



THE MESSENGER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
February 13, 2022



Serving the Catholic Parishes of
*Sacred Heart, Villa Grove, Illinois &
St. Michael's, Hume, Illinois*



The Sermon on the Mount

*Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.*

~Luke 6:20-23~

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart

Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m.

In person Mass + Online Streaming

Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSION






Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m.

Or by appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's

8am & 6:30 pm: Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.

 Mass Intentions		Ministry Schedule		
Feb 12	4:00 pm	Mike Pangburn by Daryl & Barb Vandeventer		<p align="center">February 19th and February 20th, 2022</p> <p>4:00 pm LECTORS: Mike Stauder</p> <p>CO</p> <p>SERVERS: Oliver Blackford</p> <p>8:00 am LECTORS: Kevin Smith</p> <p>USHERS: Neal Wood</p> <p>COM SERVERS: Caroline Smith</p> <p>GIFTS: Caroline Smith</p> <p>10:00 am LECTORS: Eric Weyhrich</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS: Chris Mitsdarfer & Barb Vandeventer</p> <p>SERVERS: Ella Schweighart</p> <p align="center">Sacred Heart: Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</p>
Feb 13	8:00 am 10:00 am	John Sullivan by John & Cindy McGinness Henry & Mary Kramer by Tony Kramer		
Feb 14	8:00 am	NO MASS		
Feb 15	8:00 am	Mike Pangburn by Dan & Amy Kleiss		
Feb 16	8:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving by Dorthea Lasley		
Feb 17	8:00 am	Alan Bender by Mary Waller		
Feb 18	8:00 am	Ken Kocher by Gloria Schwartz		
Feb 19	4:00 pm	John D Hawkins by Steve & Martha Williams		
Feb 20	8:00 am 10:00 am	Ruth & Shorty Dickerson by Doris Stone & family Peggy Kramer by Tony Kramer		
 Mass Intentions Requests				
Submit Mass Intention requests to the Parish Office and prayer chain requests to Amy Walch: a.walch65@gmail.com				
 Prayer Requests				
We pray for: Geneva Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna Bennett, Doris Birkner, Judy Cler, Pat Dillon, Tita Fleener, Malea Fonner, Kim Franzen, Peter Frank, John Gilles, Faith Grave, Denise Griffith, Daphne Grise, Vicki Harmon, Julie Harrison, Bob Jones, Christina Kappes, Tyler King, Debbie Koberlein, Marge Koberlein, Kiley Kramer, Meghan Kramer, Tony Kramer, Dorothea Lasley, Ann Maxwell, Sally McNamara, Doris Miller, Amy Mitsdarfer, Yair Flores Molina, Ezinne Theresa C. Ndeanaefo, Michael N. Ndeanaefo, Lara Nguyen, Christopher and Nicholas Nolte and their families, Rosemary Raeske, Phyllis Rund, Mary Margaret Rund, John Rotheker, Betty Smith, James Smith, Joseph Smith, Matt Smith, Rosemary Sprague, Mary Tipsend, Barbara Waymire, Susan Wilkey, Cathy Weatherford, and Mike Webb.				
Daily Scripture Readings				
Feb 12: R1: 1KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Gospel: MK 8:1-10 Feb 13: R1: JER 17:5-8 R2: 1COR 15:12, 16-20 Gospel: LK 6:17, 20-26 Feb 14: R1: JAS 1:1-11 Gospel: MK 8:11-13 Feb 15: R1: JAS 1:12-18 Gospel: MK 8:14-21 Feb 16: R1: JAS 1:19-27		Gospel: MK 8:22-26 Feb 17: R1: JAS 2:1-9 Gospel: MK 8:27-33 Feb 18: R1: JAS 2:14-24, 26 Gospel: MK 8:34-9:1 Feb 19: R1: JAS 3:1-10 R2: Gospel: MK 9:2-13 Feb 20: R1: 1SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; R2: 1COR 15:45-49 Gospel: LK 6:27-38		
St Michael's Parish Tithing Goal		Sacred Heart's Parish Tithing Goal		
The Parish Tithing amount for December collections was calculated at \$507.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$5070.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled \$2548.00.00 .		The Parish Tithing amount for December collections was calculated at \$1107.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$11065.00 and a check has been sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled \$5672.00		
Weekly Collection				
Week Ending Sunday, February 6, 2022				
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Heart Church Weekly Collection: \$1143.00 \$655.00 Loose Cash: \$42.00 Building Fund: \$125.00 Easter Flowers: \$40.00 Utility Fund: \$ 25.00 Latin America: \$20.00 PCT: \$ Online Giving: \$805.00 Total Deposit: \$2050.00 St. Michael's Church Weekly Collection: \$595.00 \$50.00 Loose Cash: \$10.00 Maintenance Fund: \$ Catholic Times : \$25.00 Stained Glass Window: \$ Solemnity: \$ Online Giving: \$75.00 Total Deposit: \$680.00 				
<p><i>All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in a different color.</i></p>				

