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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Jan 27	5:30pm	+Alfred Brysch
Tues	Jan 28	7:30am	+Pete Styra
Wed	Jan 29	5:30pm	Daniel and Lexxus Zika (S.I.)
Thur	Jan 30	7:30am	+Tommy John
Thur	Jan 30	5:30pm	+Victor Ibrom
Fri	Jan 31	8:15am	+Mary Ann Braden
Fri	Jan 31	5:30pm	+Nora Scobel
Sat	Feb 1	6:00pm	+Edbert and Mark Henneke
Sun	Feb 2	8:00am	+Wilbert and Vernell Kucherka
Sun	Feb 2	10:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society
Sun	Feb 2	12:00noon	Eva Marie Rodriguez (S.I.)

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	
<u>6pm</u>	Z. Kuhn, A. & L. Potter
<u>C/L</u>	R. Heffley
<u>EM</u>	R. Heffley, G. Elizondo, D. Rios
<u>8am</u>	J. Rau, S. Korell
<u>C/L</u>	M. Stavinoha
<u>EM</u>	D. & G. Warschak, J. Barta
<u>10am</u>	SAS Students (CSW Mass)
<u>C/L</u>	SAS Students (CSW Mass)
<u>EM</u>	J. O'Leary, S. Hajovsky, T. Lanham
<u>12pm</u>	M. & A. Garcia, R. Sanchez
<u>C/L</u>	Ma. A. Sanchez
<u>EM</u>	A. & V. Sanchez

Sunday, January 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1). On September 30 of last year, Pope Francis issued a letter declaring that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time was to be set aside every year as the "Sunday of the Word of God." The Holy Father urged pastors to celebrate this day with special homilies, added reverence to the Scriptures in Mass, and by encouraging us to take up the Scriptures anew and find in them the treasures of God's word for our lives.

In his letter, Pope Francis spoke about how we cannot read the Bible in the same way we read any other book. "Since faith comes from hearing," he wrote, "and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection" (*Aperuit Illis*, 7).

This "attentive listening" means asking the Holy Spirit, who has inspired the Scriptures, to breathe life into the words we read. It means trying to silence the other voices in our minds and quiet our anxious hearts so that we can hear God's voice speaking to us. As Pope Francis wrote, "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone." But as we take in God's word prayerfully, it becomes to us "The living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people" (9).

God has a message just for you today, and that message may well be embedded in the readings you will hear at Mass. It will be something personal and inspiring. No one else will hear these readings in exactly the same way that you will. No one else will receive exactly the same message that you will. So practice the attentive listening that Pope Francis described. What is He saying to you? How will the "great light" of God's word shine in your heart today (Isaiah 9:1)?

"Come, Holy Spirit! Open my ears and my heart to Your word today."
(from "The Word Among Us")

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Jan 26	Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass, 10:00am SAS Open House, 11:00-12:00noon JCDA Meeting, after 10:00am Mass in the Cafeteria Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Chapel
Monday-Friday		Catholic Schools Week
Tues	Jan 28	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall No 8:15am Mass
Wed	Jan 29	CCE, 5:30pm English as a Second Language Class, 5:30-7:00pm, upstairs SAS School Building RCIA, 6:00pm in Solansky Home High School Youth Group, 6:15pm in Cafeteria
Thur	Jan 30	School-wide Rosary, 9:30am in Church
Fri	Jan 31	SAS Mass Prepared by 7th and 8th grades, 8:15am in Church SAS Early Release, 12:00noon Spanish Bible Study, 7:00pm in Cafeteria

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2654.00 Sunday Envelopes
 \$ 1255.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 562.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
 \$ 20.00 Capital Campaign Memorials
 \$ 65.00 A/C Donation

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 54,418.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

The second collection next weekend will be for the Paving the Way Fund.

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,234,753.46**. (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

Registration Forms for the next Women's and Men's ACTS Retreats

are in the back of the church. The women's retreat will be Feb 20-23 out of St. Anthony. The men's retreat will be March 19-22 out of St. Roch.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one,
 living or deceased, please see Tracey in the Church Office.

***Congratulations to Fr. Nelson on his
 16th Anniversary of being a priest.
 He was ordained on January 23, 2004.***

Ministers To Serve February 1 & 2

2/01	6:00pm	<u>AS</u>	K. Weishuhn, J. Schindler, S. Youens	2/02	10:00am	<u>AS</u>	Z. Kleimann, M. Ehlert, D. Barten
		<u>C/L</u>	B. Besch			<u>C/L</u>	K. Kleimann
		<u>EM</u>	B. Besch, B. & S. Berger			<u>EM</u>	R. & T. Theut, K. Kleimann
		<u>FG</u>	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky			<u>FG</u>	Volunteer
2/02	8:00am	<u>AS</u>	E. & K. Lanham, T. Watkins	2/02	12:00pm	<u>AS</u>	S. Gonzales, M. Aguilar, L. Alvarez
		<u>C/L</u>	G. Warschak			<u>C/L</u>	C. Gonzales
		<u>EM</u>	D. & G. Warschak, J. Huebel			<u>EM</u>	F. & M. Sanchez
		<u>FG</u>	J. Barrett				
<u>EM to TLC 2/02, 9:30am:</u>			D. & G. Warschak				

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
 in your prayers as they
 continue their journey in the
 Diaconate Program.

Next weekend is the Presentation of the Lord. Each of the Masses will begin at the bell tower where we will bless the candles and process into the church, much like we do at the Easter Vigil.

Patricia Talbot from Cuenca, Ecuador will be here on Monday, February 3, to talk about her experiences with Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith. The talk will be at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria, and will be in Spanish with an English translator.

The **Columbus KC Council 2971's Hunter's Exposition and Chili Supper** will be Friday, February 7, at 6:00pm at the Columbus Hall. Tickets are available at the Columbus Hall (732-2220) or from a KC Member.

CDA Members whose last names begin with N-Z will provide desserts for the CDA booth at the KC's Chili Supper. Contact Joani Dungen (732-1060) for more info.

Sts. Peter and Paul in Freslburg is looking for a new employee to manage financial records and over the parish office. Applicants must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, of good moral and personal character, and adept at dealing with people in a friendly but firm manner. Those interested should contact F. Michael Lyons at fmmichael@saintrochparish.org.

We would like to welcome Chrissy Espinosa, a new part time employee who will be working at the Church Office 15 hours a week as a translator and ESL teacher. She, her husband, and three children have been members of St. Anthony's since 2014 when they moved to Cat Spring from the Sugar Land area where she taught High School Spanish.