

# Our Catholic Life

January 19, 2025



**Holy Rosary Mission**  
519 Main Street  
Sistersville, WV 26175



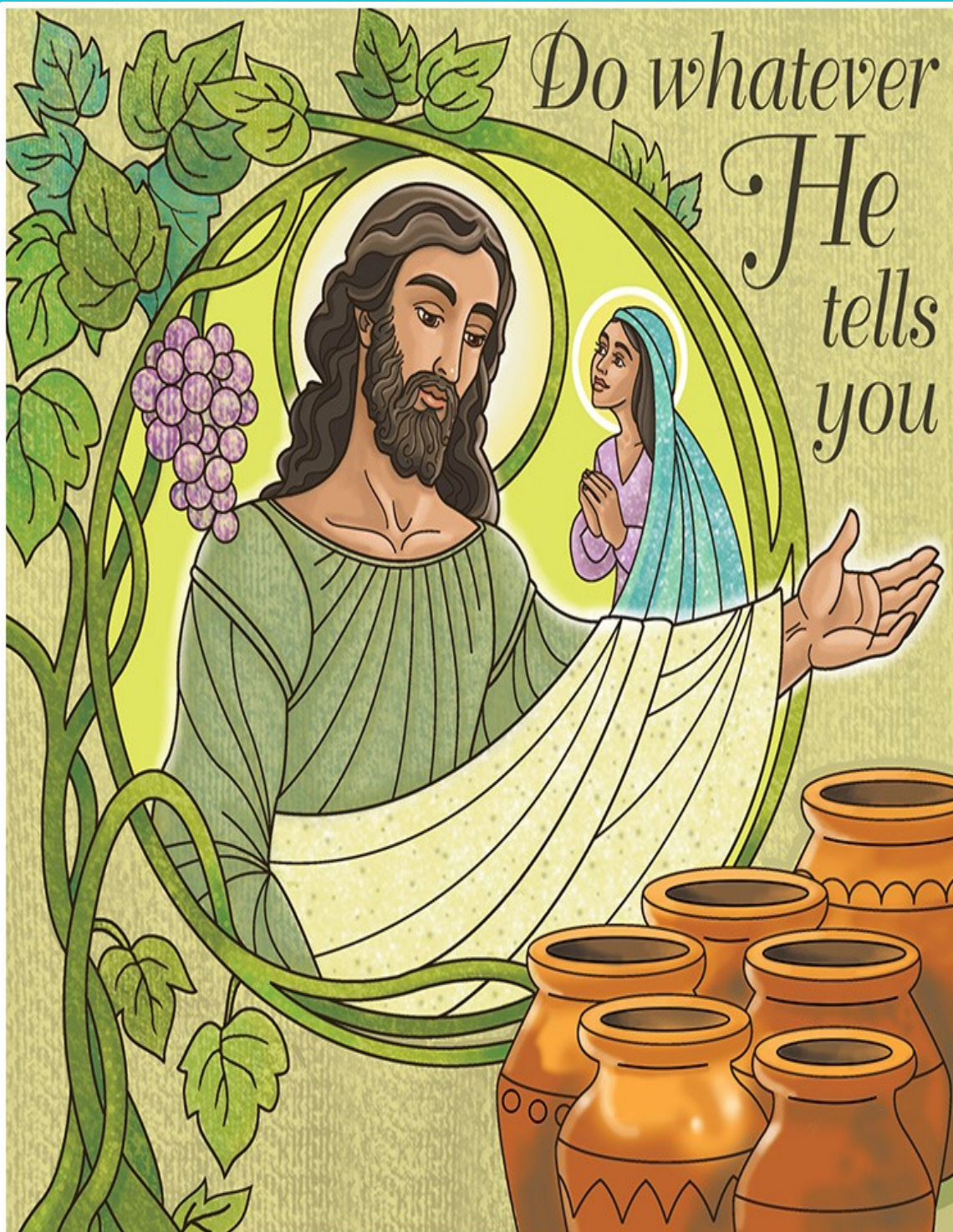
**Mater Dolorosa Parish**  
302 East Main Street  
Paden City, WV 26159



