

# BULLETIN: 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

## DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych  
4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman

### Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP

### Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: + John P. Mahoney

### Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman  
9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina

### Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

### Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. RCIA & RCIC Class & Biblical School

### Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman

### Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych  
7:00 p.m. Neo-Catechum Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

## OFFERTORY

January 31<sup>st</sup>

\$3,425.89

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer: Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich, Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer, Deborah Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden, Foster Sauter, & Steve Wilmes

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

### **What Does it mean to be Catholic?**

In the times we live in, this is an extremely important question, especially with leading figures in our society who claim the name 'Catholic' and profess to be such. What exactly does it mean to be Catholic? The Catechism gives us a kind of definition: "[A person who is] fully incorporated into the society of the Church... possessing the Spirit of Christ... who - by the bonds constituted by the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government, and communion - are joined in the visible structure of the Church of Christ, who rules her through the Supreme Pontiff and the bishops" (CCC 837). When you read this, you may understand the complexity of what it means to be Catholic. What is more, the Catechism also mentions the need for perseverance in "charity" to be saved. The virtue of charity is something that must be received from God and carried out in our daily life, because a person may "indeed (be) in the bosom of the Church, but 'in body' not 'in heart.'"

For a person to live as a Catholic, they must adhere to all that the Catholic Church teaches, believing that the Church, founded by Christ, is guided and supported by the Holy Spirit. This we can understand, was God's plan for the Church, since all the heresies, difficulties, and issues that she has faced throughout the centuries, could not have been resolved through the gospel alone.

When someone turns from or rejects the teachings of Jesus Christ or the Church, it is true that they may remain in the Church, but by their actions they show that their heart is far away from God. A person will always remain part of the Church whether they choose to live the faith or not. However, could they truly be identified as a Catholic? To better illustrate this, I will draw from an analogy I used in a homily once: 'If a person were called, "an artist," the truth of that statement would depend upon the fact that he/she actually made works of art of some kind, using some type of medium, for example: oil paint, sculpture, etc. If they did not, could they truly be called an artist, even if they studied art for years? Without anything to prove it, we would be compelled to conclude that the statement is not true, they are not an artist. We can make the same argument for a "Catholic." If a person were baptized and confirmed but they do not go to Church, or if their actions contradict what the Church teaches, we could say that they are not living up to what it means to be "Catholic." This is the case of certain politicians, who openly reject the Church's teachings, especially those regarding when human life begins (see Catechism #2271, among other church documents). Can such a person be called Catholic? Can the words be true in reality?

To live the Catholic faith in our world is difficult, that is why God gives us the Church, a people united by Jesus through its beliefs and the truths it testifies to. He also pours out his grace upon us. Let us pray for the Church and for each other and do our best to stay close to God by living our faith daily. Not by words only, but by actions that demonstrate our love for Jesus and our desire to follow him. Fr. John

## PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).
- ❖ Our Lady of the Plains Lenten Observances: To prepare ourselves for this time of Lent, the Knights of Columbus and the Altar & Rosary Society will be serving Fish Fry and Soup Suppers during the Fridays of Lent from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. We will also begin the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. For more information, see the flyers on the Church!
- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Formed Lenten Journey: We will try as a parish to utilize the new program called "The Search." We will begin on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and continue through the Monday of Holy Week. We will meet in the Church to watch and discuss. Everyone should feel free to come to the parish or form their own groups. May God give us a fruitful and holy time of Lent!
- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast after the 9:00 Mass. To see what is on the Menu or more information, see the flyers in the Church or pdf attachment!
- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** The International Catholic Bible Summit: Cardinal Studios will be presenting different online Bible topics from **Feb 11-13**. Bishop Aquila is encouraging all parishes to take part of this **FREE Online Program** to find clarity, hope, and joy, in the midst of uncertain times. To register and for more information visit, <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home>
- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Following the Will of God: A Presentation by Jason Sewald: All are invited to a presentation that will be given by one of our parishioners on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. There will be a small meal provided at the end of the presentation. **Come and show your support!**

## RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

### SUNDAY & THUR. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUES:

- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Classes: Those to be confirmed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Pentecost.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Class: On March 11<sup>th</sup> we will have 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents at 11: a.m.
- ❖ **REMINDER!** NEXT RCIA & RCIC class: Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** RCIA & RCIC Classes: Those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation will receive them at the Easter Vigil on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hour is yet to be determined, but the Vigil Mass will be bilingual.
- ❖ ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!! (for K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
**THIS WEEK: Lukas Storyteller – Saint Joseph**  
<https://watch.formed.org/saint-joseph/videos/luкас-storyteller-saint-joseph>  
**See insert for pdf activity!**

## YOUTH EVENTS

- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Pizza and Murder in the Dark Game Night: **February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** All middle school and high school youth are invited to the Parish Hall for Pizza and game night.

## ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ Next Meeting: This Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory basement after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ Annual Sock Drive: Socks will be collected in the next couple of months for the Emergency Room at University Hospital. Please bring **NEW** socks — for adults only. A basket will be placed in the Hall to collect donations.

## FORMED

**Lectio: Evangelization with Dr. Mary Healy**  
Proclaiming the Kerygma

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-evangelization-with-dr-mary-healy/season:1/videos/proclaiming-the-kerygma>

