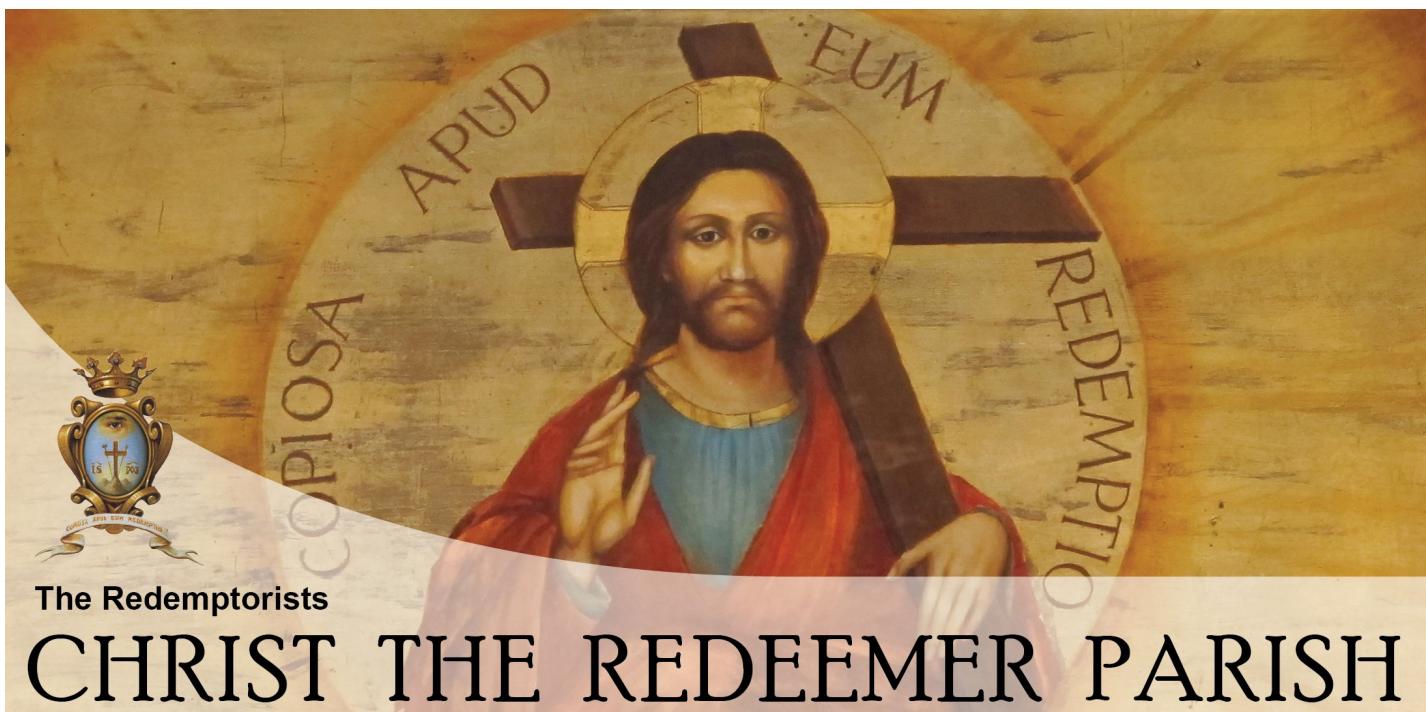


February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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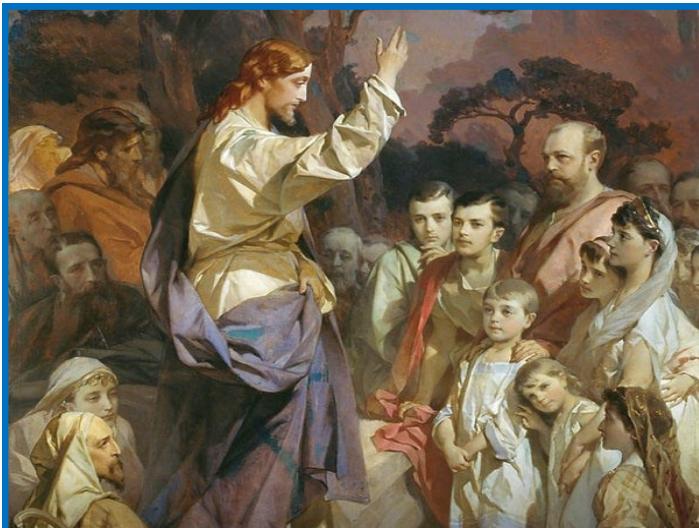
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 11:30AM - 9PM
SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESION
(English & Polish)

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 2 (Poniedziałek)

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o Dziwak Family
11:00AM †Francis Fiduk r/o Family

Tuesday, February 3 (Wtorek) St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Pura Family
11:00AM †Walter Fregeolle r/o Barbara Chenesky
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, February 4 (Środa)

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Misztal Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, February 5 (Czwartek) St. Agatha

8:00AM †Zygmunt Czech r/o Gnap Family
11:00AM †Pasquale & Maria Franzoso r/o Daughter

Friday, February 6 (Piątek)

St. Paul Miki & Companions

11:00AM †George & Sarah Trksak r/o Ralph & Christine
7:00PM †Anna & Elizabeth Maziarz r/o Lenartowicz Family

Saturday, February 7 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Weronika & Jozef Kolodziej r/o Kurasinski Family
11:00AM †Stanley & Valerie Rusowicz r/o Son
5:00PM †James, Agnes-Marie, Robert, Paul, Anthony,
