

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



HE CURED MANY WHO WERE SICK. - MK 1:34

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

01/28-2023.....	\$4,083
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$1,383
YTD Offertory.....	\$94,976
Budget.....	\$83,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$11,276

Happy Sunday everyone!

I wanted to remind everyone that Ash Wednesday is next week on February 14. We will have 2 Masses that day and one service with just ashes. We will have Mass at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be a service (not Mass) with ashes at 12:00 pm. Even though it is a popular celebration, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation! However, fasting (one meal and two snacks) and abstinence from meat are required!

Fr. Rob



Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-30

Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds". Such are the blessings of the good news.

**Readings may be found
in the Saint Augustine
Hymnal Number 992**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 3	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Covie Jospheh Schmidt
Sunday, February 4	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People For the People
Monday, February 5	No Mass	
Tuesday, February 6	Noon Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Wednesday, February 7	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Thursday, February 8	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Friday, February 9	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Saturday, February 10	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For Vocations
Sunday, February 11	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

FOOD PANTRY - We collected and Lisa delivered 12 boxes of food during the month of January for the Community Dinner! Thank you!

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the name and dates of the lector rotation.

- 02/04 David Hicks
- 02/11 Russ Cassidy
- 02/18 Doyle May
- 02/25 Steve Misczanski
- 03/03 Sidney Cline

"If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118".

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. — Father John Muir
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IS GOSSIP A SIN?

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

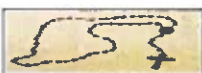
To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©L.Pi



ROSARY - We will be meeting at **noon** the first Saturday of each month to say the Rosary.



- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Terry A. Williams, Becky Griffith's brother in law (lung cancer)
- Jimmie Goss
- Tim Deskins
- Christine Misczanski, Steve Misczanski's mother
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Ryan Altman, Helen Altman's grandson
- Steve Misczanski, Sr. (cancer)
- Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)
- Deacon Dirck Curry
- Frank Shortridge, Becky Griffith's brother (ALS)
- John Fliehman, stroke
- Chona Curry
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Kenny Blackburn
- Helen Altman
- Margarita Gomez
- Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war?

Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

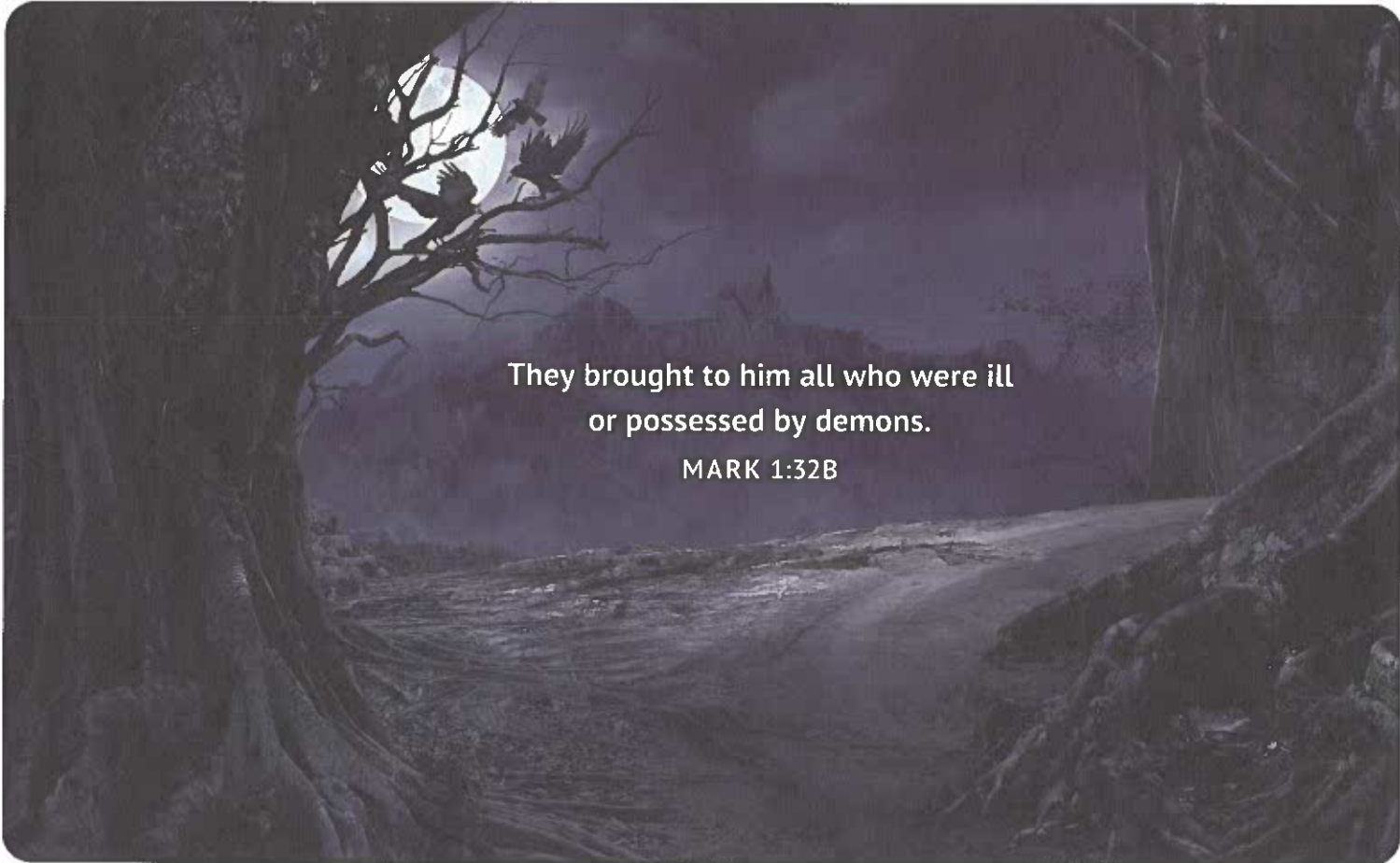
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a large, gnarled tree on the left, a full moon in the sky, and a path leading into the distance. The scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and mysterious mood.

They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.

MARK 1:32B

Dear Padre,

*In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come."
Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?*

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10	February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1 Mk 1:40-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

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