

# BULLETIN: 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021

## DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman

### Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Fahey  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. People of Our Lady of the Plains

### Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Louise Drobnych

### Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: + John P. Mahoney  
9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina

### Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY**

### Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: David Fahey  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. RCIA & RCIC Class & Biblical School

### Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### 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

## OFFERTORY

January 24<sup>th</sup>

\$3,229

*Church in Latin America*

\$878.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

### How does the devil work & how can we overcome him?

From the beginning of the Bible until its end, we find the influence of the devil throughout. It was revealed in the Book of Revelation that Satan and his apostate angels were cast out of heaven by St. Michael and his angels. We also learn that the devil was thrown down to earth. (Rev 12:7-10,12) We can understand this as the definite plan of God because, for there to be love, there must be free will. God gave all His creatures free will, and the devil chose to rebel against God. This is the origin of sin, because at the root of everything is the fact that all things on earth and in heaven were "loved" into existence by God the Father. Sin is to disobey the will of God, to rebel against God's plan. Like the angels, all mankind will find itself on one side or the other, which is either to freely choose to accept and follow God's plan for our life or not. We must choose daily, and we do choose with our actions, either following God or doing our own will.

To understand how the devil works is quite easy, but it also helps to understand the meaning of the name of "Satan" or "the devil." The origin of the name is the 'accuser,' and his purpose by accusing people is to divide humanity from God. It is usually the influence of the devil that makes a person want to curse and rebel against God when seemingly bad things happen in life. Faith gives us an answer, "God has a plan," and the devil also gives an answer, "God doesn't love you."

So how does the devil work? The devil works through temptations and through flattery. The devil always **lies to us**. As Jesus says in the Gospel of John, the nature of the devil is to lie and murder. (Jn 8:44) The lie of the devil is to convince us that we should be god of our own lives and decide everything for ourselves (aka. Original Sin). The temptation is always to think that we are justified and deserving of the best, or that we are poor victims and therefore deserve to get what we want, to have a little bit of gratification; to have some fun. The lies of the devil go back to the original lie, that God does not love us. It is formulated like this: "God doesn't love you, because if he did love you then He surely would not have allowed (Some event, death, or crisis, etc.) to happen in your life. The devil tempts human beings to fall into sin and then he accuses them saying, 'Do you not see what a wretched sinner you are?' 'How could you do that?' Sin destroys us and our relationship with God and others but we have hope.

Jesus himself overthrew the devil by his humility, by willingly dying on the Cross. He conquered all temptations and then shed his blood to destroy sin and death so that we could be free from sin. The truth is that we cannot overcome the devil on our own. It will be only through humility, which is to rely totally on God. Through a faith which is always assured of God's love, no matter what happens to us. A faith that encourages us to seek heaven and unity with God, and not to love our earthly life more than the life to come. How do we get this kind of faith? Prayer, and through the help of the Church and the sacraments, and freely choose to seek God every day.

**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*

## PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Collection for the Church in Latin America:  
Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$878, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!
- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** 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 or pdf attachment!
- ❖ **\*\*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 have a Zoom or Google meet time to watch and discuss each presentation. 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\*\*** Valentine's Day Breakfast: On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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>
- ❖ Flower Adornment this week: is in memory of Dorothy (Dot) Mosbrucker.

## 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)  
**See insert for pdf activity!**  
**THIS WEEK:** Questions for God: Ep. 5 – Who Told Us About Your Plan for Salvation?  
<https://watch.formed.org/questions-for-god/season:1/videos/ep-5-god-who-told-us-about-your-plan-for-salvation>

## ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Next Meeting:** February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory basement after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ **Election of Officers:** New officers for the Altar & Rosary society will be elected at the next meeting. To nominate someone for a position, please contact Jane at 303-882-9995 or by email at [jkrantz1979@gmail.com](mailto:jkrantz1979@gmail.com)
- ❖ **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

Opening the Word:  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-28-2018>

"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