**Saint Joseph Mission**  
64 Frohnappel Lane  
Proctor, WV 26055



**Saint Vincent de Paul Parish**  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155



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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time—19 January 2024—25 January 2025**

Holy See's January Intention

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Sunday—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —19 January**  
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass**

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for Intentions of Bertha Schrader

**St. Joseph**

**8:00a** Mass for + Albert Hohman

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**10:30a** Mass for +the People of the Parishes

**Holy Rosary**

**12:30p** Mass for + Ralph Skeen

**Monday —Second week of Ordinary Time—20 January**  
Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

**No Mass**

**Food Pantry CLOSED @ SVdeP**

**Tuesday —Second week of Ordinary Time—21 January**  
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Jeanette Tartell

**5:00pm** Adoration at St. Joseph

**6:00pm** Mass at St. Joseph for + Jeanette Shutler-Davis

**Food Pantry OPEN @ SVdeP**

**Wednesday—Second week of Ordinary Time—22 January**  
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Jack and Libby Farancis

**5:00pm** Adoration at Mater Dolorosa

**6:00pm** Mass at Mater Dolorosa for + Mabel Pierpoint

**Thursday—Second week of Ordinary Time—23 January**

Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**8:30am** Mass at Mater Dolorosa for + Rich and Jean Bertozzi

**5:00pm** Adoration at St. Vincent de Paul

**6:00pm** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Eva Rogalski

**Friday Second week of Ordinary Time—24 January**

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Greg Estep

**Saturday —Second week of Ordinary Time—25 January**

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**No Mass**

**Sunday—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —26 January**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass**

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for the People of the Parishes

**St. Joseph**

**8:00a** Mass for + Robert Miller

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**10:30a** Mass for + Gretchen Kacor

**Holy Rosary**

**12:30p** Mass for + Margaret Marie Shaw



The month of January is dedicated to the [Holy Name of Jesus](#), which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the liturgical season known as [Christmas](#) which is represented by the liturgical color white the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of [Ordinary Time](#), which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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## January 20: Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr—Optional Memorial

Died 250  
Patron Saint of Rome  
Pre-Congregation canonization  
Elected pope 236  
Liturgical Color: Red

It wasn't until 313 that Christianity was legalized by the emperor, Constantine the Great. Up until that time, Christians were widely persecuted by various emperors trying to please their gods. Fabianus (Fabian) was born into this Roman culture, most likely around the year 200. Although we know nothing about his early life, we do know that he served as pope for fourteen years.

Fabian's election to the papacy took place in a divinely inspired way. After the death of Pope Anterus, who served for only one year, Fabian, a layman, traveled from his farm to the city of Rome to attend the election of the new Bishop of Rome with the people and clergy. It is not known what status Fabian held in the Church as he traveled to Rome. Yet no one present even considered Fabian as a possible pope, since other far more noble churchmen were being considered. During the public discussions, however, all that changed. The fourth century Church historian, Eusebius, explains what happened next. "All of a sudden...a dove flew down from above and settled on his head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove upon the Savior; whereupon the whole people, as if moved by one divine inspiration, with all eagerness and with one soul cried out 'worthy,' and without more ado took him and placed him on the episcopal throne" (*Ecclesiastical History*). Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove at His Baptism, it appears that the Father chose an unsuspecting farmer as His Son's new vicar on Earth.

