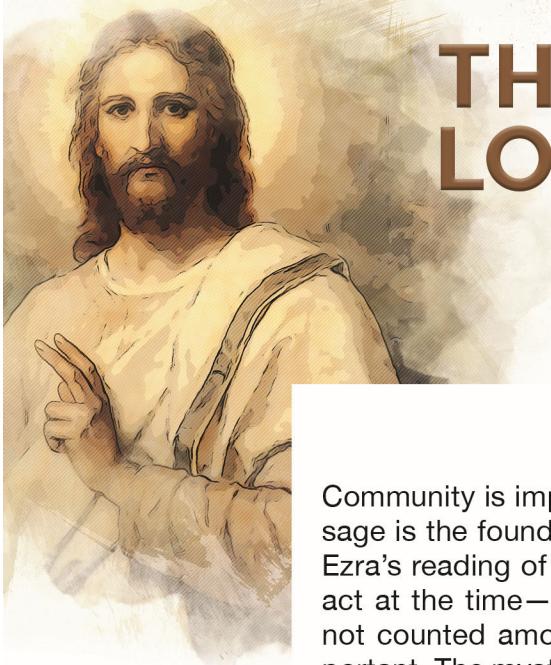


THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

- Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
- Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
- 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]
- Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21

Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
5:15 pm Isabel A. Ngujo †

WEDNESDAY, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
7:00 am In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, January 27

Saints Angela Merici,
Virgin and Religious Founder
7:00 am Danny Crane †

FRIDAY, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,
Religious and Doctor of the Church
7:00 am Fern Grimm †

8:30 pm Nate Carpenter †

SATURDAY, January 29

4:30 pm Dwight Smith †

SUNDAY, January 30

8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

10:00 am Marion Pat R. Mina †

This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, January 23

7:00-8:30 pm—H. S. Youth (McAuley gym)

MONDAY, January 24

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)

6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)

TUESDAY, January 25

6:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting (pc)

WEDNESDAY, January 26

NO Choir Practice

THURSDAY, January 27

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13];
Lk 4:21-30

CONFIRMATION

September 10, 2022

4:30 pm Mass



If you or someone you know is considering Confirmation, there will be a meeting with Father Joe on **Sunday, January 23rd at 9:00 am** in the parish center (following the 8:00 am Mass). This is for students and parents of youth in 7th thru 12th grades.

January Income Report

January Income	Week 1 (1st-7th)	January Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	21,570.42 (includes annual donations)	70,083.34	Needed 48,512.92
Plate	41.00	666.67	Needed 625.67
Maintenance Estimated	759.38	3,000.00	Needed 2,278.12
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Please remember in prayer Danny Crane, son of Doug & Mary Crane (who predeceased him). Danny returned to the Lord on January 11th. His memorial Mass will be on Tuesday, January 25th at 11:00 am. May he rest in God's everlasting peace.

Please Pray For...

Larry Buehler Waylon Campbell
Christy Fortino Meier Mary Lou Teeter
Josh Lordemann Jason Yost
Percy Blinzler Judy Bashor
Shirley Chandler Doris Sweeney
Scott Grigsby Victoria Even
Lawrence & Susan Filosa
Patricia Williams Dorothy Lowry
Debbie Randall Mary Lou Timpe
Judy Clarkson Tracey Straub
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Father Joe and the Parish Staff wish to thank everyone who brought gifts, offered prayers or gave an extra kind word during this Christmas Season including Fr. Joe's birthday. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

City of Joplin NEWS RELEASE

Starting Monday, January 10, West 32nd Street will be closed from Schifferdecker Avenue to the entrance of Westberry Square neighborhood. Detour routes will be posted and access to local properties will be maintained at all times. This closure is expected to reach into April and is the first of multiple closures occurring consecutively on different sections of 32nd Street. Citizens should anticipate closures along 32nd Street to occur through the summer of 2023.

The contractor for the 32nd Street widening project is Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. This improvement will widen 32nd Street, from Schifferdecker Avenue west to Central City Road. The design includes adding a center lane and constructing a sidewalk-shared use path. The \$8 million project is funded through the 3/8 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax approved by voters in 2014. Completion of this project is set for summer 2023.

VIRTUS TRAINING INFORMATION

There are no in-person trainings scheduled at this time. Online training is available.

Preregistration is necessary: If you are a new registrant please go to www.virtus.org and click on "first time registrant" on the left, and follow the prompts to register for Online training. Instructions for the registration process can also be found on the Child and Youth Protection Page of the diocesan Website.

