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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

PSALM: The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING: God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

GOSPEL: Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE PEOPLE OF GOD’S KINGDOM
In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God’s agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God’s blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, Feb 7th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Feb 8th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Feb 2nd – Feb 8th)

MON	02/02	7:00AM. . . + Frank Lopez – (Rick & Cathy Martin)
TUES	02/03	7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
WED	02/04	7:00AM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family
THURS	02/05	7:00AM. . . + Jack & Ester Sloan – (Family)
FRI	02/06	7:00AM. . . + John & Christine Kopler – (Children, John, Tom, & Kim)
SAT	02/07	5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN	02/08	9:00AM. . . .Christian Mothers

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Stewardship Reflections:

Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

Today's Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted – to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to 'hunger and thirst for righteousness,' He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important – things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those.



Feb 3rd at 7PM in the St. Therese Church hall

St Anne's 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Final Total

We received the total for our parish pledges and payments from the Diocese as of Dec 31st. Our final total is \$8,955. **We exceeded our goal by \$155 which will be returned to St. Anne's.**

We are thankful to everyone who pledged and may God bless your generosity.

Any interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, or Lector for Mass please contact the rectory office.



Blessing of Homes... If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

2025 Giving statements were mailed on Thursday, Jan 22. Please contact the office on any Thursday if you do not receive yours or if you have any questions.

Community News & Events

CENTRAL CITY CASH BASH – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host a "Cash Bash Elimination Tournament" on Saturday February 14TH. Every ticket provides entrance to a high-spirited raffle full of suspense, surprises, and cash-prize drawings. Additionally, the evening includes great food and an open bar. Every dollar raised goes toward supporting the parish's work. Doors (and bar) open at 5:00 PM with the drawing starting at 6:00 PM at the parish activity center (738 Sunshine Ave, Central City). Tickets are \$25 and include your number, food, and drink. You won't want to miss out on what promises to be an enjoyable evening — reserve your ticket now by calling the parish office (814) 754-5224 or emailing parish secretary Maggie Adomnik at madomnik@dioceseaj.org. A far more exciting Valentines Day date than sitting at a stuffy overpriced restaurant!



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We will have **Blessing of the Throats** in honor of **St. Blasé** before and after all Masses **next weekend, Jan 31st & Feb 1st**

Happy Groundhog Day



**No matter how long the winter,
Spring is sure to follow**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tuesday,**