Fabian's reign as pope began during a relatively peaceful period in Rome. Prior to that, from the time of the Apostles, there had been only sporadic persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire. Hatred of Christians first began with Nero in 64 and continued in various forms under successive emperors until the Emperor Decius rose to power in 249, thirteen years after Fabian became pope. Within a year of Decius' ascension to the emperor's throne, he issued an edict that required everyone in the empire to offer sacrifice both to the Roman gods and for the good of the emperor himself. What's more, the sacrifices had to be confirmed by the magistrate who, after witnessing the sacrifice, would issue a certificate verifying the sacrilegious deed had been completed. Those who refused could be imprisoned or killed.

In the face of persecution and the threat of death, some Christians went through the motions of offering sacrifice to save their lives. Others fled and hid. Pope Fabian was among those who looked persecution and death in the face and accepted them. Pope Fabian and many other Christians died as martyrs for the faith.

In addition to his martyrdom and his divine election as pope, Saint Fabian is also known for being a good administrator of the Church, organizing the Church into various districts with appointed leaders. He had a heart for evangelization and sent several bishops as missionaries to Christianize Gaul (present-day France). Lastly, like many other saints of his time, he stomped out heresy, working to preserve the pure and orthodox faith.

**Prayer:** *Saint Fabian, you were divinely chosen as the Vicar of Christ on earth. In your humility and obedience to the will of God, you not only bore this heavy responsibility but also died for it. Please pray for me, that I may have the same courage as you to face an un-Christian culture bravely and accept the consequences of such a choice, no matter the cost. Saint Fabian, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## ***From the Desk of Father Joseph***

**Parish Membership**—Welcome, new members, to Our Parishes. To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please contact the Parish Office at 304-455-4615. *Make sure to identify yourself as a new or returning member to Fr. Joseph before or after Mass.*

**Baptism**— For infant Baptism, please contact Father Joseph Abraham. Pre-Baptism sessions are normally required and will be arranged with Father Joseph.

**Marriage**—The couple must contact Father Joseph Abraham at least **six months** in advance to begin preparation requirements. *A date cannot be set until you have met with the priest.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance**—Saturday, 4 to 5pm, Mater Dolorosa Church in Paden City; Tuesday through Thursday before evening Masses in Parish Cluster Churches; other times by appointment with Father Joseph.

**Sick and Homebound Ministry**—If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to be placed on our Communion & Visitation list. *In an emergency or for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Joseph at 304-435-9709.*

**House Blessing**—Anyone may request this blessing by reaching out to the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to have this scheduled.

Fr. Joseph Abraham is available for you at any time of the day or night for spiritual assistance. If you need him, call 304-455-4615 or text (or call) his phone after office hours for emergencies only: 304-435-9709.

For spiritual assistance, you may also contact Deacon Bill Klug by calling or texting 304-596-1337.

## **Upcoming Survey**

The Diocese has initiated a survey for parishioners (Disciple Maker Index (DMI)), this will launch in about 2 weeks.

There will be an online portal and we will also distribute paper copies that can be filled out and returned to the office to be sent in. Thank you in advance for your participation.



To the Family of Gail Yeater  
After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us.

Our condolences.

## **Guidelines for the Reception of Communion**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally shall have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession.

When we come forward to receive Jesus in the form of Body and Blood, we keep in mind Jesus really and fully present in the form of bread and in the form of wine. We really share His Body and Blood. Therefore, when we come to receive Him, it is a heavenly experience of welcoming Him to our heart, to body, and to life.

So, following is the ACT of receiving the BODY and BLOOD: BOW DOWN; say AMEN; RECEIVE the bread; CONSUME [**Do Not take the Blessed Body beyond the cup without consuming it.**]; make the SIGN of the CROSS. Move to the cup; BOW DOWN **whether or not you are drinking the blood**; consume the Blood if you choose; MAKE the SIGN of the CROSS and GO back to the seats.

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another and are welcome to come forward to show reverence and adoration to Jesus. This can be done by coming forward, bowing down while crossing hands placed on the chest. At this point, a blessing is given by the priest. After the blessing, a person should move to the cup, bow down, and show reverence before going back to the seats.

