

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2**

Monday, 27	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Kathy Green (<i>Mary Louise Lamantia</i>)</b> Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday, 28	8:30am (SJ)	<b>Cecelia Phillipson (<i>Amy &amp; Jim Martaus</i>)</b> Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday, 29	8:30am (SF)	<b>For the People</b> Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday, 30	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Janey Starr (<i>Tate &amp; Wilson Families</i>)</b> Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday, 31	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Bob Wellington (<i>Tom &amp; Judy Koehnlein</i>)</b> Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday, 1	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Katie Pope (<i>Richard &amp; Lizzie Donnelly</i>)</b>
Sunday, 2	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>Cheryl Vukelic (<i>Stella Westlake</i>)</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Evelyn Ray (<i>Mary Ann Shuma</i>)</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Pirohi Making - 9:00am (SJH)</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 01/21/2025:** Trinity West: ; Trinity East; Weirton Med.Ctr.: B.J.Takacs, Janet Clore, Pete Graceffs. **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

**A Note from our Pastor**

**2024 Diocesan Campaign:** The final reports for the 2024 D/PSC Campaign have been distributed to the various parishes. As I have previously indicated, both of our parishes met and exceeded their individual parish goals. Once again, my sincere thanks to all those who generously supported this annual appeal. As a result, \$6,832.00 was returned to St. Joseph Parish and \$10,413 was returned to St. Francis Parish. Given the difficulties that have been experienced by the Diocese of Steubenville, once again you have shown your support for our parishes. The 2025 D/PSC Campaign will begin on February 24 and I sincerely hope that you will once again offer your support. The funds returned to our parishes are a great help in maintaining our financial stability. God bless you for your commitment to the two parishes.

On behalf of Catholic Charities, **thank you** for your contributions toward our Annual Giving Tree at Christmas time. The gifts you gave to children and your monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The CWC also provided funds for food for families during the Christmas season.



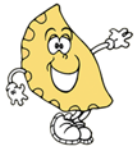
**Have you gotten your squares yet? It isn't too late to participate in our annual Super Bowl Pool in support of our SF/SJ Educational Fund.** Super Bowl LIX (59) will be held on Sun., Feb. 9th! A parishioner will be at the back of the church entrances and the cost is \$20 a square. 8 prizes of various amounts will be awarded. The squares sell fast. If you are getting a square for a non-parishioner, please put your name in the **Sold By** column on the contact information sheet. If you are unable to get a square after Mass, the list is at the Rectory during the week. Feel free to purchase one there.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$2,159.00; Loose: \$393.00; Candles: \$68.00; Initial Offering: \$20.00; Holyday: \$30.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,138.00; Loose: \$15.00; Candles: \$49.00; Initial Offering: \$10.00 May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Jan. 19th: 5:00pm: 79; 9:00am: 61; 11:00am: 74.**

**MASSES:** St. Francis Church for **Evelyn Ray** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; **Theresa Popp** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; **Cindy Scalley** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky; and **Jim & Jean Dayton** by Gloria & Greg Zamborsky.

**MEMORIALS:** None



Pirohi Making every Monday morning beginning at 9:00 AM. New workers are *a/ways* welcome. If you are an “early bird” and would like to help with some of the prep work (making the potato or cabbage balls), the kitchen is open at 8:00 AM. With enough help, we are usually done by 11:00. You may contact DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) with questions or to volunteer your help.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### GROW AND GO

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

**GROW:** Late 19th-century English author G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, “Catholic doctrine and discipline may be walls, but they are the walls of a playground.” We can think of God’s commandments serving as rules governing primary school recess: by providing us with a structure in which we can explore, play, stumble, and get up again, they allow us to discover who God created us to be without wandering far from his love. The mosaic law that served the Jews in today’s first reading had given them the necessary parameters to live and grow within the covenantal relationship they had with God. Their unfaithfulness had led them astray, but upon their return from exile in Babylon they wept when hearing God’s word for the first time in generations. They knew the power of God’s commandments to keep them safe and secure in his love, and recognized all they had lost by wandering. Their sorrow was turned to joy in the knowledge that God rejoiced in their return to him.

#### GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

**GO:** Just as Ezra “opened the scroll so that all the people might see it” in today’s first reading, Jesus also “unrolled the scroll” and then rolled it back up so that all might see *him*. Ezra held the law in his hands, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law in himself. Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” were an infusion of new life breathed into a new creation by God who is outside of time. All things, all mistakes, all failures brought about in our human pride and disobedience were being refashioned into new brick and mortar to build God’s kingdom in and through Christ. Jesus, with his commandment to love one another as he loves us, gives us structure and a true freedom to discover who God created us to be, while helping us not wander far from this playground the Lord has given us. Knowing what holds us together, and relying on it to guide us, enables us to help build the kingdom even more for the glory of God and the good of others.

**LEARN:** Research a Catholic teaching you do not fully understand (for example, why Catholics attend Mass on Sundays). Ask God for the light to see how this teaching is life-giving instead of life-limiting. If you have the opportunity, share what you’ve learned with someone.

## BULLETIN NEWS

**Bishop Edward Lohse** will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men, 10th grade and older, at Triumph of the Cross Parish on Sat., Feb. 1. Bishop Lohse will share insights about priesthood and discernment. Dinner is free! Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. The evening will start at 5:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Marian Room and will conclude at 7:15 PM. No RSVP needed.