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## MASS SCHEDULE

**TUE: 6:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**WED: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**THUR: 6:00 PM** at IC  
**FRI: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**SAT: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

### SATURDAY VIGIL

**4:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**5:00 PM** at St. John

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION

**7:30 AM** at St. John  
**9:00 AM** at IC  
**10:00 AM** at St. Maurice

## ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice  
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC  
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

## ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM  
at Immaculate Conception

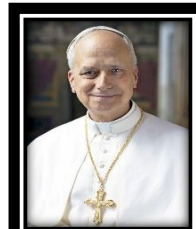
## CONFESSION TIMES

**ST. JOHN:** Friday 3:00-4:00 PM  
Saturday 4:45 PM

**IC:** Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM  
After Sunday Mass

**ST. MAURICE:** 15 minutes before  
weekend Masses

**Feb 8 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Feb 15 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Feb 18 ~ Ash Wednesday (8AM Mass)**  
**Special Collections:**  
**Feb 15 ~ Church in Central & Eastern Europe**  
**Feb 22 ~ Black & Indian Missions**  
**Ash Wednesday – St John 8:00 AM**  
**Milhousen 5:30 PM ~ Napoleon 7:00 PM**  
**Pope Leo XIV**



**Knights of Columbus Meet in Batesville 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM**  
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- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



## February 8, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***As valuable as salt and light are,  
both are at their best when unnoticed.***

### ***No More Than Enough***

***Fr. Joseph Juknialis***

“You are the salt of the earth.” Prior to industrialization, salt was a highly valued commodity. In the Middle Ages, a ton of salt sold for thirty-three gold ducats. Much earlier, Roman soldiers were often paid in salt. Hence, our word “salary.”

“You are the light of the world.” Like salt, light also is a valuable and necessary part of life. Without light, living plants die, and human beings grow depressed.

Curiously, we become aware of salt and light only when they are absent. Food tends to be bland and less tasty without salt. And without light in the room, we stumble and trip. Yet, too much salt ruins food, while too much light blinds us, like when we see oncoming headlights when driving at night. As valuable as salt and light are, both are at their best when unnoticed. I offer these realities as images for persons of faith. Too much of “us” in the mix, and we become the center of our lives, our egos blinding others to the workings of God. Yet, a world without persons of faith grows flat for lack of values and wisdom.

Likewise, the Church. Whenever the Church draws attention to itself, whenever it is clothed with pomp and majesty, God recedes into the background. Without the Church’s wisdom, however, a world hungry for meaning grows lost; charity is forgotten. We are called to be salt and light, no more than enough. †

***Bringing Home the Word***

The Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish—those “in the darkness,” stuck in “the gloom.” “Bestow your bread on the hungry,” he says, and “satisfy the afflicted.” In other words, no matter how bleak your present state, “you are the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.” By tending the wounds of others, our wound “shall quickly be healed” and our “light shall break forth like the dawn.” When we make our own Saint Paul’s resolve “to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified,” we “shall never be moved.” Our hearts will be firm, full of trust in the Lord.

***The Magnificat***

### ***A Word from Pope***

#### ***Leo XIV***

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it.



**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 7, 2025**

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **Isaiah 58:7–10**

If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness.

#### **1 Corinthians 2:1–5**

I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

#### **Matthew 5:13–16**

Jesus said, “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Gracious God, Jesus calls us to be salt and light for the world. In his name, we ask for your grace that we may be signs of your goodness to all we meet. **Amen.**

***The Redemptorists***

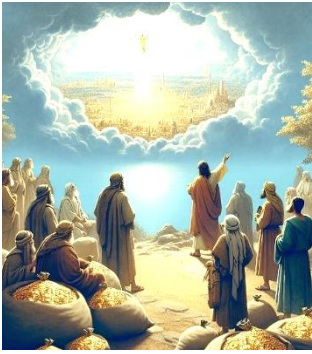
***“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”***

**MATTHEW 5:16**



The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

***That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!***



## February 15, 2026 ~ The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### What's In Your Heart?

*Fr. Joseph Juknialis*

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

Our faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine, or what we believe, to spirituality, or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and recognize where God is in our lives.

There is a greater focus on what is in our hearts. This suggests that while actions are important, where our actions originate and what they say about who we are can also be important in trying to understand why we do what we do. We pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer are nurturing to the faith of many, we have also discovered forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred Scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be only about reporting the kinds and numbers of sins; it is also about what is in our hearts and how we find themselves relating to others. We confess both actions and attitudes that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It seems that all of this echoes this week's gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. †

*Bringing Home the Word*

### A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.



HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

### Sunday Readings

#### **Sirach 15:15–20**

Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them.

