

JANUARY 28, 2024

# The GOSPEL of MARK

Divine Authority  
1:21-28

HE COMMANDS EVEN THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS & THEY OBEY HIM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

### † ST. JOSEPH

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ELBA, NE 68835  
MASS 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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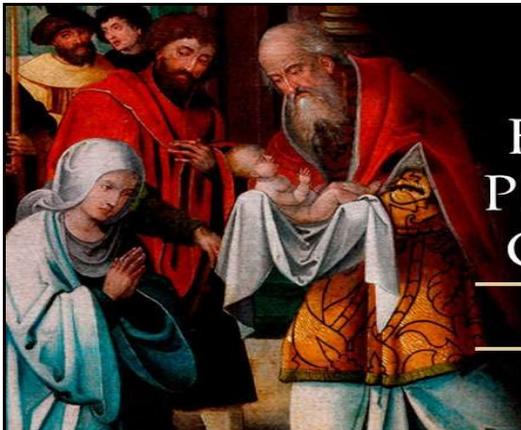
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## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Times:

7:00AM

12:05PM

7:00PM

February 14 - SPP

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B January 28, 2024

Why do people light candles in church? In nearly every church, there are candles for people to light. Shrines around the world have countless candles burning. Have you ever noticed how children love to light candles? There is something fascinating about candles. A burning candle is so warm, so comforting and so consoling.

Any burning light is a reminder of Christ, the Light of the World. The flame of a candle is symbolic of love because of its warmth and cheerfulness. As the candle burns itself out and is consumed in giving its light and service to people, it is a sign of sacrifice and sacrificial love.

Using candles in church is an age-old practice. Candles are recommended or used for every sacrament except for the sacrament of reconciliation, unless reconciliation is within a 'Penance Service.' In the early days of Christianity flaming torches and incense accompanied the officials of imperial Rome as a sign of dignity and respect. The same practice was adopted to show reverence for the bishop of Rome. Blessed candles are kept in Christian homes and are lit for times of prayer. When I was a kid, my mother would always wake the family up during an electrical storm. She would light a candle. Then we would pray for safety. The candle was our way of asking for God's protection during the storm.

People light candles at our Parishes. The candle symbolizes the presence of that person before God, praying for a special favor, or calling upon a saint to intercede before God for a special blessing.

In every church there is a candle next to the tabernacle. It is called the sanctuary lamp. This lamp burns day and night throughout the year. This candle reminds us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. As we enter the church we know the Lord is present when the candle is lit. So we reverence the real presence of Christ in the tabernacle with a genuflection or a profound bow.

May this coming lent remind you that Christ is the light of the world... and the flame that burns within our hearts.

*Fr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## BLESSED & GRATEFUL

TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!



### 2023 - 2024 Current Appeal Totals: Funds & Households

PARISH	\$ GOAL	\$ REC	% \$	# GOAL	# REC	% #
St. Anthony	\$3,362	\$2,950	88%	14	12	86%
St. Joseph	\$1,568	\$450	29%	8	5	63%
Sts. Peter & Paul	\$28,245	\$13,692	48%	90	63	70%

Diocese Appeal Totals as of 01/22/24: \$791,779 66% of \$1,200,000 Goal

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	1/29	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	1/30	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † Anna Dedic By Family
Wednesday	1/31	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † John McInyre By Mary C. Birkby
Thursday	2/1	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † Mary Jarecke By Tom & Zola Jarecke
Friday	2/2	9:00 am Daily Mass (Matelyn) † Janice Jelinek By Carolyn Just
Saturday	2/3	4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP) 5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † Jan Derner By Tom & Zola Jarecke  7:00 pm Mass (SA) † Elaine Rozmiarek By Allen & Joleen Lewandowski
Sunday	2/4	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † Ken Svoboda By Beth Svoboda & Family  10:00 am Mass (SPP) People of the Parishes



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup>

May God Bless you through this ministry & strengthen your faith. Amen

### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

SACRISTAN: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet

GREETERS: Jack Steffes / Amy Christensen / Sharon & Kenny Tibbetts

LECTOR: Betty Czarnek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Mary Ann Fredrick / Julie Baquet

SERVERS: Verah Paulsen / Layla Bowder

### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREETERS: Kerry & Heidi Townsend / Joe & Paulette Hansen

LECTOR: Rick Harrahill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Betty Roebuck / Riley Fowler

SERVERS: Jaxen Fowler / Kendyl Fowler

### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet

GREETERS: 7th Grade Religious Ed. Students

LECTOR: 7th Grade Religious Ed. Students

EM: Larry Dugan / Tina Headrick / Matt & Ann Rief

SERVERS: Archer Shotkoski / Owen Shotkoski

**TRI-PARISH YOUTH** Religious Education

Preschool - 4th Grades: **Sundays 9-10am**  
5th - 11th Grades: **Wednesdays 7-8pm**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Classrooms**

DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418

Thank you to 9th & 10th grades for taking down chairs for the Vegas Night event at our Parish Hall!

