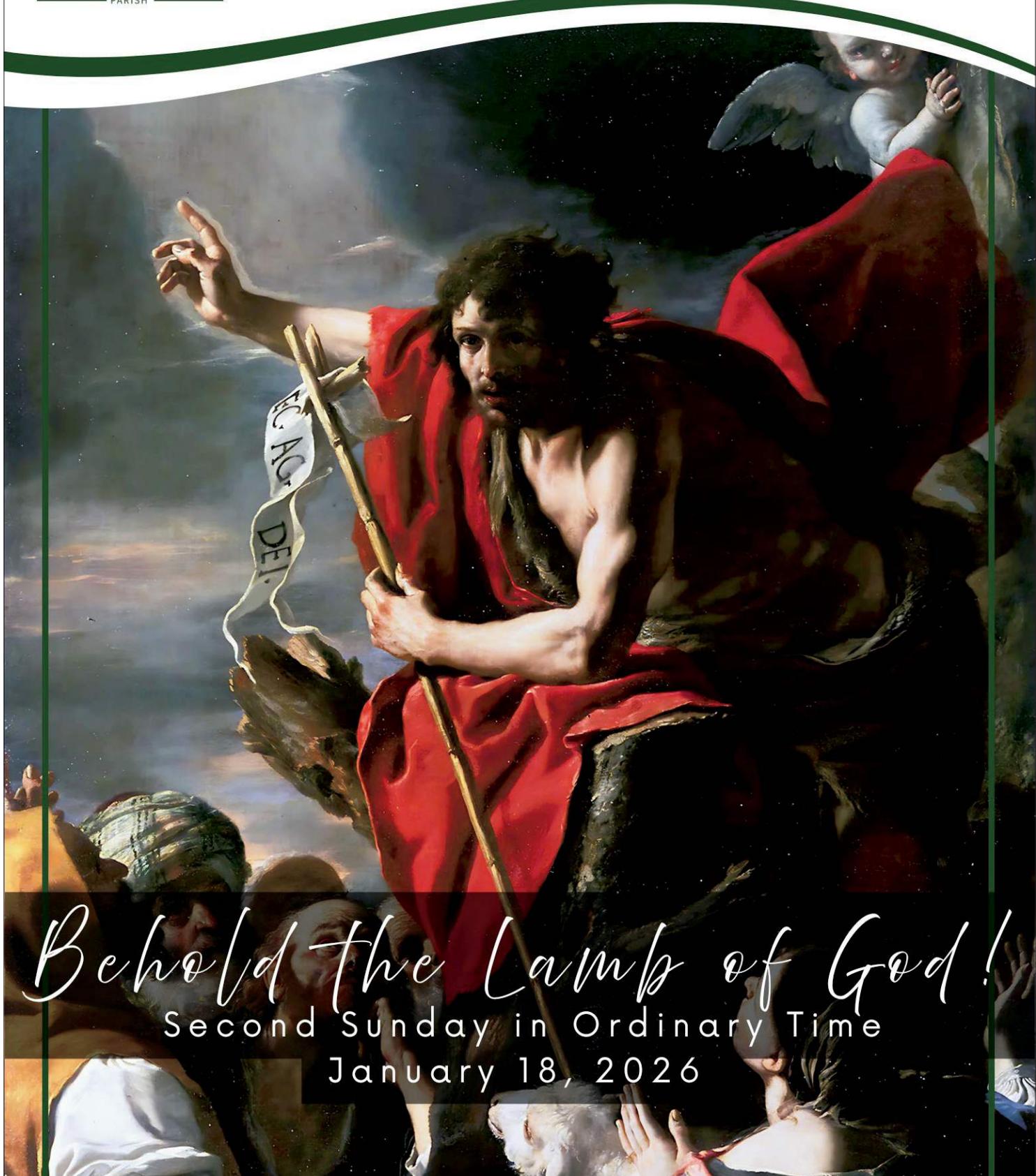




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Behold the Lamb of God!

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

My Friends in Christ,

This week, the Church's calendar turned to "Ordinary Time." Often when people hear the word ordinary, they refer to the simple definition "with no special or distinctive features; normal." But this is not the meaning behind the Church's use of ordinary to define this time of year. "Ordinary Time" is meant to note the ordinal numbers used to mark the weeks, for example, this weekend we begin the Second Week in Ordinary Time.



This time in the Church's calendar is anything but "ordinary." As we begin to dive into the scriptures, we are reintroduced to Jesus' ministry, the call of the first disciples and his first recorded miracles. Perhaps it is best to use this time to immerse ourselves into who Jesus is and how that impacts our lives. This weekend, John the Baptist speaks to us in the words from the Gospel of John saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world..." Imagine Jesus walking toward you and hearing those words.

