SUNDAY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 16, 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

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Tuesday, February 18 —Votive M	lass of The Most Holy Eucharist
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7:30 AM-Ed McInteer+

Wednesday, February 19—Mass for Giving Thanks to God

8:15 AM—Aline Moffat+

Thursday, February 20—Votive Mass of St. Peter

7:30 AM—Mary Catherine Damm+

Friday, February 21—St. Peter Damien

8:15 AM-Art Haynes, Jr.+

Saturday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter

7:30 AM-Kim Atwell+

5:00 PM—Bill Hinkebein+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, February 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— People of the Parish

10:00 AM- Joseph Raymond Kinsella+

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Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU OBSERVE OR SUSPECT SEXUAL ABUSE:

- 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmanksj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

" BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HOPE IN THE LORD."

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

February 21: St. Peter Damian

Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs.

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or trouble-shooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still

called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

February 22: Chair of St. Peter

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians. Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.

Caulker Needed

Fr. Koster is in need of someone (or more than one) who is proficient in caulking trim. The new trim that was installed all throughout the rectory during the renovation/ restoration has gone through a few natural shifts with temperature changes which has cracked the paint along the seams. Fr. Koster would like those cracks/seams to be caulked. If you or someone you know is able to assist in this project, please email Fr. Koster.



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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FEBRUARY 22-23			
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)	
Sat. 5pm	,	Jackson Reeter Sam Brobst	
Sun. 8am	•	David Lentz Joseph Lentz	
Sun. 10am	Thurifer Acolyte I Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch	Ivan Dickerson Evan Randolph Thatcher Rardon Burke Beetsma Elijah Sensenich Hudson Marcolla Anderson Marcolla	

2024 DONATION GIVINGS STATEMENT

If you would like a statement of your Offertory givings, please call or email the office and one will be provided.

PARISH POT LUCK Today, after 10:00 Mass we will gather again in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to join! Bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and tableware are provided. Call or text Amanda Shearer for more details 712-216-1713. Hope to see you there!

LECTOR SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 23		
Mass Time	Lector	
Sun. 8am	Kristy Lauhoff	
Sun. 10am	Dorion Moore	

IN LOVING MEMORY

Marvin (Jerry) Davis March 21 1943 November 19, 2024

Joseph Raymond Kinsella February 25, 1937 January 14, 2025

> John Patrick Martin March 17, 1967 January 30, 2025

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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Weekly Offering

February 9 Offertory \$12,840 Property Maint \$55 Birthright \$125

January Income/Expense Income \$177,905 Expense \$136,626 Income over (under) Expense \$41,279

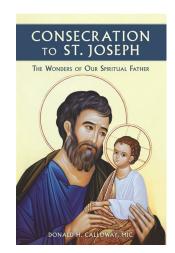
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BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

News from Our Middle School Social Studies/Religion Teacher, Sean Sensenich:

Last Friday, the 5th and 6th grade students had the exciting opportunity to visit Blue Springs for the School of Economics. This event provided a hands-on experience where students learned about running a business and functioning within a community. Each student took on a role in one of the businesses, such as manager, cook, or craft designer. Some students worked in accounting or banking roles. In the weeks leading up to the trip, we explored key economic concepts in class, like supply and demand, and practiced completing loan applications and setting prices for products. The objective of the day was for students to earn a profit and pay off their loans.

I'm proud to share that Bishop Hogan's students performed exceptionally well at the School of Economics. One of our shops, led by Audrey Marshall, won the award for highest profit. Our students also answered several questions from the school moderators and demonstrated excellent behavior, showing respect for the staff throughout the day.



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Coming this Spring, a study of St. Joseph.

Information flyers available on the table in the back of church. More information to follow.