

SUNDAY BULLETIN JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

CONFessions HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

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Tuesday, January 27 — St. Angela Merici

7:30 AM - Steve Martin

Wednesday, January 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas

8:15 AM - Tim and Carolyn McGeeney

Thursday, January 29 — Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Betty Link+

Friday, January 30 — Votive Mass of the Mercy of God

8:15 AM - Mary Catherine Damm+

Saturday, January 31 — St. John Bosco

No Morning Mass

5:00 PM - Barbara McCoy+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, February 1 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Ginny Schilling+

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 8:23—9:3

I Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

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, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.”

THIS WEEKS’ SAINTS

January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus

Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a “mixed” marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded.

Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul’s most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: “Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses” (1 Timothy 5:23). Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul’s second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. The “Letter to Titus” addresses him as the administrator of the Christian Community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops.

January 27: St. Angela Merici

Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. is 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 became 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, shoemaking 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 JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 1		
Mass Time	Position	Knights
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Shay Johnson Graham Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	David Lentz Jude Lentz
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jack Marshall Rowdy Miller Thatcher Rardon Kale Walker Elijah Sensenich Mikey Whitson Harry Goad

LECTOR SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 1	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Melanie Warren



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*Weekly Offering
January 18, 2026*

*Offertory \$ 4,849
Parish Property \$20
Birthright \$125*

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.

ALTAR SOCIETY COOKBOOK SUBMISSION

The Altar Society is now accepting parishioner recipes for our upcoming cookbook, which will be available at the Salad Luncheon.

At the back of the church, you'll find two baskets:

- One contains instructions and entry forms for submitting recipes either online or manually.
- If you prefer to submit manually, please complete the form, **include your phone number for follow-up questions**, and place it in the second basket. We will enter your recipe for you.

We especially encourage submissions of the salads and pies featured at the Salad Luncheon. To help us highlight these, please write "Salad Luncheon" next to your name. All recipe categories are welcome. We look forward to including your favorites!

SCHOOL NEWS

Just a reminder that the Prayer Box for Catholic Schools Week will be in the back of church on Saturday and Sunday. Please add your intentions to the **Prayer Box**. Our student body will say daily prayers for your intentions!

Catholic Schools Week: United in Faith and Community

Monday Jan 26	Tuesday Jan 27	Wed Jan 28	Thursday Jan 29	Friday Jan 30
Celebrate the Nation & Staff DRESS IN PAJAMAS	Celebrate Community & Volunteers DRESS AS TWINS OR IN MISMATCHED CLOTHES	Celebrate Vocations DRESS IN PATRIOTIC COLORS	Celebrate Families DRESS IN FAVORITE SPORTS/HOBBIESTS ATTIRE	Celebrate Students <u>Cancer Awareness</u> DRESS IN COLORED SHIRTS FOR CANCER AWARENESS (UNIFORM PANTS)
Prayers for the Parish & staff 8:15 Mayor Proclamation Teacher Appreciation lunch 2:30 Ice Cream	Prayers for Volunteers and Community leaders 12:30 Bible Bowl Food Collection for needy Cards/letter to community people	Prayers for Sick and Needy, vocations Spelling Bee 12:00 1st-2nd 12:45 3rd-4th 1:30 5-8th	Prayers for Families Hand out muffins to drop off drivers Volleyball Tournament 10:25-11:25 3-5th 12:30-2 6-8th gr	Prayers for Students Prayer partner activity Student Celebration
Prayers for intentions in Prayer Box	Prayers for intentions in Prayer Box	Prayers for intentions in Prayer Box	Prayers for intentions in Prayer Box	Prayers for intentions in Prayer Box

May God Bless You!
Pam Brobst, Principal

VOCATIONS CHALICE

We are excited about a brand new initiative here at St. Columban to help promote and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life! It's a traveling vocations chalice! Every week, the chalice will go to a family who will pray with it for more vocations. With the chalice will be a few prayers that the family is to say every day they have the chalice as well as some other ideas for you and your family to do when you have it. We will be continually adding to it and feel free to add your own ideas for those who come after you! If you would like your family to have the chalice for a week, please email the parish office and we will get you on the calendar. Thank you for helping us pray for more vocations!