

**Saturday, January 31:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 1:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, February 2: The Presentation of the LordMal 3: 1-4, Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40
No Mass today**Tuesday, February 3: Weekday, Blaise, bishop & martyr; Ansgar, bishop**Heb 12: 1-4; Mk 5:21-43
No Mass today**Wednesday, February 4: Weekday**

Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15, Mk 6: 1-6

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 5: Agatha, virgin & martyr

Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24, Mk 6: 7-13

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 6: Paul Miki, martyr, & companions, martyrs

Heb 13: 1-8, Mk 6: 14-29

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7, 1 cor 9: 16-19, 22-23, Mk 1: 29-39

Saturday, February 7:

5:00 p.m. Service in Absence of Priest

Sunday, February 8:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

K/C BREAKFAST

You're invited to a luscious breakfast this Sunday after each Mass, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The K/C's are great cooks, so you're sure to have a tasty breakfast. (And no dishes to wash). Be sure to join us at the Parish Center!

REMINDER

The Parish Council will meet this Thursday, February 5 @ 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

VATICAN FACTS**Q.** Which pope had a reputation for frugality?

A penny-wise but pound-foolish administrator, Pius XII diligently watched every dime the Vatican spent. To save on electric current, for instance, he often made the rounds of the papal apartments flicking off the lights. Not infrequently, he refused to make necessary repairs because he didn't want to spend the money. "I cannot," he said, "be extravagant with the funds of the Holy See." Pius XII also established the Vatican policy of reusing envelopes—intra-Vatican communications were not to be sealed in such a way that the envelope could not be used again. Pius even wrote his last will and testament on the back of an envelope that had already made the rounds.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 & FEBRUARY 8**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark

9:00 a.m. Diane Reed

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll*

Absence of Priest

9:00 a.m. Bruce Mellendorf*

Volunteer, Angie Campbell

Andy Schlaud, Joan Smith

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass *

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Aradia Bristol

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Mike, Kathy Fader, Theresa, Marissa

Connell, Marilyn Gludovatz, Dorothy Faust

9:00 a.m. Vic, Maria Guzman, Richard, Barbara Tetil, Rick, Ann Reinelt

11:00 a.m. Al, Kim Wasik, Sharon Vandenbossche, Kolar Family, Christine Harbec

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, Mark McKerverey

Troy Kausch, Kevin Kausch

9:00 a.m. John Papp Sr*, Charles Pistro

Dave Klebba, Denise Bristol

11:00 a.m. Bill Blaylock*, Vic Guzman
Doug Prosser, Paul Ellsworth**WALK FOR WARMTH**

Walk for Warmth is a statewide event sponsored by Community Action Agencies for the purpose of raising funds for individuals who are in desperate need of assistance with heat and utility bills. To support Walk for Warmth in Tuscola County you may send a check to HDC/Walk for Warmth Campaign, 429 Montague Ave., Caro MI 48723. Also you may seek pledges and/or walk (one-mile route) the day of the event on February 28. Call for additional info to 989-673-4121.

GOD CALLS US TO BE STILL**Quiet! Be Still! (Mark 4: 39)**

Imagine yourself in one of the boats accompanying the one in which Jesus slept. A storm more severe than any you've ever seen arises. Your boat is tossed around in the squall and nearly collides with another. Above the roaring wind you hear a voice saying, "Quiet! Be still!" Too terrified even to wonder about this strange command, you feel the boat right itself. The waves subside, your white-knuckled grip loosens, you look around and wonder how you could have been spared. Then you notice him—the one some people call the Messiah—commanding the sea, the sky, all of nature to be still. You, too, are speechless. The silence shouts the power of God.

Every day we can imagine God calling us, "Quiet! Be still!" We can turn off the radio or TV, let go of anxious thoughts, and just for a few moments try to be still. The sky and sea obeyed the call. Can we afford to do any less? Or are we terrified at the prospect that prayer can be so simple? Is it just being still? We're tempted to say, "But I'm not a good pray-er. Surely there's *more* that I should be doing. Maybe I'm just kidding myself." At such times Jesus asks, "Why make waves? Be still and know that I am God." (From Living Faith)

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$6158.00
 476 Envelope Holders...212 Envelopes used last weekend

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ancient people did not know about germs and viruses because they did not have all the benefits of modern medicine. Therefore, ancient explanations of how people got sick and why people died may sound a little simplistic or naïve to us. Most people, including the Jews, attributed sickness and death to the power of demons or evil spirits. Jesus began his preaching by proclaiming the reign of God is at hand. This meant that because God was about to defeat the devil and take control of the world, the signs of the devil's power (sickness and death) would be only memories of the past. Today's Gospel reading is a dramatic example of the struggle between Jesus and the devil. Jesus is in the synagogue preaching when a man with an unclean spirit yells out, calling Jesus by name and identifying him as God's Holy One.