Shirley, Elizabeth Marsicano r/o Family

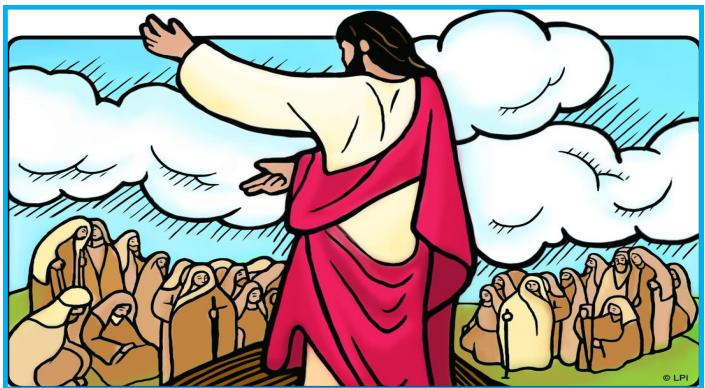
February 8 (Niedziela) 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM †Michael Florek r/o Barbara Khan
9:00AM †Sharon Connors r/o Family
 †Maria Zurawiecki r/o Teresa Byra
 †Stanley Jasinski r/o Ella & Eva Jasinski
 †Rosemarie Charneski r/o Former Pierogi Pals
 †Casterina Castagna r/o Gerardo & Dora Perna
 †Lucia Gaspar r/o D'Aniello Family
 †Jan Rzeszutek r/o Son, Daughter & Grandchildren
 †Pelagia Fratczak r/o Son in Law Michael
 For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Apolonia Kiersnowska r/o Stella Wiercinski
 †Joseph & Kazia Legendziewicz r/o Jan Poplawski
 †Antoni Kafara r/o Siostra & Rodzina
 †Jadwiga Musielak r/o CTR Choir
 †Zofia Dabrowska r/o Cebula Family
 †Antoni Kafara r/o Maria & Marian Puzio

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Mt 5:10-12a



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 1, 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad. — Father John Muir

**2025 Contribution Tax Statements
will not be automatically mailed out
to parishioners.**

**If you need a statement you must call
the parish office to request a statement.
Statements will be available to be picked
up at the parish office beginning on
Monday, February 2nd.**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.

