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

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:  
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Deadline for content in the  
weekly bulletin is noon on  
Mondays*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:30 p.m.**

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15  
p.m.)

**Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. &  
10:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15  
a.m. & 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—Friday: Mass 8:00  
a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -  
7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard  
anytime outside of listed times  
by appointment*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.  
Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**The Daily Mass and  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass are  
broadcast on our YouTube  
channel. Go to our parish  
website homepage to find  
the direct link.**

THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 5th

### Tuesday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Nancy Murphy by Alice Leonard  
6:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus Rosary & Meeting**

### Wednesday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Therese Zahn by Denise Zahn  
8:30 a.m.—7 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**  
6:00 p.m. **St. Therese Rosary Club**  
6:00 p.m. **Youth Religious Education**

### Thursday, February 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Cletus & Hazel Mapes by Jeanette Mapes

### Friday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Pam Vannett by William Christen

### Saturday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. **Serra Club Mass & Meeting**  
4:30 p.m. Mass: Special Intention by Sally Ault

### Sunday, February 11th

8:30 a.m. Mass: For the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Mass: †Anita Jo Stevens by Tom & Sharon Parsley  
8:30 a.m.—Noon **Knights of Columbus Breakfast at Little Flower**  
1 p.m.—3 p.m. **Basic Catholic Beliefs Class**  
†: Indicates deceased

## Gospel Meditation

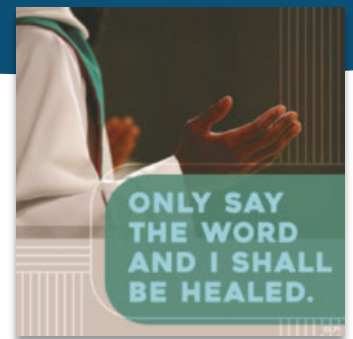
### February 4, 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 ©LPi



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## Saint of the Week

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.



### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
 Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
 Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin  
 Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RICHARD FEIST FAMILY:

Dick Feist was a Charter Member here at St. Therese, the Little Flower. He passed away on January 27th, and his funeral was held at Little Flower on February 2nd. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH:

- Joe and Jordyn Audet & Family
- Ty and Jenna Grove & Family
- Robert and Christina Norman & Family

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

St. Vincent de Paul meetings are held in the St. Leo's Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, beginning with a rosary at 5:10 and the meeting following at 5:30. 701-833-1269

## Mass Ministry Schedule for February 10th & 11th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Varden Lang	Karen McDonald	Alice Leonard
<b>Greeter</b>	Paula Sidener Sue Peterson	Clarence & Amy Aberle	Bonnie Brunner Arlene Fiedler
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Camden Lee Paul Kalamaha	David White Jeff Murtaugh	Kirstin Brunner Lizzie Mega
<b>Lector</b>	Amy Lee	Jessi Erdmann	Jaimie Brunner
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Dakota Johnson	Lisa Krogman	
<b>In-Home Ministry</b>	Carolyn Johnson		
<b>Scrip Sales</b>	Cindy Larcombe	Diane Wittmayer	Jaimie Brunner

Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact Jill in the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.



## Family, Friends, & Brother Knights,

I pray that you all are doing well, getting back into the swing of things after the busy holiday season, but must look forward to what is coming up as Lent is approaching. Yes we must prepare ourselves for the Easter season, spending time with Jesus in prayer and adoration, and in the sacraments of daily Mass and confession. Remembering what is most important, the love God has for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

During Lent, our parish will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening and our knights will be serving soup and sandwiches just before in the gathering space of the church. All are welcome to join with friends and family and enjoy a meal before attending the spiritual pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross.

We want to thank everyone who braved the cold and attended our last breakfast, where we were very blessed with the generous donations that came in to benefit the Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. We hope you can make our upcoming fundraising breakfast that will be held at the church February 11th from 8:30 a.m. to noon, that will benefit the Special Olympics program. We hope you can join us!

Server of the Month: Camden Lee, is a young energetic boy who just started serving this past year. His enthusiasm and love in the church has only grown as he continues doing a great job in serving the Mass.

Knight of the Month: Curt Saari, a great member in our council and also in our parish. He always lend a helping hand when something in the church needs to be fixed or repaired and was a huge help with the rectory project and we are very grateful. Aside from being our fix-it man in the parish, he is always at our meeting enjoying fellowship with the guys and lending a hand in the kitchen when we have our breakfasts.

Family of the Month: Robert & Katy Schaefer, who have been parishioners of our church for several years now. They are always a joy to see in the church, and are often helping out by selling scrip and promoting Catholic education. Also their two daughters Hannah and Emma you will often see serving the Mass together. They also enjoy attending our fundraiser breakfasts, showing their support to the Knights of Columbus while enjoying a delicious meal and everyone's company.

Our knights want to thank those for all that they do. We are truly blessed that they are part of our parish family and will be praying for them.

Thank you and God bless!

Knights of Columbus Council #9839,  
Grand Knight, Luke Audet

**Poinsettias for giveaway: pick up in the Gathering Space after the Masses this weekend.**

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS, FEB. 9



Saint Junipero Serra, the Franciscan priest who founded nine of California's missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News. It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics

who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood and brotherhood, especially on February 9th, which is World Day of Prayer for Religious Vocations.