Pastoral Reflections

Scripture Reflection (6th, Sun in Ord. Year C)

Jeremiah spoke words of life for king and people. But sadly, his message was consistently rejected. So, in this reading the prophet confronts his detractors with vivid images that may motivate them to listen. Today's Gospel begins Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" (6:17-49), similar to Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." Unlike Matthew's setting for his sermon on a mountain, Luke prefers to show Jesus close to the crowds he addresses. Thus, the disciples and a large number of people representing Jews and gentiles are located on level ground with Jesus.

Blessings. Luke begins his account with a series of four beatitudes. These are wisdom forms that express a combination of happiness, being fortunate, and being blessed. The surprising element in each beatitude, however, highlights some kind of condition of diminishment: poverty, hunger, weeping, hate, exclusion, and denunciation. The reason why those experiencing such diminishment are blessed is that the diminishment will ultimately be transformed into blessing. Future blessings will far outweigh current hardships. A day is coming when God will reverse the fortunes of those believers who have remained faithful

during current distress. The subject matter of this diminishment is real poverty, hunger, and harsh social conditions. But there is more to it than that. There is also the spiritual dimension, the foundation out of which hope for the future can be experienced.

Woes. The "woe oracle" is found in much of the prophetic literature of the Old Testament. Originally, it was funeral language expressing sadness and grief for a loved one who died. In the Old Testament prophets, such an oracle proclaims negative judgment against those who have failed to keep the covenant with God in terms of justice as well as care for the poor and oppressed. For Luke, the woes are addressed to the rich, to those whose bellies are full, and to those who laugh at the current social situation. Also included are those who received accolades from others. False prophets engaged in this kind of practice.

In harmony or out of harmony. These blessings and woes are aimed at those people who live their lives either in harmony or out of harmony with the restored rule of God. They are meant to address real issues that Luke's community is facing. Their purpose is to proclaim that God does indeed reward the faith.

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Saints Cyril and Methodius ~Feast Day: Feb 14~



Their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs; these two Greek brothers became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples. Cyril refused the governorship of a district and withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some. When the Duke of Moravia asked the

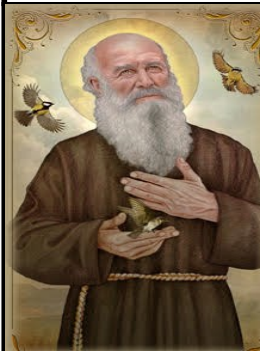
Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy, Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task. Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy. That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. There, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit. Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see. The Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release. But the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations; Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated. Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Coming Soon ~20, February, 2022~

Believing and Doing Five Things. Jesus, today, continues his preaching from last week. He tells us five things we must do as his followers. Love even those who do not love us. Be merciful as God is merciful. Stop judging other's actions and motives. Forgive in order to be forgiven. Give. What a list! It makes for a busy week for each of us. And that is the pattern for every week that follows.

- **How can my prayer and action be: "Lord, bless those I love and even those I do not love."?**
- **How will I be merciful?**
- **What gifts will I give?**
- **Whom must I forgive?**

Saint Conrad of Piacenza ~c. 1290-Feb. 19, 1351~



**St. Conrad of Piacenza,
Pray for me to be patient
with myself when I fail,
to make amends when I am wrong,
to rely on God's strength when I am
weak, and to surrender myself
completely to God's mercy. Amen**

*~St. Conrad of Piacenza~
Feast Day: February 19th*



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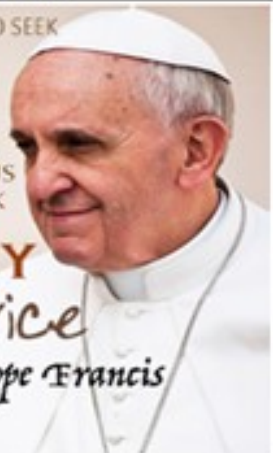
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Announcements, Events and Activities

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Feb 11 Marc Hildreth
 Feb 20 Tony Kramer
 Feb 20 John Thompson
 Feb 22 Sandi Landeck
 Feb 23 Carly Eads
 Feb 24 Alice Mitsdarfer
 Feb 28 Mary Jeanne Brown
 Feb 29 (leap year) Ezinne
 Theresa C. Ndeanaefo

Anniversaries

Feb 11 Marc & Mary Hildreth
 Feb 19 Mike & Sandy Thompson
 Feb 25 Tom & Kim Derby



