

Prayer List

Lisa Hanschu	Robert Raleigh	Jeremy Schlehuber	Candee Thode, <i>Daniel Stuchlik's sister</i>
Charlotte Casey	Jay Smith	Jake Smith	Mary McCarthy, <i>Ann Holt's sister</i>
JoAnn Nowak	Demitry Evancho	Lea Schwart	Tom Yazel, <i>Brad Yazel's father</i>
Tillie Schafers	Randy Herbel	Larry Rudolph	Sheila Williams, <i>Donna Fink's daughter</i>
Terry Holt	LaVerna Molleker, <i>Don Molleker's mom</i>	Levi Williams, <i>Collette Haslett's nephew</i>	
Rita Brennan	Will Glenn, <i>Susie Wessel's friend</i>	Tom Darnley, <i>Pat & Laurie Holub's friend</i>	
Mary Griffith	Perry Schump, <i>LaVada Holub's nephew</i>	David Staatz, <i>Art Stroda's brother-in-law</i>	
Delmer Fink	Deanna Saba, <i>Lou Voelker's daughter</i>	Katherine Combs, <i>Mikael & Jan Peters' friend</i>	
Amy Vogel	Taia Tinsley, <i>Pat Holub's daughter-in-law</i>	Vince Truax, <i>Rita Brennan's brother-in-law</i>	
Patty McLinden	Ben Klenda, <i>Mark Klenda's brother</i>	Beth Bouflog & family, <i>Susan Ross's daughter</i>	
Rose Schlesener, <i>Sarah Fenske & Melissa Brunner's mom</i>		Quinn Trapp, <i>Duane & Lori Kirkpatrick's friend</i>	
Cassandra Montoya, <i>Bob & Marlene Herzet's friend</i>		Dan Sobczynski, <i>LaVada Holub's nephew</i>	
Lloyd Anderson, <i>Bob & Marlene Herzet's friend</i>		Charles Horinek, <i>Jim & Norma Horinek's nephew</i>	
Jillian Ledford, <i>niece of Don & John Vinduska & Carol Wituk</i>		Elaine Stirn, <i>Art Stroda's sister</i>	
Bob Grochowsky, <i>Don & Jeannie Vinduska's brother-in-law</i>		Sharon Thompson, <i>Dick & Patty McLinden's friend</i>	
Mark Jirak, <i>Francis, Ron & Steve Jirak, Rita Brunner's brother</i>			

HOME BOUND & NURSING HOME: Madonna Schafers, Susan Ross, Walter Plus, Kathleen Oborny, Glennis Monares, Betty Mintener, Irma Benda, Sunny Herman

PILSEN SERVER TRAINING

will be this Sat., Jan. 27th at 10am. Any boy who has received his 1st Communion is invited to serve, through high school. The training is for new servers **and also** for those who have been serving, as Father would like to go over changes he has made.

A LASTING PROMISE is a relationship and marriage program built on Christian teaching about marriage. This unique program is being offered for Holy Family Parish married couples. The second session will be Feb. 10. For more information call Terry Vinduska, 620-381-1298.

2023 SACRAMENTAL TOTALS:

For the year 2023, the following sacraments were recorded for Holy Family Parish.

Baptism—8
1st Communion—11
Confirmation—0
Marriage—1
Funerals/Gravesides—total of 17;
5 from Jan.-Apr. 12 from Oct.-Dec.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 24 - MN & TM PSR
Fri., Jan. 26 - Church Office closed
Sat., Jan. 27 - PL server training, 10am

Your Contribution for Jan 13 & 14	\$3,951.00
<i>Weekly Operating Budget</i>	\$5,300.00
<i>Overage (Shortfall)</i>	(\$1,349.00)

FRESH FLOWERS

will be placed in front of the MN altar for your loved one for a donation of \$50. Contact the church office to get on the list.

The bouquet in front of the altar for the week of Jan. 21st was donated by Jackie Palic in memory of Tony Ingels.



THANK YOU for your donation to the diocesan Christmas Call to Sharing. A whopping \$9,315 was donated from our parish.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS: The **#WordOfGod** invites us not to close ourselves off or think that we can do it alone, but to grow together. Let us listen to each other, talk together, and support one another.

