

February 4, 2024



Our L A D Y of
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**CELEBRATION
OF HOLY MASS**

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday after
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

ADORATION

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

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Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code *3322#.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

Mass Readings & Intentions

Sunday, February 4 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am	Bob Brokamp by Marie Jones	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
10:30 am	Mary Patek by Tim & Diane Hewitt	

Monday, February 5 | Saint Agatha

8:30 am	Karen Rohr by Ty & Denice Fogle	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56
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Tuesday, February 6 | Saint Paul Miki

8:30 am	Roseanne Sutton by Jennifer Paguva Herrmann	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
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Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Holmes	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
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Thursday, February 8

8:30 am	Sharon Stender by Jeff Parker	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
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Friday, February 9

8:30 am	Faye Krick by Jackie Zeller	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
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Saturday, February 10 | Saint Scholastica

8:30 am	Tony & Joanne Pulsinelli by The Marino Family	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
4:00 pm	John DePaoli by Pedro & Peggy Cadiz	

Sunday, February 11 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
10:30 am	Michael Mountain by Anne Foote	

Team #2

Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week	Year to Date
	1.20 to 1.26.2024	7.1.23 to 1.26.2024
Envelopes	\$11,517	
Loose Cash	\$1,263	
Online	\$7,877	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$20,657	\$816,053
Budget	\$26,500	\$795,000

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 4

9:30 am	Baptism and Beyond	Life Center
9:30 am	PSR Classes	Various
10:30 am	Break Open the Word	Shepherds' Room
7:30 pm	High School Youth Group	Basement East

Monday, February 5

9:30 am	Spring Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 pm	Spring Bible Study	Life Center

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 pm	Adult Faith Formation for OCIA	Life Center
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation for OCIA	Basement
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Shepherds' Room

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am	Our Lady Novena	Chapel
6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Shepherds' Room

Thursday, February 8

9:00 am	Patriotic Rosary	Chapel
6:30 pm	Reach More Winter Mission Training	Shepherds' Room

Friday, February 9

9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Nave/Chapel
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Saturday, February 10

7:00 am	Men's Fellowship and Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 am	Women's Fellowship and Bible Study	Shepherds' Room
10:00 am	Youth Ministry Cake Decorating	Life Center
3:00 pm	Youth Ministry Assisting Cake Bingo	Gymnasium
3:00 pm	Confessions	Nave
6:00 pm	Cake Bingo	Gymnasium

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am	PSR Family Mass	Nave
9:30 am	PSR Family Day	Gymnasium
10:30 am	Break Open the Word	Shepherds' Room

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

February Devotion: The Holy Family

1st Friday–Saturday, February 2–3, 9 am–9 am

Fridays: February 9, 16, 23, 9 am–9 am



The sanctity of families is under attack and our most powerful weapon is prayer! This February lets pray for all families to persevere, run the race with endurance, and thrive with, in and through Jesus Christ. Sign up for adoration online at ourladygc.org/adoration.

M – F DAILY EVENTS

7 am—Liturgy of the Hours,
Morning Prayers | Chapel

7:50 am—Divine Mercy Chaplet &
Rosary | Nave

8:30 am—Daily Mass | Nave

9 am—Coffee & Conversation | Life
Center

2:25 pm—Radio Rosary | 101.9FM

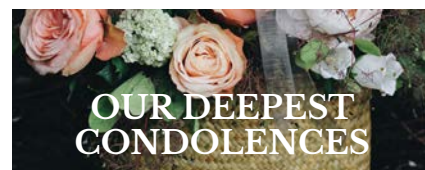


Congratulations to couples
celebrating anniversaries in
February.

Tom & Christine Murphy
56 years | February 10

Pat & Karen Fahy
26 years | February 14

If you would like to have an
anniversary recognized in the
bulletin, please email the couple's
names, date, and number of years
married to bulletin@ourladygc.org.



Please remember in your prayers
Gregory Castle, who recently
passed away. Let us also pray for his
friends and family. May they all find
peace in Our Lord.



to the following children, who were
recently baptized at Our Lady.

