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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am

Thurs: 5:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

Sunday 7:00-7:45am

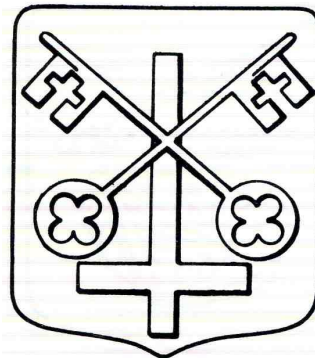
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Save the Date!

Monday, January 20th	Knights of Columbus dinner, meeting	6 pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall
Sunday, January 26th	Catholic Schools Week Breakfast	After Masses, Fr Kottas Social Hall
Saturday, February 22nd	Feed the Children	9am—2pm, Fr Kottas Social Hall

19 JANUARY, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Father Jacob

Miracles

To a lot of people the miracles of Jesus seem very strange, but when we remember who Jesus is, they don't need to.

The same God who turned water into wine in the six jars at Cana, is the same God who turns water into juice in every grapevine in the world and then into wine by every yeast cell. Do we think he is in charge of one and not the other? Jesus is the Word of God that made the whole world ("let there be light!"), and continues to govern the whole world (see for example Ps 104). When Jesus heals the sick he isn't doing anything that he's not normally in charge of in every body on Earth anyway. When he restores Lazarus to life he is doing a smaller thing than when he gives life to thousands of babies in the womb every day. The difference is just that one is done through a man, Jesus Christ, and one is done invisibly, and so commonly that we forget to praise the one who does it.

If we find Jesus's miracles to be strange then there are two possible reasons. First, perhaps we need to remember who Jesus is—it would be strange indeed if *Fr Jake* made water turn into wine, as that is not something I am accustomed to do, but it is not strange for the Word of God to do it, since He does it all the time. He is doing it right now at your nearest vineyard. As the song says truly: "*He's got the whole world in His hand*".

Second, perhaps we need to look again at the wild and wonderful world that God has made, full of life and beauty and goodness. If we marvel too much at the miracles of Jesus-man, perhaps it's because we marvel too little at the daily working of Jesus-God, the wisdom of God and the power of God, who makes the sun rise every day and the rain fall and every seed sprout and grow according to its kind. May we never lose sight of God's mighty care for us.

Feed the Children

Our parish is hosting a Feed the Children meal packing event on **Saturday, February 22nd**, 9 am—2 pm. We need more than 100 people to help us prepare meals for those in need. Please consider participating in this fun family event, and consider asking friends, neighbors, or former parishioners to help us out with it!

We will have food for us available thanks to a generous donor in the parish.

Lenten Survey

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. During Lent we prepare ourselves for the joy of the Resurrection through a renewed focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We will be having our wonderful Tuesday night programs including Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup Supper. I have heard a lot about this wonderful program and would not want to mess with success!

As we consider what else to put on our Lenten Calendar, **the parish needs to hear from you!** Please consider answering our very brief survey to help us plan for Lent 2025. The surveys are in the pews the weekend of the 18th and 19th, or us the QR code below:



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READINGS FOR: January 26, 2025
1ST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 1/21 8:00 am Edward Bremmer-RIP
Wed 1/22 8:00 am Isabelle O’Grady-RIP & Bernie Erickson-RIP
Thurs 1/23 5:30 pm Mary Jo Dressel-RIP
Fri 1/24 8:00 am Bill & Marilyn Ryan
Sat 1/25 4:00 pm Terry O’Rourke-RIP & Karen Mehsling-RIP
Sun 1/26 8:00 am Ed Dehner Family & St Peter’s Parish
10:00 am Deb Taylor
Noon Lisa Shafer

SATURDAY, 4PM January 25, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Jack Limpp, Evelyn & John Duitsman
LECTORS: Cathy Assman, Amy Rallis
EUCH MINISTERS: Pat Shadden, Wayne Stangl, Rod Nuss
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Brody Pellett

SUNDAY, 8 AM, January 26, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Caroline & Claire Reineke, Owen Juranek
LECTORS: Sean Dunphy, Peter Finn
EUCH MINISTERS: Ray McGrath, Norma Finn, Mary Novotne
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Eric Ledger, Mike Rosloniec, Jeff Veit

SUNDAY, 10 AM January 26, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Abby Lighthipe, Kyla & Alyssa Brockelsby
LECTORS: John Ross Biederman, Craig Menges
EUCH MINISTERS: Chris Fink, Ed Fink, Jon Garrigan
USHERS: Jill Clevenger, Dan Lighthipe, Margine Henry, Dave Bristol

SUNDAY, NOON January 26, 2025
ALTAR SERVERS: Grace Burroughs, Payton & Ben Johnson
LECTORS: Abby Barnes, Andrea Barnes
EUCH MINISTERS: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Emry Honkomp

FATHER’S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is the bridegroom who comes to marry his bride, the Church. He puts on quite a wedding party when he makes more than 180 gallons of wine for his first miracle!

What a party that couple had in Cana thanks to the Lord. Let’s ask Jesus to bless our marriages with the same joy whether we are newlyweds or married 50+ years.

Sign up for FEED THE CHILDREN is on the tables in the back of church. We need a minimum of 100 people to volunteer for this very important event. It will be held in the Father Kottas Social Hall on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 am. We will be preparing approximately 13,513 meals.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK BREAKFAST Sunday, January 26, 2025. Menu is biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit parfait with yogurt, milk, orange juice, and coffee.

The St. Peter’s Social Hall is available for rent for family get togethers, parties, or events. Our rates are wonderful, we have parking and full facilities for all your events. Please consider us for your next party. Tell your family and friends.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- A good marriage is when she is by your side during the bad times to tell you that none of this would have happened if you had just listened to her. Follow me for more marriage tips.
- There are two types of people in this world. People who need to relax before doing chores and people who can’t relax until the chores are done...And they usually marry each other.
- I’m officially at the age where I don’t know if I’m injured or if this is just how I am now.
- That awesome moment when a zombie is looking for brains and walks right by you.
- Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from poor judgment.
- I just bought a donut without sprinkles. Wow, diets are so hard.
- How to dress for cold weather: 1. Put pajamas back on 2. Get back in bed.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won’t bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- When I have to fill out a form asking who to call in case of an emergency, I always write an ambulance. Because no one in my family is going to answer a call from an unknown number.
- Childhood injuries: Fell off my bike, fell out of a tree, twisted my ankle. Adult injuries: Slept wrong, sat down too long, sneezed too hard.
- Top reasons why the house is not clean: 1. The kids live here.
- You come from dust, you will return to dust. That’s why I don’t dust. It could be someone I know.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 21-NCYC parent meeting 6:30pm Hall
Saturday, January 25-1st Reconciliation 8:30am Church
Sunday-January 26-Catholic Schools Breakfast
Tuesday-January 28-Women’s Book Club 6:30pm Hall
Sunday, February 2-Fully Alive Youth Group 7-9pm Hall

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