In Scripture, the power to name someone is symbolic of having control over that person. In the second chapter of Genesis, God brought the animals he created to the man and the man named them, symbolizing his dominion over them. The second commandment says we must not take the name of God in vain. The Jews understood this to mean they should not use God's name at all because doing so was like trying to exert power over God. Therefore, God would have to act if his name is used in a curse and he would have to damn that person.

Similarly, the unclean spirit in today's Gospel tries to exert power over Jesus by calling him first by name and then by referring to him as the Holy One sent by God, a title for the messiah. Fortunately for the man who was possessed, this tactic doesn't work and Jesus shows he is more powerful than the devil by commanding him to get out of the man. However, the battle does not end there because the demon does not obey without putting up a struggle. First, he throws the man into convulsions and only then does he come out with a loud shriek. Finally, the battle is over and Jesus wins.

For Reflection - The battle between Jesus and the devil continues even today. Each day of our lives we have to make decisions. Pray for the grace to always decide to do God's will so that his reign will grow.



ST. BLASÉ (Patron of those with Throat diseases)

The blessing of throats, invoking the intercession of St. Blasé, (feast day Feb. 3) has become a very popular devotion. St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr, devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterward became a physician. He was ordained to the priesthood and made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was seized and carried off to prison by Agricola, the Governor. On his way to prison, a distracted mother whose child was suffering from a disease of the throat implored his aid. At his intercession the child was cured, and since that time his aid has often been solicited in cases of a similar disease. After cruel tortures the saint was beheaded in the year 316. Through his intercession many have been cured of throat diseases or protected from them.

The priest in giving the blessing of St. Blasé holds two candles in the form of a cross touching the throat, and prays that through the merits and intercession of St. Blasé the person blessed may be delivered from throat diseases and from every other evil.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Feb. 8-High School Youth Group will attend Mass @ S.V.S.U.
 - Feb. 10-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 11-After School Social 3:30-5:00
 - Feb. 14/15-After Mass coffee social
 - Feb. 15/16-No Faith Formation classes
 - Feb. 16/17-Ski Trip to Treetops
 - Feb. 22-High School youth group meets 12:00-1:30
 - Feb. 24-Mardi Gras Party
 - Feb. 25-Sacramental meeting 6:00 p.m.
 - Mar. 1-High School Youth Group meet 12:00-1:30
- High School youth group** please R.S.V.P. to the parish center @ 673-2276 or e-mail ann@carosacredheart.org to let us know if you are attending Mass @ S.V.S.U. on Feb. 8th. We plan to leave from the Parish Center @ 2:45, attend Mass @ 4:00 and then have pizza together with some parishioners who are attending S.V.S.U.

Please come over to the Parish Center after Mass on Sunday to see our pictures and talk to us about our experience at the March For Life. (*Sacred Heart Youth*)



Sunday By Sunday meets on Mondays @ 6:15. This is an informal gathering and a fun group to be part of. Join us as we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Info: Lynne Petiprin @ 673-3795.

♥PARENTING BY HEART♥

You're invited to join other parents as we learn the key to disciplining our children.

What: Parenting by Heart Workshop

When: Wednesday, February 11th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Parish Center

Why: To become better parents. No charge for this workshop. Please call Karen @ 673-2276 to sign up.

MARDI GRAS



Be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 24th. We will celebrate our 9th annual Mardi Gras! More info to come...



THE REAL JESUS

It took me years of parenting to realize that my eldest daughter is not like me. She is herself! For all of my aspirations for her, she has her own personality, gifts, and challenges. "What am I to do with this child?" I often wondered when she suddenly revealed a new fact of herself that did not fit my agenda. Isn't this the same stance we often take in our encounter with Jesus Christ? Like the chief priests in the Gospel, we wonder, "What are we to do with this Man?" He has suddenly revealed a facet of himself that does not fit my limited concept of him. And yet, today as ever, Jesus of Nazareth is himself! He bursts out of the tomb of our limitations and reveals someone ever mysterious, ever new. Isn't it time we put aside our false aspirations for him? The Spirit of Love calls us to open our hearts, to embrace the truth of Jesus Christ through the Word, the sacraments, and those who live in the midst of his great mystery. Then perhaps we will be ready to ask, "What does this Man want to do with me?" (From Magnificent)