

January 25, 2026
**THIRD SUNDAY in
 ORDINARY TIME**

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mt 4:19

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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Online giving is now available.

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

Liturgical Roles

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 31, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lucianna & Clara Horrell
Lector: Ernestine Bueter
Extraordinary Min. *Kyla Langston
Ushers: Derek & Chandler Jansen
Offertory: David & Katrina Green
Sacristan: Pam Horrell
Rosary: Pam Horrell

KC Sunday

Sunday, February 1, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Finn & Jacob Beussink
Lector: Annette Wiseman
Extraordinary Min.: *Ron Wesbecher, Jason Van de Ven, Matt Beussink
Choir Min.: Cody Van de Ven
Ushers: Butch Bueter, Joe Bohnsack
Offertory: KC Family of Month: Andrew Jansen Family
Sacristan: Anthony & Janet Jansen
Rosary: KC - Stan Seiler

Sunday, February 1, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sam & Autumn Landewege
Lector: Jeff Eftink
Extraordinary Min.: *Sarah Deck, Sheryl Eftink, Holly Hoesli
Choir Min.: Harlan Elfrink
Ushers: Doug Deck & Mark Deck
Offertory: Family of Leslie Meritt
Sacristan: Polly Mungle, Cassie Engelen
Rosary: Eva Dunn

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Extraordinary Minister for February 1: Caydence Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, January 26

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Joe Scharenborg **†** (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, January 27

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Melvin Holzum **†** (SJ)

Wednesday, January 28

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)
5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - Stanley Jansen **†** (SA)
6:30 - 8:00 PM - HS Youth Group (church office)

Thursday, January 29

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Ted & Katie Peters Family (SJ)

Friday, January 30

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - L/D Members Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)

Saturday, January 31

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)
(*St. Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass*)
6:00 PM - St. Anthony PCCW Meeting (Glennon Hall)

Sunday, February 1 (St. Blaise Blessing of Throats after both Masses)

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Ralph Beussink **†** (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - Leslie Meritt **†** (SJ)
1:30 PM - Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration (St. Mary's Cape)
5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

In Gratitude:

On behalf of St. John Church, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to an anonymous donor of The Jeremiah 29.11 Foundation for their incredibly generous gift of \$2500 to our parish. This gift will go towards the maintenance of our church. Thank you for your kindness and for being a silent blessing.

Please note that you can start to bring your 2025 Blessed Palms to Church for this year's ashes now. Do not throw them in your trash. They are a BLESSED Sacramental and must be disposed of properly by burning or bury them respectively. Please bring them to Church by Sunday February 8. A marked container will be in the vestibule.

Since the Feast of St. Blaise is on Tuesday, February 3rd, the blessing of the throats for the Feast of St. Blaise will be after all three Masses on January 31st at St. Anthony's and February 1st at St. John's.

February 2 is Candlemas and the Presentation of the Lord Jesus. Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple 40 days after His birth as prescribed by Jewish law. Jesus is "the Light to the Nations" as Simeon proclaims. On Jan 31st at St. Anthony's and February 1st at St. John's Father will have the blessing of candles for you to take home for your use. If you have special candles you would like blessed bring them also.

Remember Your Home Parish in Your Will:

As an act of faith and gratitude, consider remembering your home parish in your will. This lasting gift helps ensure that the Church which nurtured your faith may continue its mission for generations to come.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On July 20, 1969 astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped from the lunar module, Eagle. Just before his foot touched the moon, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." The same is true of the first words used to inaugurate the new age that began when he started to preach in Galilee.

Jesus says the time is fulfilled—God's promises are happening now in Him. We often wait for a better moment to change or to follow God more seriously. But Jesus calls us today: the kingdom is near in this Mass, in Confession, and in our daily choices—do not wait, step in now.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John are ordinary fishermen, not scholars or leaders. They responded without delay to the invitation of Jesus. Jesus meets them in their daily work and calls them to something greater. Your job, family life, and routine are the very places where Jesus meets you and invites you to share His love.

The Gospel says "at once"—they leave their nets and follow Jesus without delay. Following Christ means letting go of what holds us back, even good things like comfort or security. Each day, release worries, grudges, or distractions, and your quick "yes" will lead to real freedom and joy.

Jesus still walks by our "sea" today and says, "Come after me."

In the Eucharist, He invites us close; may we respond like the first disciples, with open hearts and ready steps.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant me a listening heart and generous courage to respond without delay to Your loving call and follow You faithfully each day

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Don't Forget to Register for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress!



Space is limited. Registration is \$10 per person with a max cost of \$25 per household.

Scan the QR code or visit the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage to register or for info: <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>

Adult Education Notes

To follow Christ Jesus, to be his disciple, is both gift and vocation: a gift given at Baptism, and a call, in the words of Saint Paul, "to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"There is no vacation from our vocation. Ordinary time is living out what we have experienced and learned thru the seasons of the Lord's life. Don't miss out what God is doing and will be doing thru this time of just being an ordinary disciple for him.