SECOND COLLECTION DRUGA SKŁADKA

FEBRUARY 7 & 8

HEATING

FEBRUARY 14 & 15

CATHOLIC SPIRIT NEWSPAPER

FEBRUARY 21 & 22

PROPERTY INSURANCE

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIE WYDARZENIA

February 2 Monday

Blessing of Candles

February 3 Tuesday

Blessing of Throats (St. Blaise)

February 7 Saturday

First Saturday Devotion

February 10 Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 1-4)

February 15 Sunday

Altar Rosary Mass

February 16 Monday

Presidents Day (office closed)

February 17 Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 5-8)

February 18 Wednesday

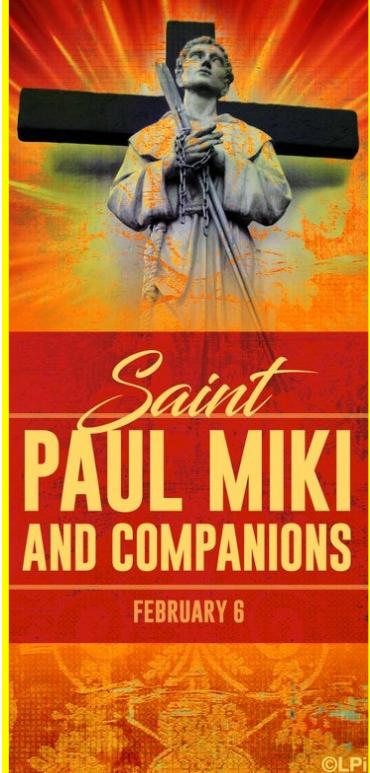
Ash Wednesday

February 18 Wednesday

Pierogi Supper

February 28 Saturday

2nd grade Jesus Day Retreat



Please visit our parish website:
www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

Please watch our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week.
This week Deacon Bill Stefany will be presenting the reflections.

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – ZACHĘTA DO GŁĘBSZEGO ROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

1 lutego 2026 r. IV Niedziela Zwykła

Mt 5,1-12a

Pewien znany mi kapłan został kiedyś fałszywie oskarżony o straszny czyn. Zarzut był absurdalny i łatwy do obalenia, ale przez pewien czas nie miało to większego znaczenia. W atmosferze zdominowanej przez kryzys nadużyć w Kościele z początku lat 2000 panowało publiczne przekonanie: winnym jest każdy poki nie udowodni swojej niewinności. Jego imię zostało zszargane, a posługa zawieszona. Miałem przywilej — i jednocześnie ciężar — towarzyszyć mu w tamtym trudnym czasie.

Był zły i zagubiony. Czuł się opuszczony i głęboko zdezorientowany. Ostatnią rzeczą, o jakiej myślał, były słowa Jezusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii: „Błogosławieni jesteście, gdy ludzie was urągają i prześladują was oraz gdy z mego powodu mówią kłamliwie wszystko złe na was... Cieszcie się i radujcie” (Mt 5,11-12). Radować się? Nie czuł absolutnie niczego, co przypominałoby radość.

A jednak... powoli zaczęło w nim dokonywać się coś świętego i niezwykłego. Nie dokonało się to z dnia na dzień i ale był to długi proces. Gdy prawda wyszła na jaw, a jego dobre imię zostało oczyszczone, widziałem jak stawał się coraz bardziej podobny do Chrystusa — bardziej cierpliwy, współczeszący i wolny od potrzeby ludzkiego uznania.

Być może nie przyszło Ci nigdy zmierzyć się z czymś aż tak dramatycznym i trudnym. Ale gdzie ty czujesz się osądzany?

Żle oceniany? Pomijany? Może ktoś inny zebrał pochwały albo otrzymał awans, tylko nie Ty. Może ktoś, kogo kochasz, nie dostaje tego, na co zasługuje. W takich momentach Krzyż Jezusa staje się rzeczywistością.