St. Vincent de Paul

January 12, 2024

Envelopes...\$1,179.00  
Loose...\$1,277.00  
Maintenance...\$130.00  
Christmas Offering...\$30.00  
Immaculate Conception...\$10.00  
Solemnity of Mary...\$205.00  
E-giving December...\$2,267.25

St. Joseph

January 12, 2024

Envelopes...\$565.00  
Loose...\$100.00  
Maintenance...\$210.00  
E-giving December...\$350.00

Mater Dolorosa

December 25, 2024

Envelopes...\$1,640.00  
Loose...\$210.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00  
Christmas Flowers...\$20.00  
Christmas Offering...\$470.00  
Catholic Charities...\$25.00

December 29, 2024

Envelopes...\$1,640.00  
Loose...\$210.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00  
Christmas Flowers...\$20.00  
Christmas Offering...\$470.00  
Catholic Charities...\$25.00

January 5, 2024

Envelopes...\$1,435.00  
Loose...\$5,265.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00  
Christmas Flowers...\$25.00  
Christmas Offering...\$145.00  
Solemnity of Mary...\$195.00  
Immaculate Conception...\$25.00

Mater Dolorosa

January 12, 2024

Envelopes...\$335.00  
Loose...\$170.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00

Holy Rosary

December 22, 2024

Envelopes...\$270.00  
Loose...\$20.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00

December 25, 2024

Envelopes...\$255.00  
Loose...\$25.00  
Maintenance...\$0.00  
Catholic Charities...\$90.00  
Immaculate Conception...\$20.00  
Christmas Offering...\$310.00

December 29, 2024

Envelopes...\$135.00  
Loose...\$13.00  
Christmas Offering...\$25.00  
Catholic Charities...\$25.00

January 5, 2024

Envelopes...\$485.00  
Loose...\$0.00  
Solemnity of Mary...\$40.00  
Developing World...\$20.00

January 12, 2024

Envelopes...\$295.00  
Loose...\$12.00  
E-giving December...\$340.00

Reposted Mater Dolorosa and Holy Rosary due to the misprint last week



Bill Abraham, Bernice and Ralph Baker,  
Joan Block, Vickie Bowden, Nanci Bowen,  
Dutton Chichick, Dominic Cipriani,  
Kathy Hawkins-Clegg, Bill Cline,  
Butch Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham,  
Fr. Kent Durig, Lois Estep, Gail Fagert,  
Rod Fagert, Ray Ferrera, Joey & Lisa Feronti,  
Cecile Fiest, Dave Franklin, Barbara Frum,  
Keith Frum, George Heinzman, Jim Herrick,  
Charlie Johnson, Ted & Tommy Kacor,  
Dave King, Ed Klug, Kay Klug, Baby Koon,  
Jackie Laurine, Brian and Joan Leary,  
Stan Maslowski, Jim Melott,  
John & Tulane Mensore, Jeri Miller,  
Landon Miller, Patty Meyers, Baby Nash,  
Bernadette Ortiz, Abdelia Hernandez-Perez,  
Greg Richmond, Jim Richthammer,  
Bertha Schrader, Austin Sizemore, Gary Slider,  
Anne Spencer, Nancy Stender, Becky Sutton,  
Elsie Taylor, Margie Rymer,  
Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore,  
Ike Willey  
All Shut-Ins

To add or remove names to the prayer list please  
contact the Cluster Office 304-455-4615

[or email office@svdpnm.org](mailto:office@svdpnm.org)

[Thank You](#)

January Birthdays

Tim Jackson — 6  
Stacey Kasun — 8  
Brian Rodriguez — 9  
Lydia Klug — 11  
Peyton Moore — 14  
R.J. Feldmeier — 17  
Kathy Powell — 20  
Steve Wayman — 27  
Suzanne Villers — 29  
Cathy Cavezza — 31  
Terry Yeager — 31  
John Piekarski — 31

*Happy Anniversary*

Jim & Cathy Cavezza — January 23  
Richard & Karen Sobocinski — January 26



Heavenly Father, lift them up to Your loving care. Bring healing and comfort to their body, mind, and spirit. Grant them strength and surround them with Your peace during this time.

