

**January 27, 2019 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek**

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

01/26 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Millie Jallo – Pat & Karen Restad  
 01/27 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members  
 01/27 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Larry & Alice Bosh – Nancy

**MASS INTENTIONS (January 28 – February 3)**

01/28 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
 01/29 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – † Dan Dub – Scott & Mary Salwei  
 01/30 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Donald Dusek – Paul & Sherry O'Toole  
 01/31 – Thursday – **NO DAILY MASS** – † Donald Casement – Tim Zikmund Family  
 02/01 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – † Clair Greicar – His Family  
 02/02 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Dorothy Karas – Her Family  
 02/03 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members  
 02/03 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Alexander & † Aileen Jelinek – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

**Reconciliation** – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

**Adoration** – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday  
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

**Morning Prayer** – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.  
**Evening Prayer** – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Baptism** – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

**Wedding** – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

**New to Parish** – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

**FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE**

**February 2019**

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**March 2019**

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**April 2019**

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE  
LITURGY HELPERS**

February 3 – 10:30 am	
<b>Ushers</b>	Damian & Janet Dvorak
<b>Read</b>	Janet Dvorak
<b>Clean</b>	TBA

**ST. JOSEPH  
LITURGY HELPERS**

February 2 – 5:00 pm	
<b>Usher</b>	John & Heidi Gustafson
<b>Read</b>	Judy Bosh
<b>Clean</b>	John & Heidi Gustafson

**S.S. PETER & PAUL  
LITURGY HELPERS**

February 3 – 8:30 am	
<b>Usher</b>	Jacob Karas & John Miller
<b>Read</b>	Pam
<b>Serve</b>	Mitchell and Connor
<b>Clean</b>	Bonnie Zahradka Erika Miller

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor,  
Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,  
Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Human Trafficking:** For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

**FAITH FORMATION**

(See [www.plbtriparish.org](http://www.plbtriparish.org) for full schedule)

01/30/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 02/03/19 – Gr. K-6 – 8:45 am – Pisek  
 02/06/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 02/10/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
 02/13/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading.

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see Ezra 6:15-17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see Nehemiah 6:15).

The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see Nehemiah 8:8) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3-4; see also Isaiah 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exodus 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isaiah 55:3). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16-17, 21 and Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see Leviticus 23:24). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see Leviticus 25:10).

The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

## WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

01/27/19	01/28/19	01/29/19	01/30/19	01/31/19	02/01/19	02/02/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u><i>Third Ordinary</i></u> <u>St. Angela Merici</u></p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> K-6 – 9:00 am</p> <p>Dennis Brodina John Miller</p>	<p><u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u></p> <p>Dexter Bata Francis Praska</p>	<p><u>Serv. of God, Br. Juniper</u></p> <p>A – Rodney &amp; Paulette Bosh</p>	<p><u>Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska</u></p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> Gr 7-9 – 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 – 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>St. John Bosco</u></p>	<p><u>St. Ansgar</u></p> <p>Donald Beneda Blaine Novak</p>	<p><u>Presentation of the Lord</u></p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

Reminder – there will be a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

**Pork & Dumpling Dinner Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, February 17**  
**Serving 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

The committee met this past week and is busy working on scheduling of workers and advertising. Once the work schedule is completed, notes will be sent to the workers. Please place this date on your calendar and plan to help, attend and spread the word!

### J-MART MONEY JAR GUESS

The contest is completed; 172 persons made guesses. There was a total \$137.50 in the jar. Since there was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place (both persons being only 2 cents off), the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes were combined and split in half. Justin Mitzel of Minto and Ole Nord of Churches Ferry split the prize. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Brook Dahlen of Pisek, whose guess was only 22 cents short. St. John's Heating Fund gained \$559.00 from this contest. Thank you to the J-Mart Staff for coming up with the fund raising idea and doing all the work with it for St. John's.

### COMMUNITY FAMILY

#### "AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY"

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Lankin Legion  
Potluck Meal – 6:30 pm

Drawing for DPMS 223 cal. rifle and \$250 Scheels gift card plus many more cash and prizes. Tickets still available for the rifle and gift card. Everyone welcome – bring the entire family. Sponsored by the Lankin Legion and Auxiliary.

### JOIN JOHNETTE BENKOVIC FOR LUNCH

Johnette Benkovic will be the guest speaker at a pro-life luncheon on **Mon., Feb. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church social hall in Fargo. Johnette is Founder and President of Women of Grace, a Catholic apostolate for women featuring a number of outreaches including conferences, media, study groups and more. In addition, she has been an inspiring and consistent presence on Catholic radio and in Catholic television. She will be speaking on Missionary Discipleship for the Gospel of Life. Cost is \$15/person, pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Feb. 10. To register go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife](http://www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife) or call 701-356-7900. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Fargo.

**BOTTLES FOR LIFE** – It is time for the Pregnancy Help Center's annual fund raiser. The Baby Bottles are here, so please take one and fill it with coins or your donation and return to the church by Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. This fund raiser helps approximately 300 moms & their children that come through the Center each year.

### REAL PRESENCE RADIO FUNDRAISER

Real Presence Radio will host Johnette Benkovic-Williams as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Monday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> in Fargo. We invite you to join us! Johnette is host of EWTN's "Women of Grace" and founder and president of the organization by the same name. After years as a non-practicing Catholic, Johnette experienced a deep conversion back to her Catholic faith. Through this conversion, she found a vocation to share the Gospel message through media. Johnette has thirty years of experience in Catholic media, including radio, television, public speaking and writing.