

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MATTHEW 5:13



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Feb. 7	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick
Feb. 14	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Dick Smerz req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick
Feb. 18	4:00pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Cindy & Ken Smith +Mary McGowan req. by Linda Cakora
Feb. 21	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Feb. 7 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
Feb. 14 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	L. Cakora
Feb. 18 - 4:00pm	Sherrie Ashley	L. Cakora
Feb. 21 - 5:45pm	Mark May	P. Engler

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

The just man is a light in
darkness to the upright.



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of February 8, 2026**

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

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

Thursday 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT FOR 2025**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
2/1/2026**

Sunday - \$1521.00

Maintenance - \$615.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

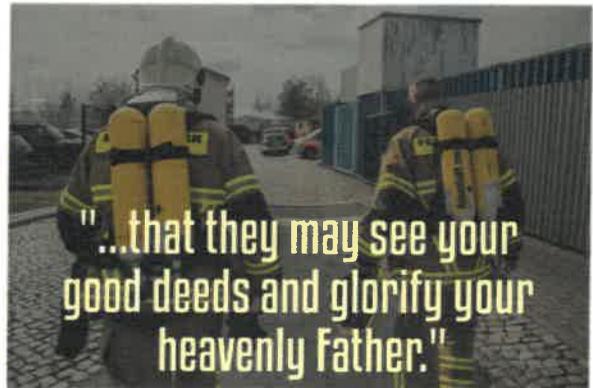
THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

Please Remember our sick;

especially: Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.



**During the Month of
Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**POPE'S INTENTION FOR
FEBRUARY**

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

—Rev. James Field



**The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
has begun!**

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal is \$10,500.00. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal.

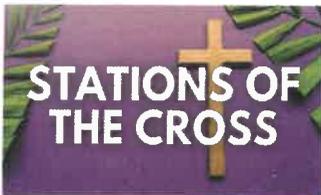
If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.
Thank you!

LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS

**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18
MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL BE AT 4:00PM**



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 birthday 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 principle 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 prayers and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**ARE ON FRIDAY EVENING AT 6:00pm
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LEAD THE
PRAYING OF THE STATIONS
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET
IN THE VESTIBULE**

(IF NO ONE VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD STATIONS WILL BE CANCELLED)

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED WEDNESDAY DURING
LENT AT 5:30PM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25**

A Low-Salt Faith

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple— salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. Just a pinch of salt can change the taste of food. Similarly, when we wake up in a dark room, one light bulb can be blinding. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring their parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. When someone has so much faith that it shows in their actions, as Isaiah puts it, “Your light shall break forth like the dawn.” But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. But faith is the source of those actions, not the result. If we truly believe in God’s love for us, and we believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.

When we do have faith, we don’t have to worry about how people react to us. Like St. Paul in the second reading, we don’t need to be dramatic or full of worldly wisdom. As he preached the wisdom of Christ who died on the cross and was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit, he let people see that power in the lives of other believers as well as his own life.

But if we don’t have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God’s love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple. We could not spread the faith if we didn’t have it ourselves.

Tom Schmidt