



Alms to the Poor

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Rodolphe Bresdin

French, 1825–1885

Art Institute of Chicago

Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

Psalms 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

Luke 6:27–38

Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

5:15 pm Helen Chester †

WEDNESDAY, February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am Fern Grimm †

THURSDAY, February 24

7:00 am Nancy Peterson †

FRIDAY, February 25

7:00 am Arleta Bowers †

8:30 am Danny Crane †

SATURDAY, February 26

4:30 pm Nancy Johnson †

SUNDAY, February 27

8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

10:00 am Chet Long †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;
Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20;
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8;
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.

—Anonymous

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This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, February 21

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)

6:30-8:00 pm—RCIA (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, February 23

7:00-8:30 pm—Choir Practice (church)

THURSDAY, February 24

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

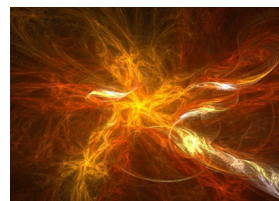
SATURDAY, February 26

1:00 pm—First Reconciliation (church)

CONFIRMATION

September 10, 2022

4:30 pm Mass



The first class will be on **Sunday, February 20th** following the 10:00 am Mass. This will be a two hour meeting. If you weren't at the initial meeting with Fr. Joe on Sunday, January 23rd call Stephanie at the parish office.

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

February Income Report

February Income	Week 1 (1st-6th)	February Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	16,859.00	70,083.34	Needed 53,224.34
Plate	99.00	666.67	Needed 567.67
Maintenance Estimated	759.38	3,000.00	Needed 2,278.12
Utilities Estimated	1,025.00	4,100.00	Needed 3,075.00

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL at CONCEPTION SEMINARY COLLEGE

Father Alex Sutachan and Fr. Rick Jones will host an "Encounter With God's Call" discernment weekend for men ages 16-25 to Conception Seminary College in northwest Missouri (near Maryville). This seminary event for high school juniors through recent college graduates will be held **Sat., Feb. 26 to Mon., Feb. 28**. Participants will have the opportunity to further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, they will meet, pray, and relax with seminarians. For more information on how you can attend, Email Fr. Rick at stvcapepadre@gmail.com, or call the parish office (573) 335-7667.

Please Pray For...

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Larry Buehler Waylon Campbell
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Camp Re-NEW-ALL registration opens Tuesday, February 22nd!

Tuesday, February 22nd at 3:30pm, **Camp Re-NEW-ALL**, the summer camp program for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, will begin taking applications for this summer. Camp is open to campers going into 5th-9th grade in the Fall, high school staff going into 10th-12th grade, and adult staff. Parents and grandparents are invited to volunteer, too! Campers are placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Brochures are available in the altar server room at the east end of the gathering area.

Apply online at
<https://dioscg.org/camp-re-new-all>
or contact Katie at the Catholic Center at
417-866-0841 or knewton@dioscg.org
with questions.



Next up.....



Sun., Feb. 20, Dessert Night at St. Peter's.
We will be making (and tasting!) desserts for the
Outreach House! 7:00-8:30pm.

Please bring a roll or container of store bought cookie dough.

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 February 19-20

4:30 Mass

Altar Servers

Volunteer

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

John Olson

Mary Olson

Lector

Charlene Campbell

Ivan Johnson

Usher

Dan Draxler

Michael Teeter

Sy Werner

Volunteer

Guitarist

Jeff Bruggeman

Cantor

Mary Lou Bruggeman

8:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Daniel Horinek

Jacob Zeb

Eucharistic Minister

Emily Lone

Mary Parrigon

Lector

Eden Esguerra

Val Frankoski

Usher

Joseph Beachner

Enrico Esguerra

Paul Mieseler

Volunteer

Organist

Mary Ann Turk

Cantor

Jill Stamps

10:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Eiler Anderson

Gavin Anderson

Eucharistic Minister

Theresa Adams

Volunteer

Lector

Betty Houser

Donna Londo

Usher

Bill Harman

Festus Ndukwu

Volunteer

Volunteer

Organist

Mary Ann Turk

Cantor

Wayne Wilmes

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

February Rosary

Please arrive 30 minutes early for Mass
Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

The Knights of Columbus and the PCCW
will be leading the Rosary with the special
intention "For St. Mary's members and
their families who are battling cancer of
any type".