### ST. JOHN'S KC BREAKFAST FEB. 18TH

St. Johns KC's will be serving breakfast after both 8 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, February 18th in the parish hall. The menu includes French toast, Gluten Free French toast, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and milk. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to help support Real Presence Radio and Minot Men's Winter Refuge.

## Plan Ahead for Lent:

*Ash Wednesday Mass Times:*

8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Stations of the Cross:*

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

*Soup & Sandwich Supper:*

Each Friday prior to Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

*Soups*  
**AROUND THE WORLD**



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Giving Hearts Day is February 8th, but early giving is now open! You can give to Dakota Hope Clinic through this event. **Go to [givingheartsday.org](http://givingheartsday.org) and search for Dakota Hope Clinic.**

Your individual donation will be matched up to \$10,000. DHC has a goal of **\$50,000** raised during this event.

Dakota Hope Clinic is a Pregnancy Help Center with locations in Minot, Tioga and Bottineau, that provides confirmation of pregnancy with a pregnancy test and limited OB ultrasound at



no charge. Moms and Dads can receive free diapers and other needed items for their infant and toddler with participation in "Earn While You Learn", an incentive education program.

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# *Breakfast* **AT LITTLE FLOWER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH**

**8:30 AM - NOON**



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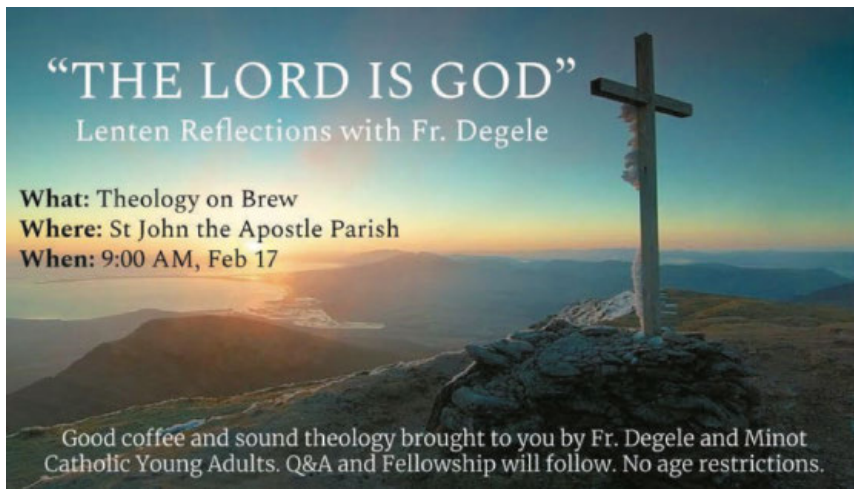


*On the Menu:*

**FRENCH TOAST,  
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GRAVY, MUFFINS,  
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All are welcome! Free will  
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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest is being held on Saturday, February 17th at Bishop Ryan Catholic School. This contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 in our region. Doors will open at 11:30 am for registration with the contest beginning at noon. Please bring a birth certificate for proof of age with you to the contest. Any questions, please contact District Deputy Brian Rodgers at 701.240.3439 or brodgers@brhs.com.



### OLG ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus Council #4894 is serving a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, February 4 from 11 am to 3 pm in support of Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Everyone is invited to this delicious meal. Costs: 13-Adult - \$14; 6-12 years - \$8; and 5 & under - Free.

### CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT GROUP

Catholic Enrichment Group is sponsoring a program on Cremation and funeral pre-planning, presented by Thompson Larson Funeral Home at Our Lady of Grace dining room at 12 noon on Thursday February 8, 2024. All guests are welcome. If you would like to join us for lunch at 11:30 please call Tom at 838-0545 by Wednesday noon February 7 to help us plan. No charge. New members from all parishes are welcome.

Focus of Catholic Enrichment Group:

- Praying for seminarians, local priests and deacons.
- Programs of interest to Catholics.
- Lunch and fellowship.
- At present we are having short lessons on the Mass using DVDs and soon will use Bishop Kagan's letter on the Eucharist.

## Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

**Get Your BR Fund Raffle Tickets Now!** This year's Bishop Ryan Fund Raffle features 22 great prizes including cash and a grand prize 2023 CFMoto CForce 4x4! Tickets are \$20 each and the drawing will take place during SpringFest in the Den on April 12th. Get your tickets from any Bishop Ryan family or after weekend Masses!

**We're getting ready to welcome the Class of 2037!** Bishop Ryan Catholic School will be hosting our Kindergarten Sneak Peek events during the first week of February, and parish families interested in learning more about Kindergarten are welcome to attend! To learn more about how we're encouraging inspired minds, faithful hearts, and lives of virtue, please reserve your Sneak Peek spot with Jaimie Brunner at jbrunner@brhs.com or (701) 838-3355.

**Substitute Teachers:** Are you looking for more opportunities in the classroom? We are always accepting substitute teachers for our list at Bishop Ryan! To share your name and credentials, please contact our administration office staff at (701) 838-3355. Please note that our substitute teacher list runs independently of lists for surrounding schools, so please contact us directly.

**Hiring:** Bishop Ryan Catholic School is hiring an **Instructional Aide**. Qualified candidates must be dedicated to the Mission of Catholic education. Duties include providing supplemental educational support to the classroom teacher, assisting either the teacher or students in carrying out the educational process. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact school principal, Tanya Steckler (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

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