#### **1 Corinthians 2:6–10**

“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, [is] what God has prepared for those who love him.”

#### **Matthew 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37**

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**PRAYER** Abiding God, may we be faithful to the law of love your Son revealed to the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

### February 18, Ash Wednesday



Each Lent begins with an urgent call to repentance and a reminder of our mortality. But there is a great grace in this, for in Christ we do not have to wonder, “Where is our God?” Because Jesus embraced our weak and mortal nature, we can receive what is his: we “become the very righteousness of God.” We therefore pray boldly, “A clean heart create for me, O God,” for the Father “who is hidden” wants to give us “the joy of our salvation.” When we turn to the Lord, it is always “an acceptable time,” it is always “the day of salvation.”

#### **Remember That You Are Dust**

When the ashes are imposed, the priest addresses the faithful with the words: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The words equip us to begin our Easter pilgrimage. We are divested of illusions. In consequence, we are both fragile and free. We stand secure, our feet planted squarely....

When I remember I am dust I also recall that I was destined to be more. The confession echoes with a lost potential. To conduct my life with eyes set on Easter is to trust that what was lost has been restored and can be found again. How?... Through humility. When we humble ourselves, God responds with flexibility.... Our humility calls on God's inclination to bend down, to touch and reform us.

*Bishop Erik Varden, o.c.s.o.*



**PARISH SUPPORT**

January 25	1,301.00
February 2	2,987.00
Capital Campaign	2,277.00
Latin America	181.00
Criterion	55.00
Cemetery Fund	1,200.00
Funeral Meals	985.00
St John Ladies	600.00

# MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Feb 07	5:00 PM	† Bernie Wuestefeld
Sun	Feb 08	7:30 AM	† Emily Mathes
Wed	Feb 11	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Fri	Feb 13	8:00 AM	† Don Newhart
Sat	Feb 14	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 14	5:00 PM	~ Special Intention
Sun	Feb 15	7:30 AM	† Al Mathes

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wed	Feb 18	8:00 AM	† Jeremy Ogden
Fri	Feb 20	8:00 AM	† Terry Wessel
Sat	Feb 21	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 21	5:00 PM	† Samantha Toops
Sun	Feb 22	7:30 AM	† Ken Colyer



**Ash Wednesday Masses**

St John	8:00 AM
Immaculate Conception	5:30 PM
St Maurice	7:00 PM

## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for 2026

Every month, Pope Leo asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention. February 2026 ~ For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



The parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Steve Zigan who passed away Saturday, January 31. Prayers are asked for Ani, their children & grandchildren, including our organist, Stephen.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 15</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Kris Taylor
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Joan Carter
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Payne	Chris Horton
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Ebinger	Chris Horton
<b>Wine</b>	Susan B/Kris T	Bill M/John H
<u>February 18 – Ash Wednesday</u>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ron Miller	
<b>Greeter</b>	Rosie Calhoun	
<b>Lector</b>	Sharon Voegeli	
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Miller	
<b>Wine</b>	Kris T/Susan B	
<u>February 21</u>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Grable	Chris Horton
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Ebinger	Chris Horton
<b>Wine</b>	Doug W/Susan B	Roger M/Bill M
<u>February 22</u>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Grable	Chris Horton
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## E6 CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE ARMOR UP

The E6 Catholic Men's Conference will take place on

Saturday, Feb 21, 2026, from 8:00 AM–3:30 PM at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon.

### Lord's Laughter

**Dorothy to the Scarecrow:** How do you talk if you don't have a brain?

**Scarecrow to Dorothy:** I don't know, but then some people do a lot of talking without a brain, don't you think?"

**Daughter:** Dad, I have a flat tire.

**Dad:** Did you call your boyfriend?

**Daughter:** He didn't answer.

**Dad:** You have a spare?

**Daughter:** He didn't answer either.

### February 15 Special Collection

#### **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

The USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Central & Eastern Europe funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church.

### February 22 Special Collection

#### **Black & Indian Missions**

This collection provides for the needs of our African American, Native American and Alaska Native brothers and sisters. Your support provides the presence of missionaries at parishes, schools, religious programs and the many needs of priests, consecrated men and women and lay leaders.

### **Please Remember in Prayer:**

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Abby Dicken	Melissa Chapman	Robert Hillenburg
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Susie Huff	Diane Menchhofer
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah	Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Family
		Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Candy Reidenbach	Judy Lingerich

Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan ~ Michael Schmitt