The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before
the 8:00 am and the 10:00 Mass.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus



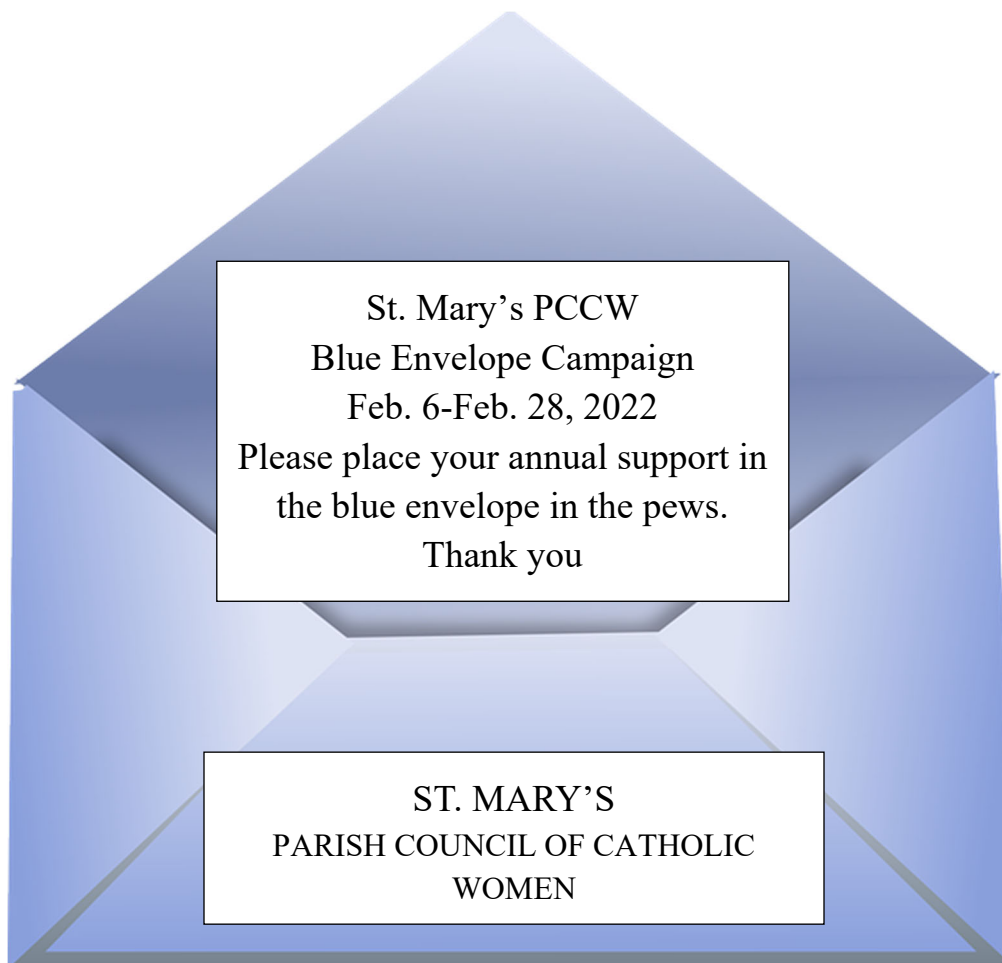
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West Plains Civic Center
with music leader
Josh Blakesley



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**For all in grades
7-12**

**We will be
attending the
one in Carthage**



St. Mary's PCCW will be collecting old, unwanted jewelry to donated to Crisis Aide of St. Louis.

The mission of Crisis Aide is to increase awareness, raise funds, and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking. Monarch Jewelry is a Christian ministry in connection with Crisis Aide, who creates jewelry and accessories from used, old or broken jewelry as a unique way to provide an opportunity for rescued women employment as they begin to re-build their lives after being enslaved. **We** have an opportunity to show love to our neighbor, just as Christ commanded by cleaning out our stash of unused jewelry. Bring your donation of jewelry to the church the month of February—the month that signifies **LOVE** and the PCCW will box it up and send it to Crisis Aide. Look for the table covered in red and the jewelry box for your donations in the church gathering area. If you would like more information about Crisis Aide or Monarch Jewelry contact: Monarchjewelry.org or www.crisisaide.org



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website: <https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> Please see the information under Updated COVID Guidance—Jan. 2022

Inclement Weather

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

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

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

St. Mary's is hosting a Preschool and Elementary Open House for interested families on Saturday, February 26 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The I Spy themed morning will include school tours, a fun I Spy game to complete, time spent in classrooms visiting with teachers, and information about what sets St. Mary's apart from other private or public schools in the area. For more information, please call the St. Mary's office, 417-623-1465.

McAuley One Act Play

Congratulations to the McAuley Catholic One Acts participants. During their competition they received accolades for Best Script Choice and senior Jennifer "Jenny" Archer received Best Lead Actress!

McAuley FBLA Competition

McAuley Catholic's FBLA is headed to state! Congratulations to the 40 students who participated in District competition. Join us in wishing the best of luck to our state competitors: Jenny Archer, Abbey Cahalan, Kennedy DeRuy, Sydney Englert, Jeffrey Horinek, Kable Reichardt, Joe Staton, Kayleigh Teeter, Anna Wheeler, John David Wheeler

O my God- to be thine- without reserve or division.

-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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