

SUNDAY BULLETIN JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

Tuesday, January 28 —St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 AM—Greg & Mindy Lentz family

Wednesday, January 29—Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

8:15 AM—Garrison family

Thursday, January 30—Mass for the Church

7:30 AM—Mary Catherine Damm+

Friday, January 31—St. John Bosco

8:15 AM—De Stamper+

Saturday, February 1—St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 AM—Dorothy Riley+

5:00 PM—Deanna Luetticke+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM— Robinson family

10:00 AM— People of the Parish

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Scripture Readings
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10
 I Corinthians 12:12-30
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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@ombudsmankcsj.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.

“ YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

January 27: St. Angela Merici

Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a “company” of women.

Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela's sight was restored.

At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their “mother and mistress,” Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows.

January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, “I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” He died March 7, 1274.

January 31: St. John Bosco

John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoe-making and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales. With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FEBRUARY 1-2		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Jackson Reeter
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Alex Widner Gabe Widner
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch Torch Torch Torch Torch	Ivan Dickerson Oliver Perry Thatcher Rardon Kale Walker Hudson Marcolla Anderson Marcolla Grady Allen Elijah Sensenich Rowdy Miller A.J. Warren Cameron Williams

LECTOR SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter



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CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2025 CONFIRMATION are held every Sunday after 10:00 Mass.

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.

Weekly Offering

*December 19
Offertory \$4,200
Property Maint \$158
Birthright \$115*

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events. Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website stcolumbanchurch.com [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/) [St.ColumbanChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

CANDLE BLESSING

The Blessing of Candles is traditionally done on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2. If you have candles you would like blessed, please bring them to the 10am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 2. The candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass

BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

National Catholic Schools Week January 26-February 1

The week of Jan 26-Feb 1 is the national celebration of **Catholic Schools Week!** Bishop Hogan will celebrate the important role that Catholic Schools play in shaping our next generation, both spiritually and academically. Our theme this year is **Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community!** Strengthening our faith in God, learning to reach the highest academic standards, and serving others is what we strive for at Bishop Hogan Memorial School!

During Catholic Schools Week, the staff and students will have fun each day with different 'dress up' themes, and also learn about and celebrate the various contributors to the success of our school.

Sunday is our Celebration of the Parish. Prayer Box in the back of the church at the weekend Masses. Please feel free to write a petition on the paper that will be sealed in our box. We don't take them out, but instead pray to God for all the intentions in the box every day this week. Thank you, parishioners, for all you do for the school throughout the year. We are ever so grateful!

Monday- Dress in Pajamas, Kick-off with Mayor Theresa Kelly, Ice Cream with Mass Buddies

Tuesday- Dress as Twins or Mismatch Clothes, Bible Bowl 12:30, Food collection

Wednesday- Dress for Favorite Hobby, Spelling Bee 1-4th 12:30, 5-8th 1:30 pm

Thursday- Dress for Favorite Sport , Volleyball Tournament

Friday- Mass, Dress as a Class in Colors Representing Specific Cancer Awareness, Activities with Mass Buddy, Movies for students

May God shower you with blessings!

Pam Brobst, Principal

Mon. 1-27 Dress in Pajamas	Tues. 1-28 Twins/Mismatch	Wed. 1-29 Favorite Hobby	Thur 1-30 Favorite Sport	Fri. 1-31 Colors for Cancer
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Celebrate Nation

Celebrate Community

Celebrate Vocations

Celebrate Families

Celebrate Students