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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS OF
ANTICIPATION**

5:00PM- English

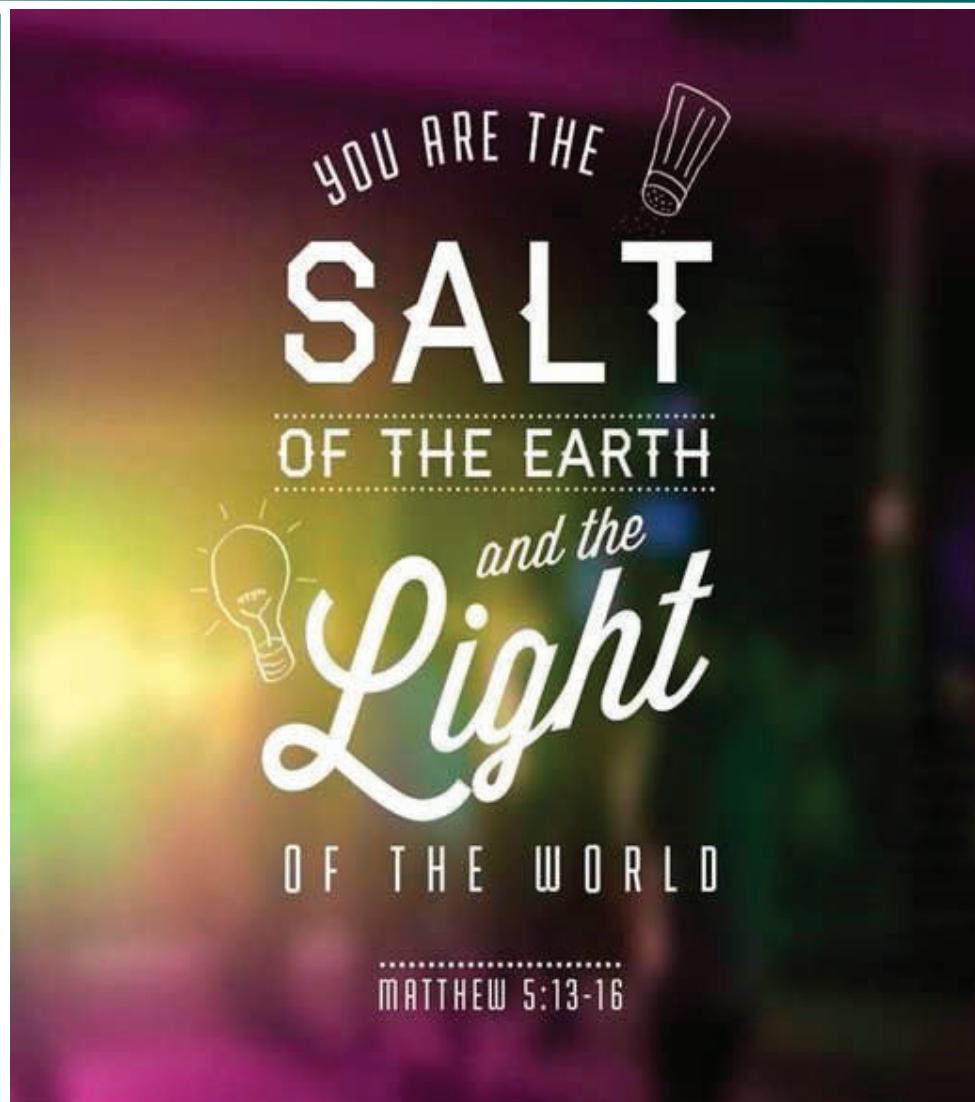
SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – February 7... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Frank and Mary Wood, req. Daughter
5:00PM...+ Bob Chanda (2nd Anniv.)
req. Wife Mary Ellen

Sunday – February 8...Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Giovanna Mone,
req. Pina and John Mastroianni
10:30AM... (Polish) Helena i Alexandar Grabowski
12:00 Noon...Health of Jim Rushforth, req. Family
1:30 PM ... (Spanish) + Blanca Rosales, req Daughter

