

February 1, 2026
**FOURTH SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME**

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

sjbulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Anthony Gifts **1/25/26**
No collection totals due to weather.

St. John Gifts **1/25/26**
No collection totals due to weather.

Online giving is now available.
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4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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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!

Liturgical Roles

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 7, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink, Emily James

Lector: Andrea Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Michael VanGennip

Ushers: Lonnie Nenninger, Norbert Nenninger

Offertory: Family of Luke & Mary Jansen

Sacristan: Rita Holshouser

Rosary: Rita Holshouser

Sunday, February 8, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Layton Fluchel, Jack & Cooper Halter

Lector: Abby Bohnsack

Extraordinary Min.: *Pam Wesbecher, Stacy Halter, Aimee Hampton

Choir Min.: Kristi Jansen

Ushers: Brad Landewee, Bradley Broshuis

Offertory: Family of Kenny Stause

Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, February 8, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Quinton Hoesli, Holden Burger, Jude Felter

Lector: Dustin Hoesli

Extraordinary Min.: *Joann James, Leeann Jansen, Abby Jansen

Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester

Ushers: Paul & Donnie Landewee

Offertory: Tammy Arnzen, Andrew & Lauryn Shrum

Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink

Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for February 8: Lori Graham

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.

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Henry & Lorraine Holzum **†** (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

6:30 PM - St. Johns Parish Council (St. Anne's)

Tuesday, February 3

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Steve & Mary VanGennip **†** (SJ)

Wednesday, February 4

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (church basement)

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Middle School Youth Bible Study (church office)

5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

6:00 PM MASS - Elmer & Ida Koenig **†** (SA)

Thursday, February 5

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Paul & Elizabeth Engelen Family (SJ)

12:00 - 10:00 PM - KC Adoration (SJ)

Friday, February 6

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Melvin Holzum **†** (SJ)

5:00 - 7:00 PM - KC Fish Fry

Saturday, February 7

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 - L/D Members Luke & Mary Jansen Family (SA)

Sunday, February 8

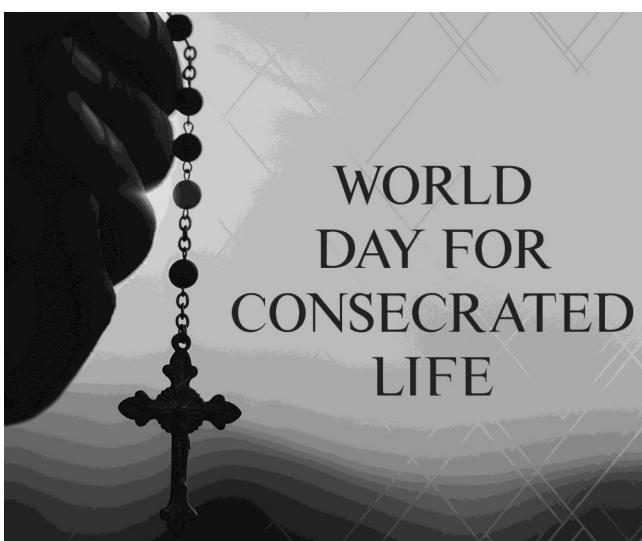
7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:00 AM MASS - Kenny Stause **†** (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Confirmation Class (school cafeteria)

5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)



What is the World Day for Consecrated Life?

It's a worldwide celebration held on February 2nd that coincides with the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.

Consecrated Life

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever boasts should boast in the Lord"

St. Paul teaches that God deliberately chooses the seemingly foolish, weak, and lowly to shame the wise and strong, ensuring no one boasts in human power but only in the Lord. Because Christ is the one who provides believers with all their wisdom, righteousness, and redemption, making God's glory the sole reason for salvation. Paul urges the Corinthians to reflect on their calling, recognizing God used the insignificant to bring about salvation, so their boasting should be exclusively in the Lord, not in worldly status or leaders.

St. Paul reminds us that God does not choose as the world chooses. He calls the weak, the humble, and the ordinary so that no one may boast except in the Lord. Our worth does not come from status, power, or success, but from belonging to Christ.

Therefore, the Christian life is simple: trust God, remain humble, and give all glory to Him alone. Instead of boasting in our abilities, name, fame, position, wealth, we have to boast in the Lord for the work He does through the abilities given to us. *"He who knows himself well becomes little in his own eyes, and finds no pleasure in the praises of men."* (The Imitation of Christ, Book I, Chapter 2)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, chosen by the Father to be our wisdom and strength, keep us humble in heart so that we may boast only in You and give all glory to God.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph UC

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 to register today!