<https://dioscg.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Register-for-a-VIRTUS-withOnline-Option.pdf>

Along with the **VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children”** training for adults, before regularly engaging in activities involving minors and/or vulnerable adults, new volunteer or employees are also required to submit a current Background Disclosure and Authorization Form and the annual Code of Conduct, which are available on the VIRTUS Website and the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Child and Youth Protection Webpage: <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

For more information, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection,
childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org; or Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.org; or Rosie Francka, rfrancka@dioscg.org, (417)866-0841



Struggling with Life since being Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering an eight-week support program, Coping With Life Alone, designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse through death or divorce. The program will begin Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO.

Beginning Experience programs, offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. The program's trained facilitators have themselves experienced divorce or the death of a spouse.

The cost of the program is \$30, but financial assistance is available for those in need.

Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

For more information call
Diane at (417) 859-0175 or cell (870) 688-8829 or
Donna at 417-529-1085

Tornado Disaster 2nd Collection

Archbishop Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a statement calling for prayer and assistance for all those in the path of the devastating storms in early December. He states, "Catholics and all people of good will may help our brothers and sisters in their recovery by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA".

This weekend and next weekend there will be white envelopes in the gathering area with the phrase "Hurricane Victims Offering". These will be used for this collection, "Disaster Relief in the South and Midwest". Make your check out to St. Mary Catholic Church. We will send one check to the Diocesan Finance Office at the Catholic Center.

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with** masks.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 22 & 23

4:30 Mass

Altar Servers

Josie Sears

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

John Olson

Mary Olson

Lector

Charlene Campbell

Ivan Johnson

Usher

Scott Black

Steve Pokojski

Dan Sears

Volunteer

Organist

Fran Cook

Cantor

Bill Williams

8:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Brenda Glynn

Mary Metsker

Eucharistic Minister

Emily Lone

Mary Parrigon

Lector

Fred Wheeler

Patty Wheeler

Usher

Greg Parrigon

Kasey Pliler

Craig Winters

Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Jill Stamps

10:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Alivia Childers

Sara Maksoud

Eucharistic Minister

Theresa Adams

Volunteer

Lector

Susan Pinjuv

Frank Veer

Usher

Rick Kenkel

Steve Williams

Volunteer

Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Wayne Wilmes

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers will need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.

SOCK HOP

Saturday, February 12, 2022

6pm-9pm



Bring your family/friends and *bebop* over to the Parish Center
for a Rockin' Good Time!

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Food

Root beer floats

DJ

Best Costume Contest

(Prizes for Adult and Children's categories)

Games

Dancing

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Youth Group—This Sunday, Jan. 23rd

**KC CHIEFS WATCH PARTY
AND GYM NIGHT**

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this Sunday for fun and
games—including the

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Bring a friend!



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website:
<https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> It will be found under the title:
Letter from the Director – September 2021

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Parents/ Guardians will be notified of JACS closings via School Messenger.

Mercy Meals

Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at development@jacss.org to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

JACS Auction Donations

The annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. And we are seeking items to include in baskets or as live auction items. Items include:

- * Kitchen and cooking items
- * Children's toys and books
- * Branson activities or timeshare
- * Movie night at home
- * Car care
- * Golfing related items
- * KC Chiefs, KC Royals and St. Louis Cardinals items

Or check out our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2OVCP9Z6A2TVP/guest-view>

If you would like to donate, please contact auctionadmin@jacss.org or call 417-624-5003 ext. 207.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

It's time to polish up your free throwing skills! The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Free Throw Championship to help kick off Catholic Schools Week on Saturday, January 29. This contest is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 14. This is a great event, and your child won't want to miss the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lone or Greg Emory at the numbers found below.

McAuley Homecoming

We welcome members of the McAuley Catholic 1980-1981 Final 4 Basketball Team to the Homecoming Game on January 28. JV tip-off is at 5 p.m. followed by Homecoming Court, the Varsity Boys game, honoring the Final 4 Team during halftime and then the Varsity Girls game. Contact alumni@jacss.org for more information.

Auditions for Newsies JR.

St. Peter's Middle School is putting on the production of Newsies JR. on Friday, April 1-Sunday, April 3. Participation is **Open** to students at all area schools from 2nd-12th grades. Contact Kristen Stremel for more information, and if you want to audition, at 417-627-2351.

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Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am
Tuesday—5:15 pm
Wednesday through Friday—7:00 am

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