Anecialia Ratcliff, daughter of Kayla
& Travis Ratcliff

Finnegan Montgomery, son of Sara
& Kevin Montgomery

Arabella & Elsie Colley, daughters
of Sara & Dylan Colley

PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"
+Saint Josephine Bakhita

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | SAINT AGATHA

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Prayer: May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray, for she found favor with you by the courage of her martyrdom and the merit of her chastity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life? The gospel records that when Jesus disembarked from the boat the people immediately recognized him. What did they recognize in Jesus? A prophet, a healer, the Messiah, the Son of God? For sure they recognized that Jesus had power from God to heal and to make whole bodies, limbs, minds, and hearts that were beset with disease, affliction, and sin. What happened when they pressed upon him and touched the fringe of his garment? They were made well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to meet our needs as well. Do you approach him with expectant faith?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-3

Prayer: O God, strength of all the Saints, who through the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus and his disciples apparently upset some of the religious leaders of Jerusalem who had invited them over for dinner. What did they do wrong? They apparently neglected the Jewish custom of washing their hands before eating. Such an offence was not only bad table manners, but it also caused ritual impurity for the religious-minded Jews. Jesus was publicly scolded as a rabbi who should have known better to instruct his disciples to keep themselves ritually clean. Jesus' response, however, caught his hosts off guard. Jesus turned the table on his accusing hosts by chiding them for their uncleanness of heart. The Lord invites each of us to draw near to him and to feast at his banquet table. Do you approach with a clean heart and mind? Ask the Lord to cleanse and renew you with the purifying fire of his Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Prayer: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,

that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wants to set us free from the burden of guilt and from the destructive force of sin in our personal lives. He wants to purify our hearts and renew our minds so that we can love and act in every situation as he would love and act. The Lord is ready to change and purify our hearts through the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Like a physician who examines the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings sin into the light that we may recognize it for what it truly is and call upon his mercy and grace for pardon and healing. The Spirit of truth is our Consoler and Helper. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Believe in the power of God's love to heal, change, and transform your heart and mind! The beginning of Lent – Ash Wednesday – is one week from today. Use this Lenten Season to transform your life, to turn away from sin and instead turn toward the Lord and grow closer to him.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | SAINT JEROME EMILIANI

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

Prayer to Saint Jerome Emiliani: O God, Father of mercies, who sent Saint Jerome Emiliani as a helper and father to orphans, grant through his intercession, that we may preserve faithfully the spirit of adoption, by which we are called, and truly are, your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Josephine Bakhita: O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

About Saint Jerome Emiliani: A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532 Jerome and two other priests established a congregation dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of

youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928 Pius XI named him the universal patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Prayer to Saint Jerome Emiliani: O St. Jerome Emiliani, our country is in such need of your powerful intercession before the throne of God. So many children are orphans of broken homes, some are missing and others have been used for evil purposes on our city streets. Even worse than this, people are killing children before they are even born. Inspire parents to adopt orphans. Help us to have your fervor for all children, especially those in most need. Finally, we ask you to transform us into children so that we may one day enter the Kingdom of Heaven and with you praise the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

About Saint Josephine Bakhita: For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of seven, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Soon Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. Josephine entered the Institute of Saint Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. On the occasion of her beatification, Pope John Paul II praised her for "leaving us a message of reconciliation and evangelic forgiveness in a world so much divided and hurt by hatred and violence. She, that was the victim of the worst injuries of all times, namely slavery, herself declared: 'If I was to meet those

slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them to kiss their hands, because, if it had not been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman'."

Prayer to Saint Josephine Bakhita: God of goodness and mercy, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. (Mention your intention here.) Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita. By serving you as she did, may we please you by our faith and our actions. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Prayer: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. Pope Saint Gregory the Great comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like kind. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture website.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 Mass and distribution of ashes at
8:30 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm.
 Visit ourladygc.org/lent to learn more!



SEEKING VOICES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are seeking voices to lead the Stations of the Cross each week during Lent. Every week we need a male voice for the Jesus role and a female voice for St. Faustina. Contact Karen Cook, 614.875.3322 x13 or email kcook@ourladygc.org to schedule a Friday.



SILVER STREAKS

Wednesday, February 14

CANCELLED

Silver Streaks Monthly Potluck Meeting will not be held this February. Our meeting date falls on Ash Wednesday, so we encourage all of our members to attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass that evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our March 13, 2024 Potluck Meeting!



MAKE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS FOREVER

Your legacy reflects how you lived – with kindness, conviction, and faith. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is your faith home where you have encountered Jesus Christ and strengthened your relationship with Him. We want this divine life to continue and grow deeper – for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and future generations of Catholics.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help has an endowment fund that The Catholic Foundation manages. An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide our parish with a perpetual source of income. There are numerous ways to support the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Endowment Fund and share your blessings with our parish for eternity.

