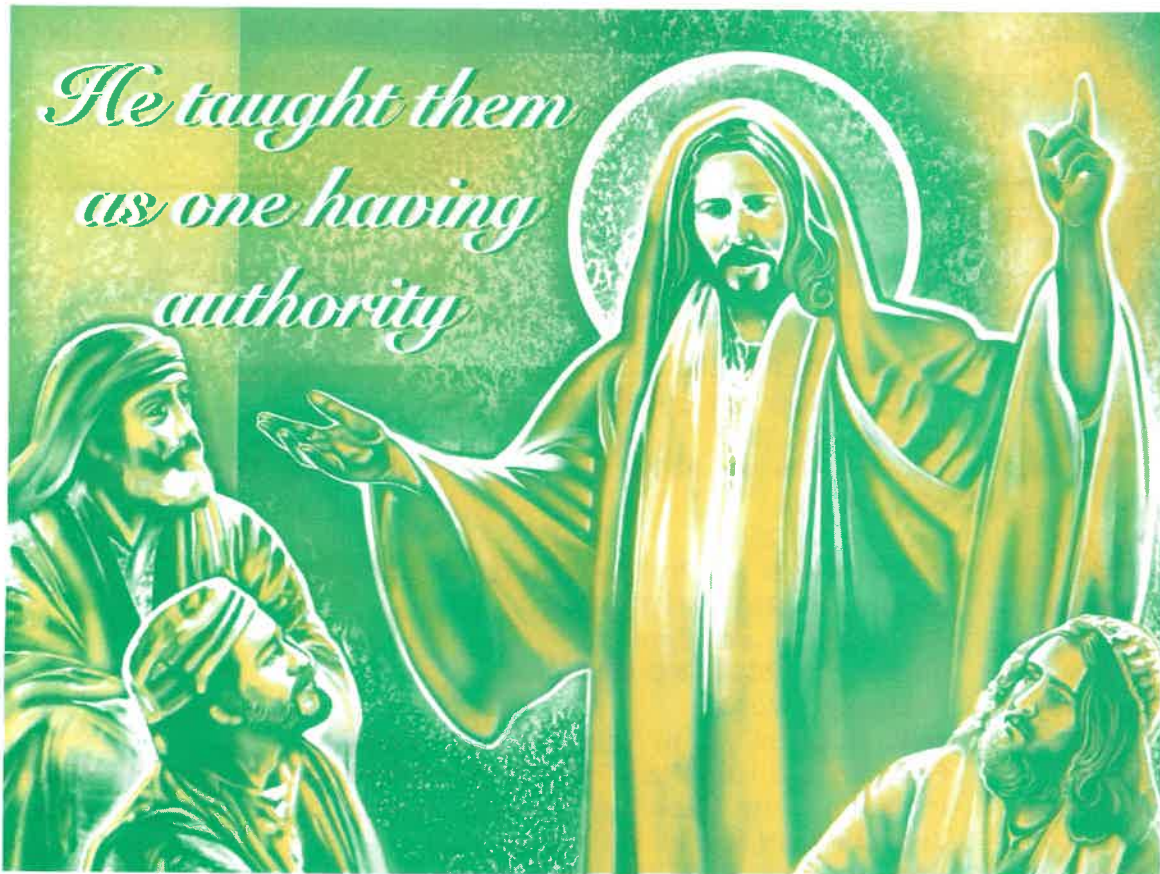


*He taught them
as one having
authority*



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January 28, 2018 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Authority is seen negatively by many, perhaps most, in today's culture. This perception is the result of humans misusing authority, lording it over people, having an undesirable impact on their personal, professional, and civic lives. So when we read in today's Gospel that Jesus "taught them as one having authority," we might initially bristle. Of course, the authority that is attributed to Jesus is different. This is divine authority. God, the author of all, acts out of love for all. God respected the people's request in the time of

Moses. They promised to listen to him and to adhere to God's laws, knowing that the law was created for their good. This is the sort of adherence of which Saint Paul speaks as well when he tells the Christian community in Corinth to adhere to the Lord without distraction. As people who commit to living and growing in faith, we give God authority over our lives, knowing that God will guide us to truth, life, and love.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**

14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2018**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27, 2018
5:00 pm †Alice Galvez req. by Edie & Andy Pomykala

Sunday, January 28, 2018
9:00 am †Rose Smith req. by Kathy & Bruce Clover / also Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, January 29, 2018
9:00 am †Gloria Oliver req. by The Stauffenberg Family

Tuesday, January 30, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm ADORATION until 9pm

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 - NO MASS

Thursday, February 1, 2018
9:00 am †Rita Robbins req. by The Baskerville Family

Friday, February 2, 2018—FIRST FRIDAY— Eucharistic Adoration until 11 AM
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant also Special Intention for Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert req. by Paul Pruchnicki

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

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 3 - 5:00 pm
Andy & Emily Horath
Sunday, February 4 - 9:00 am
Bridget & Kylee Knowles

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 3 - 5:00 pm
Carmen Kinsella, Sue Nugent
Sunday, February 4 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Lector

Saturday, February 3- 5:00 pm
Jerry Kinsella
Sunday, February 4- 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Usher:

Saturday, February 3 - 5:00 pm
Mark Tillitson, Eddie Horath
Sunday, February 4 - 9:00 am
Jim Price, Dennis Skolasinski

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn & Cakora

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, January 21 \$1,929.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Maintenance Collection. 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.