Fish Fry



The **Annual Sacred Heart Men's Club Fish Fry** this year will take place on the first Friday of lent, March 4, and will be a carry out event **only**. There will be **no dine in** service due to covid transmission concerns. All

volunteers will be **required** to wear a mask, as mandated by the state. With costs up and uncertainty of numbers the number of meals has been capped at 150 so early arrival is recommended to assure food availability. The various sign-up sheets will be posted by next weekend. Remember as always... it takes a village to put on a fish fry. Please consider helping out **in some capacity**. There are a number of different jobs some indoors and some out. And of course if this isn't practical, we could still use dessert donations!! Raffle tickets will be distributed next weekend as well. These are **very** important and go a long way to making the Fish Fry a financial success. **New this year, the planning committee has decided to donate 25% of the profits to each of the following two worthwhile causes: Catholic Charities of Mattoon and the Michael & Theresa Ndeanaefo Community Wells Project.** Please help us to raise as much as possible for these worth causes by selling those raffle tickets!!! Thank You as always.

Lenten Project

The Pastoral Council voted to reinstitute our Annual Lenten effort for Fr Michel's Institute de Sacre Coeur (School of the Sacred Heart) children in Haiti. The country of Haiti is both severely economically deprived, as well as ravaged by recent natural disasters. We will once again be collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and bars of soap for these kids throughout Lent.

Reminders

SH Altar Society will meet Wednesday March 16 at 6:30 pm 
SH: Finance Council : Thursday May 5 2022 , 6:30 pm
SH Pastoral Council: Tuesday April 12, 2022, 6:30 pm
SM: Finance Council : Sunday May 22 , 7:00 am
SM: Pastoral Council: Sunday March 6, 2022, 7:00 am
SH : Men's Club Parish Fish Fry March 4th serving from 4:30 pm till the meals run out (150 Max)
SM : Parish Brunch Sunday March 20 following the Sunday Mass
Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the church vestibule for flyers about events at local area church etc. that bulletin space limitations prevent it's posting.

St Michael's Brunch



St Michael's has postponed their carry-in breakfast-brunch scheduled for February due to various conflicts.



The plan now is to have the brunch on March 20th and hopefully be celebrating **SPRING!!** The sign up sheets will go up later this month or early March, so keep an eye out. Thanks and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

New to the Parish?



If you are new to the parish and have not contacted the office, our new website now has a parish census form you can fill out online, save as a pdf and then just attach it in an email to the office . It helps tremendously in the office to be sure we have up to date parish records as well as parishioner contact information. Thanks everyone!!

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Lent is Coming Soon

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 RECONCILIATION *to the* RESURRECTION

LENT IS COMING. WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.





SIGN-UP AT DIO.ORG/LENT

Join Catholics from across our diocese for a Lenten mission to restore our souls with grace in preparation for the resurrection. Sign up to receive weekly Lenten inspiration, tips, and resources from priests in our diocese in your inbox as we focus on Reconciliation to the Resurrection. Sign-up for the journey at dio.org/leat!



February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SHMass 8a MI: John & Ruth Schweighart	2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i> SHMass 8a MI: Brigit Pegeen Kelly	3 SH - Mass 8a MI: Tomas Pedrozo	4 First Friday SHMAss 8a MI: Mary Henkel	5 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Bud Kappes
6 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> SOM - Gloria Secore SH - 10a MI: Pat & Martha Carr PSR:SM 8:45 - 9:30am SH 9 - 9:45 am	7 	8 SH - Mass 8a MI: Camilla Pisklak Pastoral Council SH 6:30 pm	9 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	10 SH Mass 8a MI: Jacob & Jordan Scribner	11 SH - Mass 8a MI: Pat Carr 	12 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Mike Pangburn
13 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> SOM - 8a MI John Sullivan SH - 10a MI: Mary Kramer PSR:SM 8:45 - 9:30am SH 9 - 9:45 am	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mike Pangburn 	16 SH Mass 8a MI: Mass of Thanksgiving for successful liver transplant Jim Arguried	17 SHMass 8a MI Alan Bender	18 SH Mass 8a MI: Jim Kocher	19 SH Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: John D Hawkins
20 <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> SOM - 8a MI: Ruth & Shorry Dickerson SH - 10a MI: Peggy Kramer PSR:SM 8:45 - 9:30am SH 9 - 9:45 am	21	22 SHMAss 8a MI Fr Paul Skelton 	23 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mark Mooney	24 SH - Mass 8a MI: Andrew Lietard	25 SHMAss 8a MI: Mike Pangburn	26 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Rose Marie Marlatt
27 <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> SOM - 8a MI: Frank Waller SH - 10a MI: Ruth Schweighart PSR:SM 8:45 - 9:30am SH 9 - 9:45 am	28		<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		<i>Annual Men's Club Fish Fry</i>	

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