# St. Vincent de Paul Church and Mater Dolorosa Parish

21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155

302 East Main Street, Paden City, WV 26159



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Mmmm



**Little Flower** is getting ready for the Fish Fry coming during Lent. Each year, the ladies of St. Vincent receive a letter requesting pies for the **Little Flower Fundraising Table**. If you have never received a letter or it has been a while since you participated, and you want to be on this donation list, simply notify the Parish Cluster (304-455-4615). Your information will be given to **Little Flower**. Thank you!

## FIRST THURSDAY

Our Next First Thursday will be on  
**February 6.**

Please come to help hand out bags of groceries. Volunteers gather after 8:30am Mass. The distribution is 9:30—10:30am.

### Third Thursday Soup Lunch

**Thursday, January 16.**

**All help is welcome and appreciated!**  
**Blankets, Coats, and other Winter Items will be distributed.**  
**We accept new and gently used winter items for distribution.**



Meeting of the Holy Name Society will be Wednesday January 22nd at 10am in the de Paul Room.

There are many topics to be discussed. Your attendance is appreciated and welcomed.

### OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY

Saturdays @ 4:30p  
Rosary and Pamphlets will be provided.



**Rosary Leaders for January 18 @ 4:30**  
Danielle Ice-Davis, Carolyn Hizer, Joanna Casto

**Rosary Leaders for January 25 @ 4:30**  
Dick Stender, Kay Pierpoint, Judy Yeager

### Volunteer at the Food Pantry !

January: 21, 27, 28

February: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

March: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

April: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

**In kind donations are always appreciated.**

### Ministers for January 18 @ 5pm

Lector: Barbara Racer  
Gifts: Terry & Judy Yeager  
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Pierpoint

### Ministers for January 25 @ 5pm

Lector: Dick Stender  
Gifts: Mike & Kay Pierpoint  
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Racer

**Parish Council:** (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski, Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle,  
(LF) Marianne Balcerk, Pat Lilkendey

**Finance Council:** Matt Herrick, Judy Grace, Debra Freeland

**Parish Council:** Rod Fagert, Carolyn Hizer, Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer  
**Finance Council:** Rod Fagert, Kay Pierpoint, Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer

# Holy Rosary and St. Joseph Missions

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Lector: 1/19/2025 Margie Rymer  
Lector: 1/26/2025 Robbie Starcher

The **Food Truck** will be in Sistersville at the Baptist parking lot on Jan. 30 from 10 until 11:30 am. Volunteers are always welcome. Please be there at 9:30 am to help with set-up.

Sistersville Ministerial Association was able to feed 93 families at a cost of over \$5000 this Christmas. Donations to the Association can be sent to Sistersville Ministerial Association, PO Box 64, Sistersville, WV 26175.

*Thank You* to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations last week.

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision. Bud Ozar

The **Sunday Social** signup sheet is on the bulletin board ready for you to sign up and host this year.

*The Food Pantry is in need of:*

*Baked Beans*

*Soups*

*2lb-Bags of Sugar*

*Applesauce*

*Brownie & Cake Mixes w/ Frosting*

*Please leave items in the baskets at the entrance of the Church.  
Cathy will pick them up on Wednesday and take them to the Baptist Church.*

**Parish Council:** Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore, Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen  
**Finance Council:** Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo, Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen

Proclaim his  
marvelous  
deeds to all  
the nations.

Coffee and Donuts  
*February 9*



St. Joseph  
Women's Club  
January 21 @ 11a

**Parish Council:** Alana Fox, Abel Frohnapfel, Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle  
**Finance Council:** Clem Frohnapfel, Lee Ann Kirkland, Mark Miller