

Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10
Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday
JANUARY 25
The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16
or Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Wednesday
JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
2 Sm 11:1–4a,
5–10a, 13–17
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
JANUARY 30
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19
1 Cor 12:31—13:13
or 13:4–13
Lk 4:21–30



January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30 or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy.

However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



FOR Reflection

- **In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?**
- **Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?**



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

January
22 & 23
2022

Weekday: 6:30am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Confessions – Saturday

4:00pm – 4:40pm

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From Fr. Tom,

Starting January 25th, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will begin the actual process of its strategic planning program, "ALL THINGS NEW." There has already been a significant amount of work done to get to this point. We will have much more information on this process next weekend with a letter from Archbishop Rozanski, prayer cards, and brochures outlining the process, timeline, and access to the "ALL THINGS NEW" website which is the place to go online for official information and developments. The MOST IMPORTANT thing all of us can do now is pray for the successful implementation of this initiative. The second most important thing is to have consistent and cohesive communication using the official website. There will, no doubt, be those people who think they know something nobody else does, or think they know what is going to happen before anybody else does. Don't be that person! Pastors, principals, teachers, office managers, parishioners are all in this together. Keep a close eye on the bulletin and I look forward to starting this with you next weekend! God bless St. Joseph Parish.



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish:

- Betty Bean
- Shirley Beckman
- Anna Marie Brueggemann
- Fay Calkins
- Jennifer Carroll
- Mary Coble
- Peggy Collins
- Chris Elbert
- Cynthia Faust
- KJ Frost
- Kim Gann
- Glen Gettemeyer
- Zachery Goosage
- Bill Greife
- Benny Hammer
- Andrew Hellebusch
- Pat Hiatt
- Brandon Huels
- Olivia Jasper
- Rick Just
- Alisha Koelling
- Donna Mackey
- Jacob McMullin
- Jean Oldani
- Frank Rice
- Norma Jean Salvino
- Ashley Shelton
- Marisa Shollenberger
- Special Intention 1
- Special Intention 2
- Karen Waters
- George West
- Sheri Zambruski

Please also pray for those serving our Country:

- Adam Amato
- Matthew Blankenship
- Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
- Andy Davis
- Taylor Donner
- Michael Murphy
- Reese Pellin
- Sam Smith
- Luke Stuesse

ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Thank you for your generosity!

**Donations for General Fund
January 10 – 16, 2022**

Regular Offering Envelopes: (50)	\$	9,460.19
Regular Offering Loose:	\$	45.00
First Offering: (3)	\$	30.00
Rental Income: (2)	\$	625.00
Online Giving*:	(11) \$	625.10
Total:	\$	10,785.29

* With Transaction Fees Removed.
(Number of Contributors)

Tithes & Offerings

*Giving Back
to God*

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds: January 10 – 16

Catholic Education (2*)
\$73.32
*Online Giving

St. Louis Review (10)
\$350.00

**January
"General Fund"
Collections**

JANUARY 2, 2022	\$5,019.00
JANUARY 9, 2022	\$3,442.03
JANUARY 16, 2022	\$10,785.29
JANUARY 23, 2022	\$ TBD
JANUARY 30, 2022	\$ TBD

JANUARY

This Weekend

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

5:00pm Mass

8:00am Mass

Mass Intention:	Melvin Brune	Mass Intention:	Dorothy Brueggemann & Hilda Voss
Lector:	Karen Gerlemann	Lector:	Michelle Young

**Have a very
blessed week!!**

10:00am Mass

Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Lisa Bocklage

Responsorial Psalm Page 51 **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Entrance	#543	All Creatures Of Our God And King	Preparation of Gifts	#601	We Are The Light Of The World
Communion	#337	One Bread, One Body	Recessional	#598	Christ Be Our Light

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25 - 6:30am

No Mass

Loretta Schatzler

Wednesday, January 26 - 6:30am

Thursday, January 27 - 6:30am

Melvin Hector

Ervin Hellmann

Friday, January 28 - 6:30am

Albert & Lorain Mueller

Next Weekend

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30

5:00pm Mass

8:00am Mass

Mass Intention:	Joseph & Mathilda Feth	Mass Intention:	Homer & Mary Fink
Lector:	Jim Noelker	Lector:	Viola Schroeder

**Reach out to
someone you miss!**

10:00am Mass

Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Patti Greife

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- **Wednesday, January 26th**
PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm
- **Thursday, January 27th**
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm
- **Friday, January 28th**
 - Union KofC Burger Night – starts at 5pm

FEBRUARY

- **Wednesday, February 2nd**
 - PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm
- **Thursday, February 3rd**
 - Eucharistic Adoration – 7am – 5:50pm – w/ Benediction after
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm
 - 4H – 7pm – Hall
- **Sunday, February 6th**
 - Ladies Sodality Meeting – 9am

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella had another successful Cookie Bake. We would like to thank all who helped and purchased cookies.

Reminder that we meet for the rosary and Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30am. The next date is February 5th. Perhaps your New Year's resolution would be to attend two, three, or more times during 2022.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next business meeting will be **Monday, February 7th**. Mark your calendars!!

Dues of \$20 can be paid at the next meeting, mailed to Gina Brune, or dropped off at the parish office.



Who? Graduating 8th grader – Graduating Senior.

What? Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference

When? July 15-17 2022

Where? Missouri State University in Springfield MO.

Why? Because it will change your life. (no joke)

How Much? \$50 for Sts. Gertrude, Ann, Joseph Parishioners. \$200 Non parishioners (I may be able to work something out with your pastor).

Includes transportation, lodging, & all meals

How? Contact Michelle Gildehaus

636-239-4216x271 or stg.mgildehaus@charter.net



St. Ann's Church, Clover Bottom, Invites You to Our



Jeremy Nunes (HEADLINER)
& Larry Smith

LIVE MUSIC BY - Steve Leslie Band

WHERE?

WASHINGTON
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEN?

SATURDAY,
MARCH 19, 2022

**FOR INFORMATION
OR
TICKET RESERVATIONS**

www.stannchurchcloverbottom.org
(CLICK ON THE COMEDY NIGHT LINK)

EMAIL
stann.mills@yhti.net
or CALL: 636-239-3222

MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND
TICKET INCLUDES MEAL AND OPEN BAR
BRING CASH FOR PARTIES

Reservations are Required
by March 10, 2022

TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON
IF PRYED IN ADVANCE
\$60 IF YOU PAY AT THE DOOR
(tables of 8 available)

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD. GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Doors Open at 6 PM • Dinner at 6:30 PM
Comedy Show at 8 PM • Music to Midnight

Due to COVID, Flu, & other viruses in the area, the **Daddy Daughter Dance** has been cancelled.