Our growth in holiness is largely a matter of how we use our time – how we inhabit our days. To offer our weeks and days to God, indeed all our activities, is to sanctify time itself. To unite our daily prayers, works, joys, and sufferings to the Heart of Christ and to his intentions is to draw closer to his pierced Heart. This self-offering allows him to shape and form our hearts, making us holy with all the saints before the face of his heavenly Father.

Ordinary comes from the English word "ordinal" meaning "relating to a thing's position in a series". Thus these weeks forward are named for examples: 3rd, 10th, 20th Week in Ordinary time. The faith is not just something reserved for extraordinary moments and seasons. It is meant to be lived in all the ordinary moments in life, too; it is meant to be lived throughout the year.

The liturgical readings and prayers of Ordinary time emphasize discipleship. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in matters involving money, time, priority, etc.? How do we encounter the Kingdom of God and perceive it in our daily lives? What are the conditions of Discipleship? How will we be ultimately judged? These are some of the themes we will hear over the next months in Ordinary Times readings.

So try to encounter God in the "ordinary," time throughout the year, even when on vacation this summer. Remember, there is no vacation from our vocation. Do not miss what God is doing, even in the ordinary.

Next week we celebrate Candlemas. (See insert) The feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Mother. There will be candles available for you to take home and use in your prayer time.

Also, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year a Jubilee Year for St. Francis of Assisi. See insert about how to obtain plenary indulgences for you or your deceased loved ones. Sikeston's Church of St. Francis is a great visit to do this.

Indulgences are a beautiful way to relieve the sufferings and time for Souls in Purgatory. Next to a Mass said for them, indulgences help them immensely.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Council History - 2011: The Gun of the Month fundraiser was started and continues today. A benefit split between St. Jude's and Benefit for Hope raised over \$4,000. The Council started having a refreshment stand at the SEMO Fair and continued for three years.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for January: Gerald Macke**

For our parish, that we may champion Catholic education as a place where prayer and formation help young people recognize God's purpose for their lives, let us pray to the Lord

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Thanks to all who have brought in the Christmas cards. Still time to do so. Will not mail until after February 14th.

Rummage Sale- May 5-9. Continue to save unused usable items.

Options for Women Quarter Auction is February 28 at Scott City Knights of Columbus Hall. \$20 and \$50 paddles.

ST. ANTHONY PCCW:

St. Anthony PCCW will have a meeting Jan 31st following 5 PM Mass in the hall.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth group would like to say a big thank you to the PCCW ladies for their \$1000 donation to the youth group from the Christmas home tour. It is greatly appreciated. The youth group is ready to get this year rolling with fundraisers for Steubenville and NCYC '27 so look for more information on those to come! We are wanting to learn more about the Bible and how it all intertwines and are going to start a series by Jeff Cavins. The youth have also been encouraged to start the Bible in a Year by Father Mike Schmitz.

Ministry Notes & Updates

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

School Project: St. John's Parish will again be working with the Bollinger County Health Department on providing hygiene products to our local schools. The following items have been requested and will be given to school nurses to distribute as needed: Male Deodorants, Female Deodorants, Male Body Sprays, Female Body Sprays, & Feminine Products. Please donate before January 26. There will be a tote in the back of church. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Dear Church Family, I am pleased to share that this New Year has also ushered us into the final phases of the church directory!

After 13 years without updating our parish, the new directory has been sent to be published. We all should have our new directory by the Easter Season.

We know many of you have been eagerly awaiting the directory. We truly appreciate the continued patience and understanding all of you have shown as we diligently worked to finalize this important project, along with the other matters that needed attention in our parish and at home, for the last half of 2025!

Please feel free to direct any thoughts or concerns to Sarah Deck. Blessings for this new year!

Diocese & Area Events

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT: Friday, January 30 at Guardian Angel Parish in Oran, MO. 6:30 - 9 PM. An evening of Adoration, Confession & a manly meal with discussion. Please RSVP text 573-275-5214 or email to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com

St. Ambrose Parish Breakfast: Whole hog, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy breakfast at St. Ambrose Parish Center in Chaffee on Sunday, February 1. Serving 7:30-11 AM.

St. Joseph Apple Creek Breakfast & Bake Sale: Sunday, February 8. 7:30-11:30 AM. 138 St. Joseph Lane, Apple Creek, MO. Serving sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fruit & homemade coffee cake. Adults \$12, Children ages 5-12 \$5.

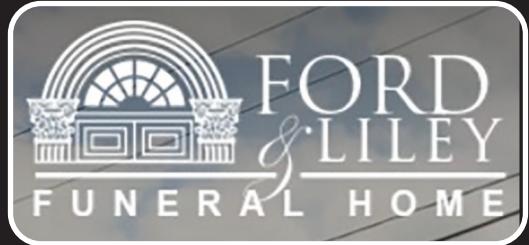
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