Gdy czujemy się oskarżani, źle osądzeni, prośmy o łaske wytrwałości. O. John Muir

The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of January 18, 2026

Offertory	\$ 4,752.00
Children's Donations	\$ 23.00
Mail Ins	\$ 730.00
Property Insurance	\$ 1,784.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,209.00
Total	\$ 9,498.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.
May God bless you Fr. Stan

Pilgrimage to Poland **9 Days in June 2026**

We are planning a 9 day pilgrimage to Poland this June. If you are interested in taking part please contact Father Peter for more information including itinerary and cost



ATTENDING MASS WHEN SICK

It is not imperative you attend Mass if you are not feeling well, in fact, you should stay home and rest which will enable you to restore your good health more quickly. If you should begin to feel ill during Mass or know you may be "coming down" with a cold, etc., please refrain from physical contact during the "Sign of Peace". This eliminates the unnecessary spreading of germs throughout the congregation. In the event you should become gravely ill or want to request the "Anointing of the Sick"; please call the parish office.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Manville PBA Local#236 we would like to thank Christ the Redeemer Parishioners for their generous donations to the Manville PBA for Jack's Kids. Together the parishioners donated **\$492.00** to the PBA to be used for

helping families with children who have catastrophic medical expenses. Manville PBA members also did their part and donated as well. In the months of November and December Manville Police Officers were given the opportunity to embrace their hair and grow their beards out, which many cancer patients lose during treatment. Our members set aside their razors and instead used the money that would normally go towards shaving supplies to donate to charity.

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Once again, Thank You for your generosity!

Robert Ancona
Delegate - Manville PBA #236
Manville Police Department

Deacon Bill Stefany
Chaplain



St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

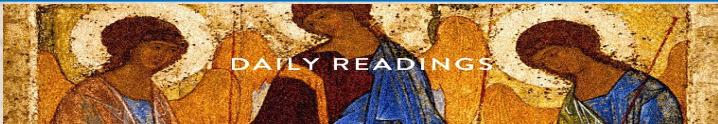
Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."



Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1

Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

You can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.



**Caritas
MANVILLE**
God's Love in Action

The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked.

Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra.

Food items can be dropped off in our donation bins in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Pantry is most in need of the following items:

Coffee, Tea, Juice(64 ounce),
Pancake mix, Syrup, Chef Boyardee,
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken,
Canned Spam, Boxed Milk,
Toaster Pastries, Cookies

For sale in the parish office

**Pierogi \$12 Dozen
Stuffed Cabbage 4 for \$10
Cabbage & Noodle 32oz \$10**

Welcome To Our New Parishioner:

Sylwia Kowalski

Valentine's Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year.

Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Dan & Jeannette Soto).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday

Dolores Finlan

Monday

Angelica R.L. Ocasso

Tuesday

8th grade CCD class

Cassie Badella

Terry Tardy

Wednesday

Lee Rawaich

Thursday

John Tardy

Friday

Barbara Faist

Saturday

VALENTINE'S DANCE
all you need is
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7PM-1AM

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Halinka Polish Deli 438 Rt. 206 S., Hillsborough
Polish School Friday & Saturday

MORE INFO: FB@POLSKASZKOLANEAST946

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL BENEFIT POLISH SCHOOL IN MANVILLE



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bookoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marie Callahan, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Joann Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Lincoln & Chris Levash, Cheyenne Liccardi, Vitoria Marrcino, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Dolores O'Bara, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Michelle Petrie, Rachel & Vince Petrone, Rosemary Phillips, Geraldine Pienta, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Jon Severson, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Rita Wass, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **February 15th at 9:00AM**.
Please join us for the **PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM**.

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **February 7th at 11:30AM**.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.

Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same.

When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, eternally speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meeting: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski (chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - March 14, 2026 - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially:

SPC Christopher Elsen
Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.
Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF
Airman Michael Edward Kassick III
Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF
Captain John Limyansky USAF
Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic
Airman Jason Pikula USAF
SR Jerry Lee Rogalski
PFC Steven Ubry
Master Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!