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Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table...
Communion Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #84
Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #82
**Saturday January 13th**  Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass  \( (~\text{Rev. Charles Jones}+) \)

**Sunday January 14th**  Second Sunday after Epiphany  
7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass ~(Hugo Quintanilla)~  
9:00am - PSR (MC)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass ~(David Barrett)~  
4:30 - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass ~ (St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)

**Monday January 15th**  Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form (Joseph Magalski+)  
6:30pm - Catholic Apologetis (MC)

**Tuesday January 16th**  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass (Kenny & Debbie Gilbert)  Adoration after Noon Mass until 6:00pm  
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)  
6:30pm - Scouts

**Wednesday January 17th**  Saint Anthony, Abbot  
10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form - (Curtis Robertson+)  
**Adoration to begin after noon Mass today through Thursday evening @ 6:00pm.**

**Thursday January 18th**  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - Extraordinary Form ~ Votive Mass of St. Peters Chair (Adeline Drexler+)  
6:30pm - Choir practice (C)  
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

**Friday January 19th**  Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum, Martyrs  
7:30am - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form (Holy Souls in Purgatory)  
No Noon Mass today

**Saturday January 20th**  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass~ (Eugene & Mary Diamond)  
**Anniversary of the Consecration of the Altar ~ Reception following Mass in Fitz Hall**

**Sunday January 21st**  Third Sunday after Epiphany  
7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass ~ (Living & Deceased members of the Brice & Courtier Families)  
9:00am - PSR (MC)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ (Andrew Lowry)  
4:30 - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass ~ (St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)
Throughout our formation, we share a common goal, Sister M. Regina, and three postulants: Sister Margaret, myself (Sister Paige), and Sister Anna. In our little community, we will have one Perpetually Professed Sister, Sister M. Regina, and three postulants: Sister Margaret, myself (Sister Paige), and Sister Anna. Though we are all in different stages of religious formation, we share a common bond—a need for your prayers! Thank you, and be certain we are praying for you too!

After some years of temporary vows, a Sister will make Perpetual Profession, the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as any other specific vows of the community, for a temporary period of time. Jesus is calling her to deepen her love for Him and is gently drawing her deeper and deeper into His Sacred Heart. She will exchange her white veil for a blue one at this stage.

What is a postulant anyway? The word postulant comes from the Latin, “postulatio” meaning “to ask”. Matthew 7:7 perfectly describes this first stage in religious life: “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.” As a postulant myself, I can attest to the beauty of this time of seeking God’s will. Through prayer, study, and conversation with my superior, Sister M. Regina, I have been discovering more and more how deeply I feel called to religious life in the context of our specific community. As a postulant, I do not yet wear the full religious habit, but instead wear a simple white blouse, blue jumper, and black veil. This is what Sister Anna will soon be wearing as well, along with the Miraculous Medal she will be invested with on January 15th. As postulants, we receive the title “Sister” but still use the names our parents gave us at baptism. Postulancy usually lasts 6 months – 1 year.

Sister Margaret and I are still postulants, but hope to move into the next stage of religious formation soon, which is called the Novitiate. Someone in this stage is called a novice. I have been reflecting on Matthew 13:45-46 a lot lately as I pray about becoming a novice. “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” The novice has indeed found the “pearl of great price”. She is given the great gift of being accepted as an official member of the community and begins preparing to make a gift of herself as Christ’s bride. Novices receive the full religious habit and, in our community, wear a white veil. We will also receive a new religious name, just as many people in the Bible did when they were called to a new vocation. For example, Christ changed Saint Peter’s name from Simon to Peter. Peter means “rock”, and describes in some sense what his calling would entail (i.e. being the rock upon which the Church was built). Novitiate is required to last at least one year, but is often two, as it will be for our community.

Song of Solomon 2:10: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away...”. This verse beautifully captures the next stage of religious formation, Temporary Profession. After the two-year Novitiate is completed, the Sister may make First Profession. She professes vows to live as a member of the community while living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as any other specific vows of the community, for a temporary period of time. Jesus is calling her to deepen her love for Him and is gently drawing her deeper and deeper into His Sacred Heart. She will exchange her white veil for a blue one at this stage.

After some years of temporary vows, a Sister will make Perpetual Profession, giving herself to God through her community, forever. The Scripture passage I think of for this final commitment is one of my favorites, Song of Solomon 8:6-7: “Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.” The fully professed Sister receives a ring marking her as a spouse of Jesus Christ.

In our little community, we will have one Perpetually Professed Sister, Sister M. Regina, and three postulants: Sister Margaret, myself (Sister Paige), and Sister Anna. Though we are all in different stages of religious formation, we share a common need—we need your prayers! Thank you, and be certain we are praying for you too!

On Monday, January 15th, the 12:00 Noon Mass will be in Extraordinary Form. At the conclusion of Holy Mass, a new postulant for the Labor Mariæ Sisters will be enrolled in the Miraculous Medal.

From Wednesday, January 19th through Friday, January 20th, a visiting priest, Father Robert Grabner, from the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul will be offering the Holy Masses, which will all be in the Extraordinary Form.

On Friday, January 19th, there will not be a 12:00 Noon Mass. Holy Mass will be offered at 7:30 A.M., on that day.

On Monday, January 22nd, the study group for the Basic Catholic Catechism Course will resume at 10:30 a.m.
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**Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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**St. Mary’s winter weather policy**

When Independence Schools close due to **snow and ice**, the parish offices will also be closed, and all parish events will be canceled. **Adoration will also be canceled.**

If the Independence Schools close because of **cold only**, the parish offices will remain open, and parish events will continue. **Masses will not be cancelled due to weather.**

If there is snow and/or ice on Sundays, Parish School of Religion families may call the parish line (252-0121) and listen to the recorded message to check for class cancellation after 7:00am. Confirmation students will be sent class cancellations via text.
Join Us for the 2018 Prayer Vigil with Missouri Right to Life ~ Western Region
Friday, January 19th
• 11:00am - Gather in the Cardinal Baum Room @ the Catholic Center
• 11:15am - Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
• 11:30am - Walk up 9th Street hill to Federal Courthouse for Prayer Vigil
• Noon to 1:00pm - Prayer Vigil
We Pray in Solidarity With Our March for Life Pilgrims in Defense of Life
If parishioners would like to attend and are interested in car pooling, please call Debbie in the office 252-0121 ext 110.

"Everyone is Invited to Take a Rose From the Baskets at the Entrances of the Church as This Weekend Marks the Knights of Columbus Annual Roses For Life Weekend.
Each Rose Has a Tag For Your Name - Please Take the Tag Off the Rose, Write Your Name on the Tag and Put the Tag Back in the Basket Next to the Roses. Our Knights Council Will Then Mail the Tags With the Names on Them to Our Congressional Representatives Reminding Them Where We as Catholics and as Humans Stand on Choosing Life. You May Keep the Rose as a Reminder of Choosing Life"

*Please call Tony or Debbie at the parish office (252-1021 ext. 101 or 110) if you would like us to send you a copy of your 2017 church contribution statement.

Diocesan-wide Healing Mass for parents who have lost a child in infancy, miscarriage, or abortion ~
Friday, February 2nd
Confessions begin at 6:00pm; Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by First Friday Devotions: Solemn High Mass (Ordinary Form) at 7:00pm
In conjunction with Candlemas ~ Presentation of the Lord, Fr. Matthew will officiate this healing Mass, a special opportunity to commemorate the life of your child and entrust your child to the Lord’s care.