



January 21, 2024



Today's readings

**3rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James, Lucille & Marrie Lipari by Family

Sunday, January 21—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Leo Janol by Sophia

10:30 AM † Ronald Campana by Knights of Columbus

Monday, January 22

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Polaski Family by Michael & Beth Tesznar

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, January 24

No Mass

Thursday, January 25

8:00 AM † Pauline Mihalich by Mr & Mrs Joe Gallo

Friday, January 26

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, January 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ann Uram by Greg & Toni Buccì

Sunday, January 28 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rene Moncini by C D of A Court 776

10:30 AM † Anthony Mascetta, Fiore & Angela Sacco, John Sacco by Adelina Mascetta

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — January 27 & 28

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Elias	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Brown	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, January 22—Team #5— M. Smith

No Compromising Discipleship

The message from our readings this week is very clear and yet in spite of its simplicity, it is difficult to make a part of our lives. We are reminded of the centrality of Jesus in the mission of the church, and our call to discipleship. If we all looked at our lives as individuals and then looked at our community, we would have to admit that there are many distractions that keep us from following the demands Jesus puts on us.



St. Paul moves from his comforting prayer and support of the people of Corinth to a sharp criticism of their behavior. He is very specific in addressing the unity and the divisions that were present in the community. Paul was much saddened by the reports about these divisions in the community of Corinth. He quickly addresses the people about how they need to realign their priorities and focus on what really is important, namely the mission of Jesus.

We are all aware of the challenges posed to our Christian communities today. There is certainly a decline in church attendance in some places, shortage of priests and ministers in many places, internal problems of divisions between conservatives and progressives, loss of exposure and influence of Christian discourse and leadership, and the increasing number of religious groups and the rise of other major religions, like Islam and Buddhism. Even though there are many problems facing us today, we all need to put into perspective what our call is really all about.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins shining here, among us. The way out of darkness is to hear the cry for repentance and we cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in Christ's light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call repent, and faithfully follow!

Ultimately the question we all need to be asking ourselves is: what is the gospel in which we believe and where do we stand, for the sake of the gospel, on major issues today? Are we taking enough risks, or are we satisfied just to follow the crowd? If we are Disciples of Christ, we should have something to propose concerning vital issues for everyone: environment, equitable salary and use of resources, immigration, refugees, military disarming, peace and justice, humanitarian assistance, human rights, dialog between cultures and between religions.

The gospel has no readymade solutions for such huge problems. Yet the life of Jesus and his message make no compromise whatsoever when it comes to justice and compassion for the poor and the little ones. These are non-negotiable gospel values that could change a lot in the world of today. Instead of withdrawing into our own internal problems, we Christians should be committed to joining all men and women of good will to attend the needs of the world, so that the message and the life of Christ "might not be emptied of their meaning."

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances, do we hear Jesus' call to repent? Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light. Repentance is the condition for following Jesus to the fullness of the kingdom. It is the condition for taking up his saving work.

Inspiration for the Week:

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of ANGELO GALANTE. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Eastern Europe Collection



Annually, our Diocese participates in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on the first Sunday of February. This year, the Collection will be taken at all parish Saturday evening Masses and **Sunday Masses on February 3 and 4**. The proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome the challenges

of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central and Eastern Europe, such as Lithuania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Macedonia, and Ukraine. The Bishops of the United States **continue to supply aid to Ukraine, but also desire to help other nations in Central and Eastern Europe**. Our participation and our parishioners' participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe express our care and support for the people in Central and Eastern Europe, especially in times of crisis and disruption. We are called to continue to offer hope to our fellow Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe by providing both material and spiritual assistance as they face enormous challenges. I ask that you be generous to the collection because their support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, [visit www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

Lenten Fish Fries

Our parish family as always been known for its great Fish Fries during the season of Lent, and it is never too early to start planning. **We are always in need of more help** in order to provide this service not only to our parish family but the larger community as well.

There are many ways that you can help, all you need to do is let us know. **We will have a signup sheet in Church so that you can put your name down.** We will contact you. We will also be selling baked goods each week so we will need you to dig out your recipes. If you think you might be able to lend a hand this year, know that your help and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Pierogi Making

We are making pierogis for our Fish Fries! Beginning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday and at 8:00 a.m. on Monday. Current dates are Sunday, January 21 and Monday, January 22 and Sunday, January 28 and Monday, January 29.

National Ed. Contest

The 2024 CDA (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) **National Education Contest** is now underway. Student participants may be Catholic or Non-Catholic. CDA Members may also submit an entry. Categories are Essay, Poetry, Art and Computer Art. Complete rules are listed on the entry form, which is available at the Epiphany Church Office and on the website. Completed entries can be returned to the Church Office by the deadline, February 1st. For additional information, contact Pat Godla, Chairperson, at 724-684-7235.

Weekly Collection Jan. 14

Votive Candles:	109
Utility & Energy:	110
Accent:	0
Children & Adult Collection:	3,853
Online Collection:	1,248
Total Collection:	\$5,320

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Faith

Created In God's Image

Bishop Larry J. Kulick is inviting men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg to attend gatherings this month at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. **"Transformed," a gathering for men, will be held Monday, Jan. 22, and "Beloved," a gathering for women, will be held Monday, Jan. 29.** Both begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the Bishop speaking on "Created in God's Image." The gatherings will include prayer, reflection, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple confessors. There is no cost, and no reservations are required.

Mass Book for 2024 is open. There are some available dates. Forms are available in back of the church and on the website. As always, you may mail the form in, or drop it in the collection basket, or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org. You are always welcome to visit the office.

Groups

CDA, Court Monessen #776, will meet this Sunday, January 21 in the Church Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All Catholic women are welcome to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335.

Mardi Gras

It is time to start thinking about this year's Mardi gras which will be on Tuesday, **February 13**, just a few weeks away! For many years this has been a fun evening to start off the Lenten Season. Every year for our Mardi Gras we crown a King and Queen. The "Royals" then represent our parish throughout the year. The Queens and Kings in the past have served our parish well! It is time to think about who will represent us for the coming year....**that crown is up for grabs!** As we did last year, we will vote. Please **send any nominations to the office**, call or email Tara at tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org. We also ask that you bring to the festivities your **favorite desert, as well as your old Palm Branches** from last year. I hope that this year's Mardi Gras is as much a success as the ones in the past.



Daily Readings

Readings for the week of January 21

Sun.: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mon.: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tues.: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wed.: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thurs.: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18

Fri.: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Sat.: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41