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$487.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!



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.



**Our Two Week
Candle is
burning for
Grace Niemiec**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A 2017
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT—PLEASE CALL LINDA AT THE RECTORY**

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone Invites you to the C.C.W
47th Annual SHROVE TUESDAY BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
At the Will County Fairgrounds Atrium

Serving Times: 5pm & 6pm
Ticket Prices:
\$12 for Adults
\$6 for Children 6-12
Children 5 and under are FREE
Carryout's \$12

Juicy Roast Beef,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Hot Vegetables, Cole Slaw
Rolls & Butter,
Jell-O
Homemade Dessert

Tickets are available at **First Community Bank & Trust** (Peotone & Beecher)
First Midwest Bank (Peotone), **Berkot's Super Foods** (Peotone),
Professional Hair Designs (Peotone) and **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**
Questions? Please Call 708-258-6917



Faith Buddies

Religious Education and Prayer for children and teens with special needs.
The Parishes of Kankakee County have begun a Religious Education
Program for children and teens with special needs.

Come join us!

Gathering Dates:

Saturday, February 3; Saturday, March 3; Saturday, April 7; Saturday, June 9 (second Sat.)
9:30-11:00 am

Location:

St. Joseph Parish - Religious Education Center 207 S. Main, Manteno

No cost Those with mild issues to severe disabilities are welcome.

Please share with ANY families you think might benefit.

It would help if you would RSVP your child's name and age in order for us to plan accordingly.

Bring a friend! Questions? Think you would like to help?

OR

If you have an older child with special needs who has not received their sacraments, please contact us.

We look forward to sharing God's love with your family!

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The 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway!

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this month to all CMAA donors at St. Patrick Parish. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit every parish in the Diocese, including ours, as well as our friends and neighbors most in need.

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 use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Please review the information you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.



HELP NEEDED:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION needs a second grade religious education teacher. Please see Roberta Stauffenberg if you can help.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

BY FEBRUARY 4

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

We are collecting old palms that will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a container in the Narthex for your old palms.





Saturday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free all from such afflictions and every ill to all those who receive this blessing. Father will Bless throats at the 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning mass and 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening mass on February 3, 2018.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
 275 W. NORTH ST. MANHATTAN, IL.
 FEBRUARY 3RD 2018 7:00 - MIDNIGHT

VEGAS Night

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
 BUY BEFORE THE EVENT FOR \$15.00 \$17.50 AT THE DOOR.
 ALL YOUR FAVORITE GAMES LIVE MUSIC BY EAR CANDY
SJSMANHATTAN.ORG
 ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
 2018
 January 28- February 3



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long,

Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Joe Zemen; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson; Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 28, 2018



Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JANUARY

- That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

-- Psalm 95:6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training on Sunday, February 4 during regular CCD class time. For students third grade and older wanting to participate as altar servers. This is also a good time for our experienced servers to get a little brush up and perhaps lend a hand and guide our new servers.





GOD IS GOD

God does not lord divine authority over us, even though God is Lord of heaven and earth. God wants what is best for all of humanity and for all of creation. God desires that we live for God and for others. Jesus teaches as “one having authority and not as the scribes,” because Jesus is the source of whatever authority the scribes had, whether they carried out their authority well or not. Those who heard Jesus speak were in the presence of the very truth of God’s love. There is no greater authority than this. There is more, however. We are given free will, and may choose to live as God desires, or to walk away from the path of holiness. The Israelites to whom Moses spoke had failed to live God’s law of love in the past, and recognized their need for someone to speak the words of the Lord to them. In the simplest of terms, they understood that God is God, and that they were not God.

WE ARE NOT GOD

We are not God. In our hearts, we know this. And yet, how often do we act as though we think we are? We might go to God in moments of weakness, difficulty, or trial and ask God for help, yet much of the time we go our own way. We hold onto a false sense of control, rather than finding freedom in reliance on God. Salvation history, as recorded in sacred scripture, shows us that there has been this tendency in humanity throughout the ages to try to be God, rather than to be *like* God. Such thinking does not work out well in the end. We are not God! Jesus came to express the depths of God’s love. The authority with which he spoke and taught, healed and expressed forgiveness, is the authority of one who understands that love is the answer. Christ shows us the real transformation that is possible when we give God the authority. “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Today's Readings: Dt 18:15–20; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

1/28/2018