For more information on how you can make an eternal impact on Our Lady of Perpetual Help, please contact Campbell Smith at 614.443.8893 or csmith@catholic-foundation.org.

Members of the parish office staff will be on a retreat next week, February 5–9. The parish office will still be open, and the parish staff will still be reachable via email and voicemail. Responses will be made as the retreat allows.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you or your children interested in being an Altar Server at Mass? Join us at our training on Sunday, February 18! Training for those interested in becoming altar servers or in practicing their altar server skills begins at 11:30, after the 10:30 am Mass, and will finish around 1 pm. Altar servers must be entering third grade or above and have been baptized and received First Communion. Parents do not have to stay during the training session.

To register, visit ourladygc.org/events/2024-altar-server-training

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

FISH FRY

Fridays during Lent, February 16 – March 22
4:30 to 7 pm in the Life Center

Dine in or Carry Out!

Adults \$13 Senior \$11

Baked or fried fish or grilled cheese sandwich; two sides; roll+butter; hush puppies; choice of coffee, lemonade, or ice tea; and a dessert.

Children (under 10) \$5

1 piece of fish or grilled cheese sandwich, one side, drink.

All meals include hush puppies, dessert, and drink *(eat-in only)*

Side Options:

french fries, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, or mac and cheese



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FISH FRY MENU

Get ready for the annual Lenten fish fry, sponsored by the Knights of Council 4603. We are back in the Parish Life Center this year. AND, there is NO PRICE INCREASE. Plan to come and enjoy the best fish fry in Grove City at 2022 prices! So, save the dates:

2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 and 3/22 and we'll see you then!



GRIEF MATTERS SUPPORT GROUP

A 12-week offering of wisdom and insights gleaned from over 20 years of practical experience in facilitating grief support programs. Grief Matters provides an excellent resource for grief support groups, providing a foundational framework to assist people through the grief journey, from people in the early days of loss, to those who are “down the road” on their grief journey, and looking to “reorganize” their life. Contact Deacon Michael Sowers for more information and to register. Weekly sessions begin March 5, in the Shepherds’ Room.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES

CATHOLIC TIMES SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

February is the month when annual subscription renewals traditionally begin for the print edition of *The Catholic Times*, the information source for the Diocese of Columbus. In the past, payment for new subscriptions and renewals were collected through the parish, but an online system is now in place to make the process easier. Simply visit *The Catholic Times* website, catholictimescolumbus.org, and access the subscribe tab at the top of the home page to sign up for a new subscription, a renewal or a gift. Current subscribers also will receive a paper statement in the mail that can be returned to The Catholic Times, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St. with a check for \$26 or paid online at the website. Or, if necessary, drop an envelope marked Catholic Times in the regular collection at Sunday Mass with name, address and payment. Please consider supporting Catholic journalism and keeping up on the events in the diocese, especially during these changing times.

Quote Corner

“Are you willing to say to God that He can have whatever He wants? Do you believe that wholehearted commitment to Him is more important than any other thing or person in your life?”

(Mt 22:34-40; 1 Jn 3:14; 4:7-8; 1 Co 13)

~FRANCIS CHAN



GOD IS STILL CALLING

Are you looking to get more involved in promoting, encouraging, and praying for vocations? Serra Clubs, a lay apostolate, have been in our Columbus Diocese for 70 years. We seek members to stand alongside our priests and seminarians to support vocations for the Diocese of Columbus.

Serra Club of North Columbus meetings include the Rosary, lunch, and a speaker at 11:30 on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum. Downtown Serra Club meetings include lunch and a speaker at noon on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cavello Center at St. Charles Preparatory School. Check out our website at serracolumbus.org for more information and scheduled events.

EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everybody who donated to the Emmaus Road SGO in 2023! Across the diocese there was upwards of \$2.9 million dollars! That is \$1 million dollars more than last year! Our Lady had more than \$116,000 dollars come in before December 31!