Adult Education Notes

Today we celebrate two holy events in our Church., the Presentation of Jesus and the Purification of Mary our Mother. It's been 40 days since Christmas and Jewish laws have brought them here in obedience to those laws. We as Catholics obey those laws today too when we bring our children to be presented to the Church, the body of Christ, to be baptized and give them to become members of Christ's body the Church. They become one with us in the Kingdom of God's love.

The candles too are in memory of Simeon's prophecy of the coming Messiah as "the Light of the World" for the nations. Tradition holds that it was Simeon who was the priest of the Temple that welcomed Mary at the age of three to be a handmaid of the Lord and serve Him. He was too the one who gave them in betrothal to each other. Now here he is again and is still a vital part of their lives as he gives Mary and Joseph and us this prophecy to be fulfilled.

As we approach Lent and start to think about our "offerings" and what we will give up or do in penance for this time of repentance and service, may I offer two ways of prayer. Choose if you will one of our OCIA candidates and pray and sacrifice for their continuing journey to Easter and becoming one with us as new members of the Body of Christ. Pray they receive the Holy Spirit and accept the truth and love of God's grace and Word for them and their lives.

I also propose that you choose a First Communicant who have received their first penance and are now preparing to receive Jesus for the first time after Easter. You don't have to know their names (unless you know one already) just pray and offer your Lent for them and their journey through these last few weeks.

Both of these groups will benefit from your support and prayers and sacrifices and then you too will receive grace for your time and selfless giving for them. Our Lord Jesus came to save each and every one of us by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection and we are all joined as one by the Cross which He bore with ALL OUR sins upon it.

Lent begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. Please try to do better in your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving this year however you choose to sacrifice. Another way that greatly pleased God is to come before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Only 15 minutes will give you indulgence (provided you do the custom works) to offer for these people who are giving their hearts to God.

Giving of yourself for another is a beautiful gift and a wonderful way to bless others and receive blessing too. Ask Jesus to help you to sacrifice well and with meaning and devotion. Ask Him to give worthiness to your sacrifices that they will please Him in their merit so He multiplies your effort and gives you JOY in doing them.

May God bless your Lent with a new awareness of Christ's love which will help you to become holier on your way to becoming a saint for Heaven. HAPPY SACRIFICES. HAPPY LENT!! God is with you in it.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Fish fry and shooting match this coming Friday benefitting Catholic Charities LifeHouse.

Council History - 2012 - Benefit for St. Jude's, Hope Foundation and Leopold Fire Department generated a donation of \$4,700. Council added dumpling sales to sausage and pork butts.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

World Day for Consecrated Life (Feb. 2)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3) The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2.

Vocation Crucifix for February: Francis & Peggy Nenninger *For those discerning consecrated life, that they may hear Christ's divine prompting and embrace this vocation with joy and devotion, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth group is going to start the Jeff Cavins program that started the Bible in a Year! I would really like to get one of the Bible Timelines for each of the youth to use as we go through these sessions- or for their own use to use if they are doing the Bible in a year on their own. I think 30 would get me started anyway with supplying the group. Any amount that you are able to help us with would be greatly appreciated! Contact Tannie to donate. Thank you so much!

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE DIOCESE, FATHER VINCENT AND CHURCH STAFF WILL NEVER ASK FOR FINANCIAL HELP, GIFT CARDS, ETC.

ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO ANY TEXTS, PHONE CALLS, OR EMAILS.

Diocese & Area Events

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2026! Renew your sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! There will be one held in Cape on 7/31/26 - 8/2/26. Sign up now as space is limited. Go to wwme.org or call Terry at 314-649-7317.

Are you a registered member of your parish?

If you are not registered or if you are not sure if you are registered, please contact the Pastor. Registration forms can be found on the church website, in the church office or in the vestibule of the church.

Why should you register? When you register you declare your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. It also affects census number and possible benefits and obligations from the Diocese. Registered members can also expect pastoral care from their parish including baptisms, anointing of the sick and funerals.

Did you know... You must be a registered member of a parish to receive a Catholic wedding. Also, once children turn 18 they should register with their parish as an adult independent of their parents.

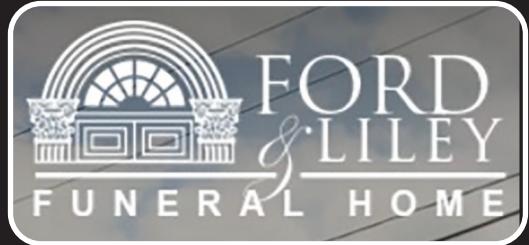
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