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### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25th, 2026

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops**  
NO MASS

**TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

5:30 PM - **Basil Balagusz**  
(Req. by Family)  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12:05 PM - **Betty Petro**

(Req. by Jeny Lecci)  
**\*Reschedule from 1-22-26\***

**FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12:05 PM - **Gloria Fenik**

(Req. by Family)  
**\*Reschedule from 1-23-26\***  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY - Vigil of 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM - **Pro Populo**

**SUNDAY - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 AM - **John Slovikovski Sr.**  
(Req. by Pauline Molchany)

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Spiritual and Physical Health of Fr. John  
Anonymous



The daily readings may be found at either USCCB.ORG or with the daily readings listed in the back of the missalette.

**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Scheduled no less than nine months prior to the date of marriage.

Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. **All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Wednesday and Friday following Mass.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

**\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$**

**Collection - January 18, 2026**

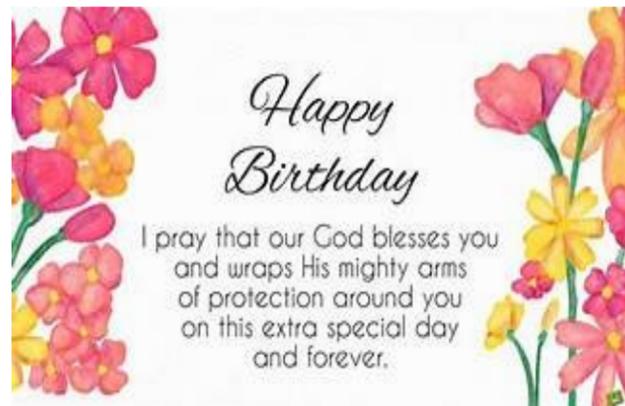
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Christmas Offering.....	\$50.00
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Extraordinary Donations.....	\$70.00

**TOTAL: \$3298.00**

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

*Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young*

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of January 26th to February 1st:



Jerry Gorentz

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**Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39):** In December we had over 40 young adults join us for faith, food, and fellowship. March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday January 28th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Fr. Canice McMullen OSB speaking on: The Four Temperaments and our Path to Holiness. You won't want to miss this one! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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We always pray the rosary Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.

**BOTH OF THESE PRACTICES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE IN 2026!! A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!**



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**An Invitation to Join CCW Sisters for Spiritual Enrichment Foundation of Faith: Catechism of the Catholic Church - Part Two - The Catechism Helps Catholics Understand Why the Church Teaches What It Does.**

The Catechism is an important book for the Church, yet many Catholics have never read it. Drawing from 2,000 years of Church history, the writings of over 50 saints, and almost every book of the Bible, this foundational document reveals what Catholics are called to believe and how they are called to live, worship, and pray on earth to spend eternity with God in heaven. The series will utilize DVD's, presentations and discussion. Sessions will take place at on February 9, 23, March 2, 23, 30 at CCW Incarnation Center from 10 AM-12N and at the Basilica of Saint Michael in Loretto from 6 - 8 PM. Participants will find it helpful to have a copy of the Catechism for their personal use to read assignments.

Please register by February 4 by contacting: For sessions held at Incarnation Center: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com, srmarilynw@CCWCommunity.org or call 814-886-4098. For sessions at Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel call:8144728551 to register.

**From Pontiff to Pew:**

During this past Sunday's **Angelus**, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday! Today's Gospel reading (cf. Jn 1:29-34) speaks to us about John the Baptist, who recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Messiah, proclaiming: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (v. 29). He adds: "I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel" (v. 31). John recognized Jesus as the Savior; he proclaimed Jesus' divinity and mission to the people of Israel and then stepped aside, having completed his task, as his words attest: "After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me" (v. 30).

