

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

## Assumption Catholic Church

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 21, 2024*

COME AFTER ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE YOU  
FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Kelli Wittman, Office Manager**

**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13). God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message.

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. Do we believe that the gospel - the good news of Jesus - has power to free us from bondage to sin and fear?

Readings for Next Sunday,  
January 28, 2024  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

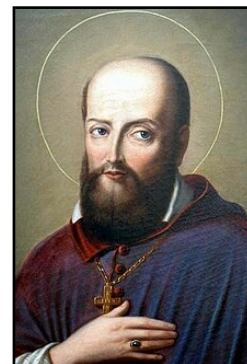
## Saint of the Week... St. Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. So Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva. He set out to convert his people, and by preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Francis authored books, wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people to help them understand that they too are called to be saints. Francis is known as the "Gentleman Saint" and is the patron of authors, deafness and journalists.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



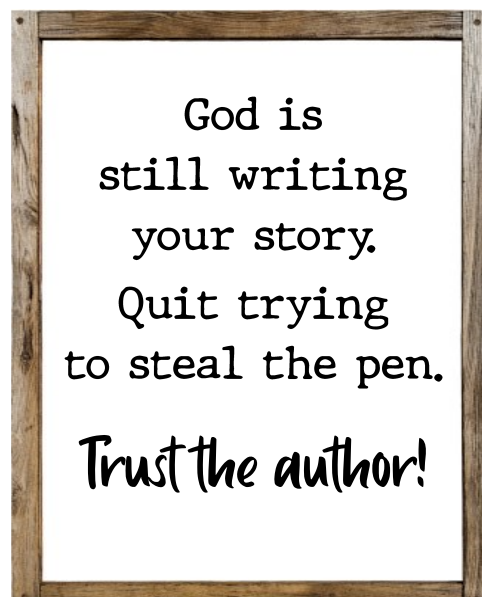
Feast Day: January 24



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne

Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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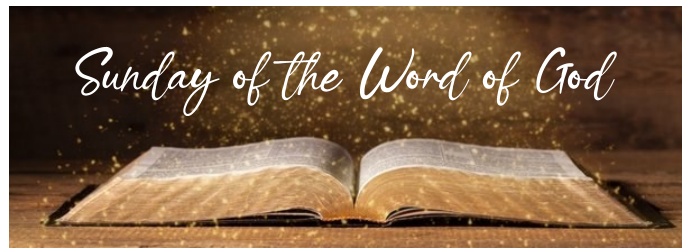


## Welcome Fr. Giles!

We welcome Fr. Giles back to our parish this weekend for the fourth and final installment in our Teaching Mass series, "Understanding and Celebrating the Eucharist." A very special thanks to him for his educational and inspiring presentations, as well as for stepping in while Fr. Thomas is away on vacation.

Fr. Giles will arrive in Keyser around noon on the Saturdays he is celebrating Mass here (through February 11). If you would like to make an appointment with him, contact the Parish Office.

Fr. Thomas safely reached his home in India Tuesday night our time. We'll miss him, but are grateful that he is able to get this time of renewal and relaxation. He and his family sends his regards to everyone!



The word of God is alive, here and now! Jesus speaks to us through Scripture, right now, in this time and place. In the midst of our lives, God's word gives each of us peace, comfort and guidance.

Established by Pope Francis in 2019, the Sunday of the Word of God designates an annual day, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

This is a perfect day to celebrate and thank those who proclaim the Word at our Masses. May God bless them in their service to our parish and continue to strengthen their faith.

Fr. Thomas	Mike Landis
Fr. Giles	Linda Marsh
Julie Alt	Doug Minnich
John Bogdan	Geoff Newlin
Paul Bogdan	Derek Stephen
Celia Cole	Alan Taylor
Patrick George	Anita Tetreault
Larry Hammel	Pam Williams
Sue Harber	Kerri Wittman
Kelley Kuhn	Karen Yowler



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for those seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. We have several individuals currently in the RCIA process who will be entering the Church later this year, but you can begin the process at any time. If you have been considering becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or our Parish RCIA Coordinator, Nancy Starcher (304-813-0313).

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 20	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto .....	Jan Chiccehitto
		The Calemine & Wise Families.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, January 21	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Martin Willis.....	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Thomas Martin.....	Lynn McQuinn
Monday, January 22	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 23	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 24	No Mass		
Thursday, January 25	No Mass		
Friday, January 26	No Mass		
Saturday, January 27	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Ruth Martin .....	Lynn McQuinn
		Members of the Harber Family .....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Tammy Dorsey-Dale.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, January 28	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
		Intentions of the Dupuis Family .....	Jean Harber





# Knights of Columbus NEWS

### Reminder to All K of C Members

Please turn in all 300 Club tickets to Mike Landis by January 31!

### Knight Family of the Month

Geoff Newlin and his family have been chosen as the Knight Family of the Month for December. Geoff is a member of the Parish Council, serves as a Lector, and also actively participates in K of C projects. Geoff and Ashlee's children, Tucker and Harper, are students in our religious education program. Tucker is also an Altar Server and Harper recently had the honor of presenting the Baby Jesus at the Sanctuary manger during the Christmas Vigil Mass. Congratulations and thanks to the Newlin family for being a vital part of our parish community!

## Your Faithful Stewardship

January 13-14, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$4,947
Loose Donations.....	\$1,299
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,246</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 1/13 .....	82
Sunday, 1/14 .....	96
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>178</b>

### Special Collection

Humanitarian Aid for the Holy Land.....	\$207
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### Second Collection This Weekend

A second collection is being taken today for the Church in the Developing World (Latin America, Africa, and Central & Eastern Europe). A separate basket is available for this important appeal.



### Youth Group Event Sunday, January 28, 2024 4-6 p.m. Rainbow Lanes, Keyser

Bowling games, shoe rentals and food will be provided for the kids. A schedule of upcoming projects will be distributed. All CCD students in grades 5-12 are invited ... and bring a friend!



### It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (January 21) for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to members of the Parish Council for hosting this month!

### K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, February 7 at St. Mary's Hall. Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out); eat in or carry out. Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling Mike Landis (304-790-3317). Delivered dinners will be available on Tuesday, February 6, beginning around noon.

### Food Handlers Class

A Food Handlers class will be held on Wednesday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mineral County Health Department. Anyone who assists with the spaghetti dinner is encouraged to attend. The Knights will pay for the training.

### Reminder for St. Mary's Hall

A reminder to please remember to keep the door to the restroom in St. Mary's Hall open when not in use, especially during the winter months. The heat from the main hall helps to keep the pipes from freezing!

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, January 27

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber  
EM: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

#### Sunday, January 28

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury, Nick McKenzie  
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka  
Cantor: Patrick George

#### Saturday, February 3

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

#### Sunday, February 4

Lector: John Bogdan  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Nancy Starcher, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 25 Cindy Alt  
February 1 Meredythe Barrick