

SUNDAY BULLETIN JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND 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

Tuesday, January 20 — St. Sebastian

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, January 21 — St. Agnes

No Morning Mass

Thursday, January 22 — Mass for the Unity of Christians

No Morning Mass

Friday, January 23 — St. Vincent

No Morning Mass

Saturday, January 24 — St. Francis de Sales

No Morning Mass

5:00 PM - Donnie Murrell+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 25 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Justin and Noelle Walters+

10:00 AM - People of the Parish

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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.

“HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.”

THIS WEEKS' SAINTS

January 20: St. Sebastian

Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

January 21: St Agnes

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

January 23: St. Vincent

According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself.

He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest. Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.

January 24: St. Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: “It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.”

MOBILE MEALS

St. Columban will deliver Mobile Meals in February. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Marti Miller at 660-247-2978. We are in need of parishioners who can substitute for the regular delivery people. Thank you.

SUNDAY BULLETIN—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES JANUARY 24-25		
Mass Time	Position	Knights
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1	Evan Randolph
	Acolyte 2	Wyatt Dysart
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1	Alex Widner
	Acolyte 2	Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C.	Oliver Perry
	Thurifer	Burke Beetsma
	Acolyte 1	Dominic Sherer
	Acolyte 2	Rocky Sherer
	Cross Bearer	A.J. Warren
	Torch	Jack Cooper
	Torch	Mikey Whitson

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

The eighth-grade class and their chaperones will depart for Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, January 21, and return on Saturday, January 24. A total of 42 students and adults from our school and parish will be making the journey. We look forward to joining hundreds of pro-life supporters who share a common purpose: recognizing the dignity and worth of every human life, especially those most vulnerable. This year's March theme is **"Life is a Gift."**

This trip offers our eighth-grade students a meaningful opportunity to witness their faith in action and grow in awareness of their role as advocates for life. By participating in the March for Life, students will experience firsthand the importance of standing together peacefully and prayerfully for what we believe. This experience encourages a deeper appreciation for the gift of life, making it a lasting part of their eighth-grade year. We ask that you keep us in your prayers for a safe and meaningful trip, and we thank you for your support in making this impactful experience possible.

There will be no school on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 25–31. A Prayer Box will be available at all Masses next weekend for you to include your special intentions and our students will lift up these intentions in prayer each day throughout Catholic Schools Week.

Peace and Grace be with you!
Pam Brobst, Principal

LECTOR SCHEDULE JANUARY 25	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Kristy Lauhoff
Sun. 10am	Dorion Moore

PARISH POT LUCK

Pot Luck is this weekend! Join us after the 10 o'clock mass across the street in the school cafeteria. Gym is open.

2025 DONATION GIVINGS STATEMENT

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

BISHOP HOGAN SPRING PLAY

Things are getting underway for this Aprils Play. Several members of the Altar society are sewing costumes but they could use some help if anybody in the Parish can sew and has a sewing machine.

The other thing that would be helpful is cloth, so if you have old fabric sitting around we would greatly appreciate any donations you could make. Clean bed sheets would also be helpful. If you have any fabric or want to help with sewing contact Kathy Deboer (Costume Coordinator at 1 (660) 973-6362. Thank you.



Scan here to donate online!

*Weekly Offering
January 11, 2026*

*Offertory \$ 12,343
Parish Property \$4.00*

*December Income/Expense
Income \$216,863
Expense \$160,298
Income over (under) Expense \$56,565*

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/St.Columban Church/](https://facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

The Knights have something to include about **Night Out at the R Bar** to raise money for the renovation. Ask Joe or Dorney