The **#WordOfGod** is a gift addressed to everyone. We can never restrict its field of action, for beyond all our calculations, it springs forth in a spontaneous, unforeseen, and unpredictable way, in the ways and times that the Holy Spirit knows.

The Lord does not want superficial “followers”. He wants people who question themselves and let themselves be challenged by His Word. So, to be Jesus’ disciples, we must first of all seek Him and keep our hearts open and searching, never satiated or satisfied.

Holy Family Parish

Florence—Marion—Pilsen

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: *Pilsen Tues. 5pm - mid-night; Tampa Weds. 8am - noon; Marion Thurs. 6am – Fri. 8am.*

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD: 30 minutes before every Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, PSR, RCIA: Contact the church office for information.

Saturday, Florence 5:00pm

EMHC: volunteers

Lector: Michele Regnier

Ushers: James Cyr, Nick Kraus

Gift Bearers: Reilly & Susan Reid

Servers: volunteers

Church Cleaners: Jolene Gayle, Rachel Collett

Sunday, Marion 8:30am

EMHC: Loretta Turk, Jackie Palic, Mitch Guetterman

Lector: Laurie Holub

Ushers: Russ Hake, Eddie Weber

Gift Bearers: Tim Baxa family

Servers: Luke Wessel, Isaac & Sam Schlehuber

Rosary: Theresa Cady

Coffee & Rolls: Chris Stuchlik family

Church Cleaners: Loretta Turk

A note from Fr. Isaac on the Sunday of the Word of God:

FIVE resources to help deepen your union with God through his Sacred Word:

1. Read these documents from our current apostles: *Hearing the Word of God* from the USCCB. See attached document.

"Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette." Google Our Holy Father's Apostolic Letter: *Aperuit Illis*. “The sacramentality of the word can thus be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God’s word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard”(*Verbum Domini*, 56).

2. Enthroned the Bible in your home. See attached ritual. Warm your heart in front of its fire daily.

3. Pray The Liturgy of the Hours. This is the official prayer of the Church. It is the prayer of the Son to the Father sung with His Body, the Church. It is infinitely more than any devotion. It is compiled mostly of Sacred Scripture.

- <https://singthehours.org/>
- youtube *Introducing the Word on Fire Liturgy of the Hours*
- download app iBreviary or DivineOffice.org

4. Study. Check out bibleproject.com

5. Practice the ancient Lectio Divina: A divinizing praying of Scripture (not simply a moralizing study of Scripture). Don't ask "what lesson can I learn here?" as if Jesus was simply a wise guru in the past sent to teach me how to be nice. Approach Scripture approaching a Person, who is Fire, who will change me into fire simply by being in His presence. Go to your prayer-spot, at your prayer-time after leaving your phone in a different room. Set a timer for your prayer-duration (10-30 minutes), and light the candle. Pray “*Come Holy Spirit. Come through Mary.*” Then sit up and sit still with your hands in your lap, up or down. Eyes closed (or open towards an icon). Take slow, deep breaths. Pay attention to the physical sensation of your breathing. Lastly, combine the name “Jesus” with your breathing. Breathe in...then breathe out the name “Jesus”. Or, breathe in the name “Jesus”...then slowly breathe out in silence. Or, breathe in the first syllable “Je-”, and exhale slowly the second syllable “-sus”. Simply sit still and pay attention to your breath and the name “Jesus”. Whenever you find that your attention has been stolen by thoughts, gently bring your attention back to the breathing of the name “Jesus”. After doing this for a while, read slowly out loud the daily Mass Gospel or psalm or anything that struck you in Liturgy of the Hours or anything else from Scripture. Read only a little. Give the Spirit a moment of silence to work—maybe return to breathing the name of Jesus. Read slowly out loud again the Scripture passage. When the Spirit highlights a word, phrase or image, begin to “chew” on that word, phrase, or image repeating it slowly to yourself (maybe in combination with your breath). You can alternate between this word, the name of Jesus, and the larger Scripture passage as you desire. When your timer goes off, finish with a slow *Glory Be*. Reverence the Sacred Word with a kiss. Blow out your candle. Carry the word that pierced you throughout the day, chewing on it like a piece of rich meat.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Tues., 1/23	Marion 5:30pm	Mitch Guetterman Family Family of the Month
Weds., 1/24	Marion 8am	+ Patricia McKenna
Thurs., 1/25	Pilsen 8am	+ Valerian Tajchman
Fri., 1/26	Marion 8am	+ Juanita Silhan
Sat., 1/27	Florence 5pm	+ Bob Gayle, Sr.
Sun., 1/28	Marion 8:30am	For the Parish
	Pilsen 10:30am	+ Teresa Tajchman