Use this "ordinary" time to make life extraordinary. Spend time more time in prayer, read sacred scripture (maybe just a verse or two a day from the Gospel) or join us on the Light of the World Retreat at the end of the month. May this special time in the Church's calendar help center ourselves in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Deacon Jeff



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Ralph Newsome**.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, January 19, Weekday

9:00 James and Francis Ward

Tuesday, January 20, Weekday

8:00 Special Intention— Sadie Joseph

Wednesday, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 Robert Bierman (Anniv)

Thursday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 Joseph Sansone

Friday, January 23, Weekday

9:00 Terry McDonald

Saturday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Hank Murphy

4:00 Sallie Ethridge

Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Aileen Maroon

Please pray for: Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Frank Stepic; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 20th.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america.

The Knights of Columbus Council #16376 at St. Bernadette is proud to be hosting the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 24, 2026 with registration starting at 5:00PM in the PAC. Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 are encouraged to participate. Registration can be completed on the day of the event. Please contact Joe Schilens with any questions at 216.406.0711 or jschilens@tcco.com.



St. Bernadette Care Ministry If a family member is homebound because of the challenges of winter weather and/or mobility issues and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 440.734.1300. Arrangements can be made to receive the Eucharist.

If you provided bakery for the Parish Office staff during Christmas and would like your tin back, you can pick it up at the office. Thanks for your generosity!!

The next cooking class demonstration will be on French cuisine!

Presented by: Susan Vogelsang



Saturday, February 7th in Dempsey Hall from 10:00 AM – Noon

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Light of the World PARISH RETREAT

Dates and Time:

Friday, January 30	6:15 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, January 31	7:15 AM to 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 1	8:15 AM to 7:30 PM
Monday, February 2	6:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World Parish Retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.



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Yes, we just wrapped up the Christmas Season, and our first Fish Fry of 2026 is just one month away – Friday, February 20, 2026 – which will be the first of our 5 Fish Fry's. St. Bernadette Parish is touted as the best Fish Fry on the West Side – both based on the food and the service we provide. But we can't do it without you. Volunteer sign-ups are now open on the parish website under 'Quick Links' or by snapping the QR code below with your phone.



Palms Needed As we prepare to celebrate the season of Lent, please bring in any palms that you would like to dispose of. We will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms can be dropped in the baskets in the back of the Church or at the Parish Office during business hours.



St. Bernadette School

Mrs. Standen's 6th grade science got out of the classroom to test potential and kinetic energy.



We welcome the following newly baptized members to the Christian Community:



Caden Lee

Evelynn Lee

Claire Kennedy

Benjamin Ramella



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Adopt-A-Family Thank Yous

Dear St. Bernadette Parishioners, The Outreach Ministry of St. Stephen Parish extends our sincere thank you for your very generous contribution of \$4,290 in gift cards for Christmas distribution to deserving families of Metro Catholic School and families of our inner-city parish. Through your efforts of the Adopt-A-Family program, we were able to serve 20 families providing them with the means to give their children a Merry Christmas. All the recipients were extremely grateful and enclosed are a sample of the Thank You cards the families provided showing their heartfelt thanks. Also enclosed is an acknowledgement from Metro Catholic School expressing their appreciation. Your continued support of our Outreach Ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you and your families with good health, happiness and prosperity in 2026. Blessings to all St. Bernadette parishioners. —Paula McClain, Outreach Ministry, St. Stephen Parish

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephens and St. Bernadette, Our sincerest thanks for all your good wishes and your generosity. Our families here at Metro Catholic School are very thankful for the remarkable gift cards that your parishioners have donated. You have given our families a wonderful Christmas filled with incredible holiday cheer! Thank you for your help! Metro Catholic students wish you a Happy New Year! —Darlene Radovanic, Operations Coordinator

Thank you so much for the gifts!

Thank you! My family and I are very grateful! We are wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

May your home be filled with love and holiday cheer this Christmas! Thank you!

What a special thing you have done for my children. Thank you!

Thank you so much for everything you do! I have received so many blessings from this church and my family and I are so appreciative. God bless you and your families as well!

Thank you so much for everything you have done! This year means so much. We wish you and yours a blessed New Year and Healthy year!

We are very grateful for the gift cards. This will help us out so much at this time of the year. My children thank you!

Thank you, I appreciate everything! Happy Holidays!

Thank You Notes From Our Provide a Christmas Dinner & Social Action Hat & Sock Collection

Our residents are so grateful to St. Bernadette parishioners for all you do for us throughout the year! From the ham and cheese sandwiches twice monthly to the generous family who provided individual gift bags as Christmas presents for each of our women. We are very grateful and we wish you a happy new year!

—Edna House

Thank you so much for the Christmas dinners you provided for our families. This was a wonderful gift for them, especially given this economy. We are very grateful. Your parishioners will be remembered in our prayers!

—The House of Champions

We cannot adequately thank all of you at St. Bernadette for your continued kindness to our parishioners throughout the year and especially at this Christmas season. You filled the empty shelves of our food bank at Thanksgiving and provided wonderful Christmas dinner bags for our people in need. The new coats our children received not only put a smile on their faces, but warmed them for this winter weather. For everything, know that we are very grateful! — St. Aloysius Parish

To the Members of St. Bernadette Church, Thank you once again for your support. As it gets colder outside, the hats, gloves and socks come in handy. Our families are very appreciative. —Cindy Rios, The Haven Home



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