Great job to all classes that have helped with Mass!

**Faith-Filled Summer Retreats:**

Registration for the Higher Ground Retreats for high school and middle school students opens February 1st. These retreats offer young people a time to reflect on their spiritual journey and helps them grow their love for God. We encourage you to talk with your kids about attending these comps. What an incredible gift to give them. Take advantage of the early bird rate being offered until February 15th. Visit <https://www.gidiocese.org/youth-events> for camp dates, information & to register.

**Coupon Code for Summer Retreats**

Summer Youth Retreats can be costly to families, \$295 to \$450 per student. If you or your group would like to provide funds for a discount for students from our Parishes, contact the office by January 30. Last year we had 10 students attend one or more retreats

*Congratulations*  
on your Baptism

**ELIJAH THEODORE MENESES SALVADOR**

Son of Ervin & Jayvilyn  
January 20, 2024  
St. Joseph Catholic Church



**Women's Holy Hour**

**MONDAYS AT 7PM ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CCW Meeting - Monday, February 5**

7:00PM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!  
Inviting all ladies 18 and older to consider a **CCW officer position**. Contact Shelly Johns if interested 308-571-0515. New officer installation will be at the February 5th meeting.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Thank you for your support of the **"One Rose, One Life" Campaign**

All donations stay in Nebraska to help with pro-life activities. Please continue to pray for the end to abortion & a respect for life.

Sponsored by: Council #1918 St. Paul, NE & Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation.

Council 1918 next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 PM**  
**at SPP Parish Center NW classroom**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**STS. PETER & PAUL 10AM-5PM**  
PLEASE HELP FILL ALL THE TIMES



NOV. 1 - FEB. 1

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**



Benedictine College Youth Conferences **ENCOUNTER** - June 14-16, 2024 is a weekend Catholic youth conference built for parish & diocesan groups, focused on the pillars of Benedictine spirituality. Early registration until Feb. 1st - \$100 off. Information & registration at website: [Benedictine.edu/BCYC/encounter](http://Benedictine.edu/BCYC/encounter)

**Mass for Consecrated Life - February 3, 5:00pm**

At St. Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Hanefeldt presiding. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

**World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass Feb. 10th**

Bishop Hanefeldt will be presiding, 5pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Anniversaries divisible by 5 will be honored, RSVP 308-379-9325. A free offering lasagna meal will follow.

**Men's Retreat: "Go Forth-You Will be a Blessing"**  
(Genesis 12:1-2) Saint Benedict Center **February 2-4**  
Visit: <https://christthekingpriory.com/retreats-schedule>

**Bishop Hanefeldt ~ Synodal Listening Session**

**Tuesday, February 6, from 7:00-8:30PM** at Resurrection Church in Grand Island. Please join us if your schedule permits. **Guided questions:** *Where have I seen or experienced successes - and distresses - within the Church's structure/organization/ leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission? How can the structures and the organization of the Church help all the Baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ.*

**RETROUVAILLE** NEBRASKA WEEKEND  
**FEBRUARY 16-18**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES REGISTER EARLY - LIMITED SPACE

**Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) Marriage Help Weekend**  
**Coming Soon! - Whether you have simply drifted apart, or have arrived at separation or divorce, Retrouvaille offers hope.**

Begin with a weekend away at St. Benedict's Center in Schuyler, NE. Fully Confidential, affordable, and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background. For more information &/or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

Are you searching for something more? Consider attending a **CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST** weekend. During this weekend, you will experience how God's grace works in you and how you can share this grace with others.

Catholics Encounter Christ weekends are March 8-10 (Women's) and March 22-24 (Men's). Scan QR code or visit [gidiocese.org](http://gidiocese.org) to register!



**World Wide Marriage Encounter Experience**

**February 9-11 in Lincoln, NE**

Enhance your marriage to be the best it can be. Early registration is highly recommended, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for information.

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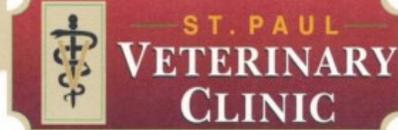
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### Sts. Peter and Paul | December On-Line

General Fund - \$2,286.00 | \$5,664.00

Parish Life Center - \$50.00 | \$487.00

Maintenance - \$5.00 | \$20.00

Restoring OFH - \$125.00 | \$1,883.00

### St. Anthony

General Fund - \$367.00

### St. Joseph

General Fund - \$374.00

Heat - \$90.00

## Prayer Chain

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*Pray without ceasing* 1 Thessalonian 5:17