The Baptist was a man whom the crowds dearly loved, to the point that he was even feared by the authorities in Jerusalem (cf. Jn 1:19). It would have been easy for him to exploit this fame; instead, he did not succumb to the temptations of success and popularity. Before Jesus, he recognized his own littleness and made space for Jesus' greatness. John knew that he was sent to prepare the way of the Lord (cf. Mic 1:3; Is 40:3), and when the Lord came, with joy and humility he acknowledged God's presence and stepped out of the spotlight.

How important his witness is for us today! Indeed, approval, consensus and visibility are often given excessive importance, to the point of shaping people's ideas, behaviors and even their inner lives. This causes suffering and division, and gives rise to lifestyles and relationships that are fragile, disappointing and imprisoning. In truth, we do not need these "substitutes for happiness." Our joy and greatness are not founded on passing illusions of success or fame, but on knowing ourselves to be loved and wanted by our heavenly Father. The love of which Jesus speaks is the love of a God who even today comes among us, not to dazzle us with spectacular displays, but to share in our struggles and to take our burdens upon himself. In doing so, he reveals to us the truth about who we are and how precious we are in his sight.

Dear friends, let us not allow ourselves to be distracted from the Lord's presence in our midst. Let us not waste our time and energies chasing after appearances. Rather, let us learn from John the Baptist to remain vigilant, to love simplicity, to be sincere in our words, to live soberly, and to cultivate a depth of mind and heart. Let us be content with what is essential and make time each day, when possible, for a special moment to pause in silence to pray, reflect and listen - in other words, "to withdraw into the desert", in order to meet the Lord and remain with him.

May the Virgin Mary, model of simplicity, wisdom and humility, help us in this resolve.

Pope Leo's **Wednesday Audience** continued his catechesis on the Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum. 2. Jesus Christ reveals the Father". Here is the Wednesday Audience in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome! We will continue the catecheses on the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum, of Vatican Council II, on divine Revelation. We have seen that God reveals himself in a dialogue of covenant, in which he addresses us as friends. It is therefore

a relational knowledge, which not only communicates ideas, but shares a history and calls for communion in reciprocity. The fulfilment of this revelation takes place in a historical and personal encounter in which God himself gives himself to us, making himself present, and we discover that we are known in our deepest truth. It is what happens in *Jesus Christ*. The Document states that the deepest truth about God and the salvation of man shines out for our sake in Christ, who is both the mediator and the fullness of all revelation (cf. DV, 2).

Jesus reveals the Father to us by involving us in his own relationship with Him. In the Son sent by God the Father "man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature" (ibid.). We therefore reach full knowledge of God by entering into the Son's relationship with his Father, by virtue of the action of the Spirit. This is attested to, for example, by the Evangelist Luke when he recounts the Lord's prayer of jubilation: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Lk 10:21-22).

Thanks to Jesus we know God as we are known by Him (cf. Gal 4:9); 1 Cor 13:13). Indeed, in Christ, God has communicated himself to us and, at the same time, he has manifested to us our true identity as his children, created in the image of the Word. This "eternal Word ... enlightens all men" (DV 4), revealing their truth in the eyes of the Father: "Your Father, who sees in secret will reward you" (Mt 6:5; 6:8), says Jesus, and he adds that "your Father knows that you need all these things" (cf. Mt 6:32). Jesus Christ is the place where we recognize the truth of God the Father, while we discover ourselves known by Him as sons in the Son, called to the same destiny of full life. Saint Paul writes: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son ... so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba!', Father!" (Gal 4:4-6).

Finally, Jesus Christ reveals the Father with his own humanity. Precisely because he is the Word incarnate that dwells among men, Jesus reveals God to us with his own true and integral humanity: "To see Jesus is to see His Father (Jn 14:9). For this reason, Jesus perfected revelation, fulfilling it through his whole work of making Himself present and manifesting Himself through His words and deeds, His signs and wonders, but especially through His death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth" (DV, 4). In order to know God in Christ, we must welcome his integral humanity: God's truth is not fully revealed where it takes something away from the human, just as the integrity of Jesus' humanity does not diminish the fullness of the divine gift. It is the integral humanity of Jesus that *(continued on insert)*