

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025



# May you find Christ here...may you take 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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Bulletin Deadline Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: At your word I will let

down the nets. When we meet disappointment and failure, do we press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command? This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in His works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: We will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Do we witness to those around us the joy of the Gospel and do we pray for our neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth?

# Saint of the Week ... St. Scholastica

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Many people are familiar with St. Benedict because the Benedictine order and monasteries bear his name. St. Scholastica was St. Benedict's twin sister. They were born in 480 in Italy to wealthy parents. At an early age, Scholastica entered a convent joining a Benedictine order for women.



Feast Day: February 10

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters. According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove.

Saint Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and is invoked against storms and rain. Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org

> Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna

Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman. Survey Extended!

The Disciple Maker Index survey has been extended to this Tuesday, February 11.

Help us strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future by completing the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!

- It takes just 10 minutes!
- It's all multiple choice!
- All responses are anonymous!
- Not online? Paper copies are available in the Vestibule!
- Thank you!

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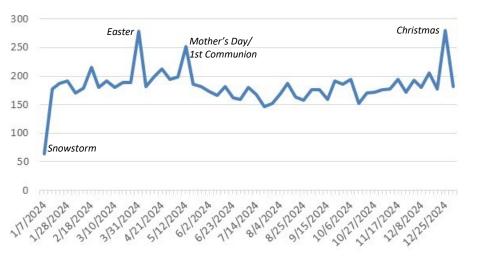
# Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

**Readings for Next Sunday,** 

February 16, 2025

\*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Baptisms	6	8	3
Full Communion with the Catholic Church	1	1	0
First Holy Communion Recipients	9	3	4
Confirmations	0	14	0
Marriages and Convalidation Ceremonies		0	0
Registered CCD Students	60	62	60
Funerals Masses/Committal Services	5	8	4
Average Weekend Mass Attendance		177	153
Most Attended Single Mass not including Christmas & Easter Sunday, May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day & First Holy Communion)	252	223	198



#### WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

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Mass	Schedule	and	Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 8	4:00 pm	Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley	.Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Brent Barrick	.Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, February 9	8:30 am	Soul of Bro. Luke Stone, TOR	Assumption Parish
Monday, February 10	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 11	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 12	No Mass		
Thursday, February 13	No Mass	see note below	
Friday, February 14	No Mass		
Saturday, February 15	4:00 pm	Soul of Tom Sauer	.K of C Assumption Council
		Soul of Marianna Daskal	.Jim Daskal
Sunday, February 16	8:30 am	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
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Note: We will gather in the church each Thursday at 11 am while Fr. Thomas is away to pray the Rosary. Please join us!

### **Meatball Pick Up Reminder**

Everyone who ordered meatball subs or meatballs/ sauce from the Ladies Guild/K of C are reminded that those can be picked up at St. Mary's Hall after Mass on Saturday (2/8).

#### **Pie Pick Up Reminder**

Everyone who ordered pies from the Ladies Guild can pick those up at St. Mary's Hall this Friday, February 14, from 1-4 p.m.

# Your Faithful Stewardship

#### February 1-2, 2025

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,010
Loose Donations	\$1,074
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,271
Total	\$6,355

#### **Attendance**

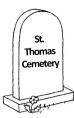
Saturday, 2/1	83
Sunday, 2/2	85
Total	168

#### **January Balance Sheet**

Balance	\$13,440
Expenses	
Income	

#### **Upcoming Diocesan Collection**

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. A separate basket is available.



#### **Cemetery Flowers**

If you have Christmas flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by February 16. Thank you!





#### **Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!**

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (February 16) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.

## **Support Group Meeting Set**

The next support group meeting for those dealing with any type of loss will be on Tuesday, February 25 at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney followed by Mass at 12 noon.

### The Weekly Word Sign Up for Weekly Emails

Parish announcements are sent by email each week. If you are not receiving them, please call or email the Parish Office to be added to the distribution list.

Also, the bulletin is mailed by USPS to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and do not have internet access. If you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin by mail, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

## **Liturgical Minister Schedule**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>, February 15</u>
Lector:	Celia Cole
Servers:	Sue Harber and Micah Alt
EM:	Mere Barrick, Karen Yowler (c), Kathy Finnell (c)
	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Sunday,	February 16 (Youth Mass)
Lector:	CCD students
Servers:	CCD students
EM:	Tina Stephen, Kelley Kuhn (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Greeters:	CCD students
Cantor:	Julie Alt
	<u>, February 22</u>
Lector:	Karen Yowler
	Rosie Landis, Liam & Lucas Dupuis
	Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Greeters:	Kelli & Kerri Wittman
Cantor:	Julie Alt
	February 23
	Paul Bogdan
	Tina & Derek Stephen
	Beverley Iser, Mike Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)
	Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
Cantor:	Patrick George
	ealthcare Center EM
	13 Jean Harber
February	20 Stacey Rhodes