Liturgical Assignments for January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time R 588 B 958

Homebound EMHC: **Marion:** Terry & Cindy Vinduska
Hillsboro: Bob & Marlene Herzet

Sunday, Pilsen 10:30am

EMHC: Anjanette Vinduska, Vickie Jirak, Peggy Kleiber

Lector: Angie Stika

Ushers: Ron, Adam & Gail Makovec, Cody Schafer

Gift Bearers: Dale Klenda family

Servers: Nicholas Krch, Eli & Evan Klenda

Rosary: Terry Klenda

Hearing the Word of God

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

These words from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words "Thanks be to God" or, in the case of the Gospel, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responso-rial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is in-spired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eu-charist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be in-censed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The *General Instruction* tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101).

The key word in all of this is *listening*. We are called to *listen* attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, tak-ing our cue from the *General Instruction* itself, we should *listen* as we would if Christ himself were standing at the am-bo, for in fact it *is* God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to pre-pare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

Enthroned the Bible in Your Home

Throughout our Catholic tradition, the book of sacred Scripture has been the honored symbol of God's living word present among us. Processions, bowing, candles, and incense express our church's reverence for the inspired word as it is enthroned, opened, and proclaimed in Catholic worship. This prayer service brings the ancient practice of Bible enthronement to Catho-lic homes, so that it may be a continual reminder to seek and live God's word each day.

"I would like so much for all Christians to be able to comprehend 'the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ,' through dil-igent reading of the Word of God, for the sacred text is nourishment of the soul and the pure and perennial source of spiritual life for all of us. "

— *Pope Francis*

Reverently place the open Bible on a mantle, table, shelf, or bookstand. You may adorn the space with a candle, crucifix, icon, or flowers. It will serve as a spot for regular Bible reading and prayer.

As you pray this enthronement service together, different family members may volunteer for different reader parts.

READER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

READER: Peace to this house and all here. We gather together to enthrone the Holy Bible, the sacred book of our church. Since ancient times, the open book of Scripture has been enthroned at church councils and in cathedrals and parish churches. Since every Catholic home is a "domestic church," we continue this tradition in the place of our ordinary lives, asking that this enthroned Bible remind us that God teaches, encourages, and challenges us through its open pages.

READER: Let us pray:

A brief pause for silence follows.

Ever-living God, send your Holy Spirit so that this Bible may be for us a source of strength, comfort, inspiration, and guid-ance. Give us a deeper love for sacred Scripture, a desire to read and reflect upon it, and a longing to follow more faithfully the way of Jesus. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

READER: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus then said to those who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

READER: Let us each approach the Bible, one by one, place our hands on its open pages, and pray a silent prayer of person-al commitment. Pray in your heart for each person as they approach the Bible.

READER: Let us all respond: "O God, teach us your word."

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: The psalmist prays to God: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). Show us how to travel through the dark places of life with the light of your word.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8). Show us how to trust your word as our eternal source of life.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: In his parable of the sower, Jesus explains, "The sower sows the word" and "the ones that hear the word and ac-cept it" are like rich soil that bears fruit (Mark 4: 14, 20). Show us how to let the seed of your word take root within us and bear a rich harvest.

ALL: O God, teach us your word

READER: The Letter of James urges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Show us how to listen to your word and then put it into action.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the living word of Scripture. May it always be the center of our home and our lives. As you have inspired that word with power and truth, now give us confidence to read the Bible in ways that form us into disciples. Fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love, so that you may renew the face of the earth.

READER: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

READER: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

(This enthronement service may be easily adapted to a classroom, community room, or whatever space you wish to dedicate to the sacred Scriptures.) *Written by Stephen]. Binz.* *Enthroned the Bible in Your Home* © 2019 by American Bible Soci-ety. All rights reserved. *Adapted from Enthroned the Bible in Your Home* © 1996 by Stephen]. Binz. Used with permission.