met last week. Among our discussion was a Soup and Salad Supper with a prayer service to be held on Sunday, March 20. You might want to jot that on your calendar.

**ENGAGED COUPLES** – Remember in prayer our 2022 engaged couples: Abby Wagner and Bailey Wilder to be married on June 11; Tara Ricke and Kyle Johannigman to be married on September 17. May God prepare their hearts for the Sacrament of Marriage.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Among their discussion was a possible drive-thru meal to benefit a health clinic in Haiti. More information on that topic will follow at a later time. They also discussed the upcoming synod called for by Pope Francis. Members responded to the following questions: 1) How have you been blessed by the church and how have you been hurt? 2) How have you been blessed/hurt by the parish? 3) How can parishes do a better job of listening? Committee reports were also given.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Preschool through Grade 5 will have religion class on Wednesday, February 2, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on Sunday, February 6, 8:30 AM.

**MASSES** – Your intentions will be included in three Masses offered at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 15, from 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM. If you are able to donate blood, make an appointment online at [hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon), or call Arlene at 812-614-3388. All donors will receive a fleece blanket as a thank you.

**WITH MARY** – A special time of reflection, prayer, and song in relation to our Mother Mary to be held at St. Mary's Parish in Greensburg on Sunday, February 6, 2:00 PM. Presenters are Don and Jennifer Blankman.

**GIVEAWAY** – Want a chance to win two free tickets to the E-6 Men's Conference, and two free tickets to the 2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference? Make a purchase at St. Joseph's Shop, visit the store, or call to enter the drawing. The E-6 Conference will take place on Feb. 22, and the Cincinnati Men's Conference take place on April 2nd. St. Joseph's Shop, Batesville, IN, 812-932-1286




**QUESTIONS TO PONDER** – Do I have the courage to share the gospel truth? Do I show my faith in charitable thoughts, actions, and words?

**QUOTE** – Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him. (Francois Fenelon)

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart. (Journey to the Philippines, January 16, 2015)

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – The starting point of our spiritual life has two principles: there is a God, and it is not you! (Fulton Sheen)

# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM  <i>Feast of Presentation of the Lord</i>		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon  	Mass 4:00 PM  Pick Pocketers
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Mass 10:00 AM  Pick Pocketers  BAPTISM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Mass 4:00 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Religious Education Classes 8:30 AM  Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM	<b>Presidents' Day</b>	<i>Feast of Chair of St. Peter</i>  	Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
RE Classes 8:30 AM  Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM  Liturgy Committee Decorate for Lent			<b>The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month:</b> <b>Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women:</b> We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.			