Also, it is not too late to give to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund and claim it on a 2023 tax filing! Donations received on or up to the Federal tax filing deadline of April 15, 2024, may be claimed for the 2023 tax year; however, a credit from this contribution may not be claimed for both the 2023 and 2024 tax filings. For example, if you donate to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund during the 2023 calendar year, you will claim the tax credit on your 2023 tax return when you file your taxes in the spring of 2024. If you donate to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund between January 1 and April 15, 2024, you may claim the credit on either your 2023 tax filing OR 2024 tax filing, but not on both.



MEMORIAL TREES ORNAMENT PICKUP

The Knights ask that folks who made ornaments for the memorial trees pick up the ornaments they made over the weekend. They will be located in a basket in the gathering space.



EVENTS AT OUR LADY SCHOOL

2/10 | Cake Bingo

2/16 | No School—President’s Day

2/19 | No School



CAKE BINGO

FEBRUARY 10, 2024, 6–8 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will be hosting our annual Cake Bingo fundraiser supporting S.P.I.C.E (Special People in Catholic education) on February 10, 2024 from 6–8 pm. What is S.P.I.C.E, you ask? We support those students or members of the Parish who are unique individuals with different gifts, talents and learning needs. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School has been in the community for more than 50 years and provides a quality education for students from preschool through the eighth grade. Many of the attendees are patrons of your business. This provides you, not only an advertising opportunity, but also the ability to make a positive impact on the community.

Here's how you can help:

- Make a donation directly to SPICE
- Donate a baked good (cake, cupcakes, cake pops, cookies, etc.) to our event on February 10, 2024. You can arrange pickup or drop off between 3:30–5 pm the day of the event.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your generosity.



ADDITIONAL PRECIOUS BLOOD DISTRIBUTORS

Starting on Saturday, February 17, at the vigil Mass, we will have 4 precious blood distributors at every Mass. A message will be sent through Ministry Scheduler to all Eucharistic Ministers.



COMBINED YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Events:

Cake Bingo

February 10, 10 am–12 pm

The Youth group is looking for parishioners to help bake cakes to decorate for cake bingo! If you are interested in helping, pick-up a box of cake mix in the Life Center. Please drop off plain cakes for the youth group to decorate on Friday, February 9, 8 am–2 pm or 6–9 pm in the parish office. For questions, contact Veronica at 614.875.3322, ext. 315, or vdannemiller@ourladygc.org.



PARISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

We want to thank all the bakers, buyers and donors for the HUGE success of our Holiday Bake Sale and Raffle. Your incredible generosity will help us fund the following projects for this year:

- Necessities for the Veterans Homeless Camp
- Hosting OCIA dinner
- Providing dinner for Families at Ronald McDonald House
- The Brian Muha Foundation
- Confirmation Reception
- Cleaning Vestments
- Christ Child Society Baby Shower

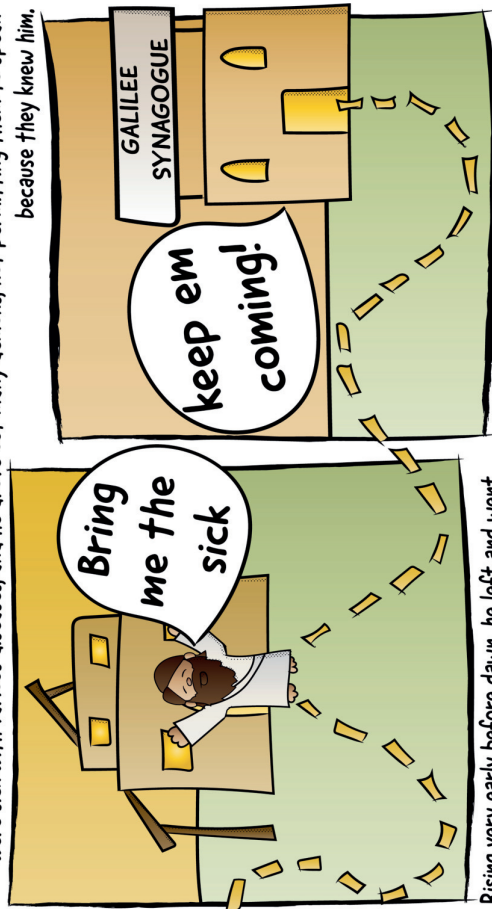
We are a hard-working, faith-filled fun-loving ministry.

Please prayerfully consider joining us at our next meeting on 2/28. Watch for further details in the bulletin.... And bring a friend!

GOSPEL MARK 1:29-39



On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.



Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

1ST READING JOB 7:1-4, 6-7



Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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