



Jesus cured many who were sick



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February 4, 2018 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever feel that life is drudgery? Have you ever been ill and wondered about your place on the earth or in the lives of the people you love? Do you sometimes feel rejected or misunderstood? On this Sunday in the early moments of a new year, we reflect on the clarity, consolation, and healing we find in faith. Job muses about the meaning of life; Saint

Paul relies on faith as he responds to critics; the sick rush to Jesus, and he shows us God's tender care for those who are ailing and out-cast. Not only does he respond to those who come to him; he goes where they are. God seeks us out in our moments of weakness. God will always be with us in such real experiences of human life.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
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FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	February 3, 2018– FIRST SATURDAY
9:00 am	Intention for those who have chosen a consecrated life
5:00 pm	†Rose Smith req. by Mary & Craig Bisping
Sunday,	February 4, 2018
9:00 am	†Margaret Seals req. by The Hoehn Family / also Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday,	February 5, 2018
9:00 am	† John & Ann Shields/also Rose Smith req. by Mary & Craig Bisping
Tuesday,	February 6, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm	ADORATION until 9pm
Wednesday,	February 7, 2018 - NO MASS
Thursday,	February 8, 2018
9:00 am	† Alice Galvez req. by M/M Ron Vinson /also Rose Smith req. by Ronny & Ed Ziebart
Friday,	February 9, 2018– NO MASS
9:00 am	Adoration until 11:00 am
Saturday,	February 10, 2018
5:00 pm	†Rita Robbins req. by Mike & Spike Rodewald / also Rose Smith req. by Ann Bishop
Sunday,	February 11, 2018
9:00 am	† Alice Galvez req. by M/M Bruce Clover / also Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 10 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Natalie Gabriel
Sunday, February 11 - 9:00 am
Elena Alexander, Andrew Barta

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 10 - 5:00 pm
Donald & Cynthia Raymond
Sunday, February 11 - 9:00 am
Roberta Stauffenberg

Lector

Saturday, February 10- 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, February 11- 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, February 10 - 5:00 pm
Howard Bieschke, Mark Tillitson
Sunday, February 11 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, Eddie Horath

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, January 28 \$1,374.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at stpatrickwilton-center.org to sign up.

This weekend our second collection will be for our Maintenance Fund. We are in the process of getting bids to replace of leaning electrical pole in the back of the property between the church and the rectory. A new microphone system has been ordered and should be installed shortly. Vendors have been contacted to get prices on fixing and maintaining our beautiful stained glass windows, that are leaking and in distress. Your support of these projects through the Maintenance Fund is greatly appreciated. If you are not prepared to donate to the maintenance collection this week, you can always drop it in any Sunday with your regular donation. As always, Thank you for your continued support.

1st Communion parents - The meeting for February 7 is cancelled .

The meeting will be Feb. 11 at 10:15 in church

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

--John Henry Newman

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

**MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 5:30 PM**



**Ash
Wednesday**

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TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference! The opening report for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeal helps us do God's work here on earth and be His partners in caring.

As you will read in the opening report, the CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Your gifts to the CMAA will make a difference to members of our parish, friends and neighbors, and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$10,600. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA, and making the most generous pledge possible.



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us you have given us into the keeping of Your Son , Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will be taking up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). During the time of communist reign in many countries, practicing the faith became illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. After decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. With your support of this collection, the Church is providing resources to these communities to breathe new life into the faith once again.



The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. In 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

Your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year or if you can increase your contribution. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Daniel Conlon
Bishop, Diocese of Joliet*

This special collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec;
Cathy Engler, Loretta Long,
Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,
Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack

WITH THE NEW YEAR WE ARE
UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE
PRAYER LIST.

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list
should contact the office.**

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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1 CO R I N T H I A N S

READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 4, 2018



Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps
132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5,
10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31,
39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37,
40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: St. Agatha

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine
Bakhita;
International Day of Prayer and
Awareness against Human
Trafficking

Saturday: St. Scholastica

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REAL LIFE

The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

REAL FAITH

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

Today's Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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