Monday – February 9... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Bill, Joann and Cara Jennings,
req. Parish Fmily

Tuesday – February 10...St. Scholastica

9:00AM...+ Ricardo + Maddalena, Negri,
req. Angela Negri

Wednesday – February 11... Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00AM...+ Antonio and Lucia Simeone, req. Family

Thursday – February 12... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Lee Toresco, req. Johanna Merkle

Friday – February 13... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Rosalba Salgado (11th Anniv.),
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Saturday – February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish
5:00PM...+ Terry Chanda, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – February 15...Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Thomas Plick, req. Daughter and Family
10:30AM... (Polish) + Anna Nawrocka, od Corka Marta
12:00 Noon... People of the Parish
1:30 PM ... (Spanish) + People of the Parish



The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for All our Parish Faithful Departed.

The Bread and Wine for the Month of February is in Memory of **Frank Kazmierski**.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, Jim Rushforth, Mike Parise, Greg Myers and Brian Biddulph**.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Departed.

STEWARDSHIP

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Hagan brillar su luz delante de todos, para que ellos puedan ver las buenas obras de ustedes y alaben al Padre que está en el cielo" MATEO 5:16

¡La generosidad de ser un buen administrador de sus dones tiene un efecto positivo sobre la gente y es contagioso! Las buenas obras animan a hacer más buenas obras. La generosidad es un subproducto de un estilo de vida agradecido. Cuanto más reconocemos los dones de Dios, más queremos compartirlos. Los buenos administradores reconocen que Dios obra a través de ellos y no se ponen por encima de las personas a las que Dios los ha llamado a ayudar.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

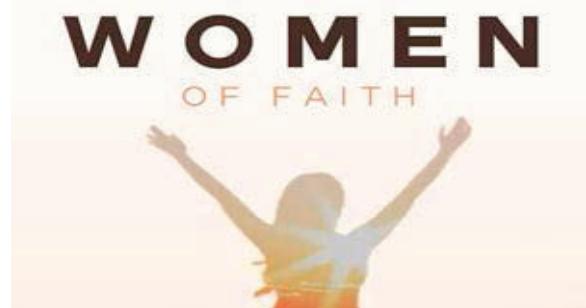
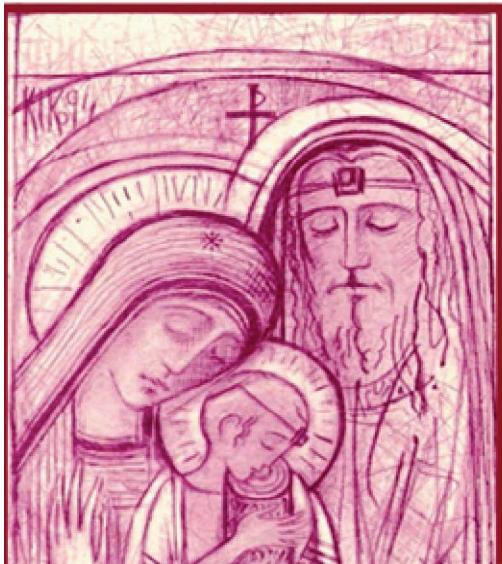
This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.



The Women of Faith Ministry at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka warmly invites all women of the parish to gather with us this Lent for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. Whether you're new to the parish, returning to your faith, or simply seeking fellowship, you are welcome. Mothers, grandmothers, students, professionals—there is a place here for you.

Why Join a Women's Lenten Reflection Group?

Lent invites us to slow down, turn our hearts toward God, and prepare for the joy of Easter. A women's Lenten group helps us enter this sacred season with intention. Together, we reflect on Scripture, walk with Christ toward the Cross, and support one another in our Lenten practices.

In the company of other women, we find clarity, encouragement, and a sense of shared purpose. This is a space to pause, pray, and listen for God's voice, so our hearts may be renewed and strengthened for the journey ahead. Bring a friend! Join us on the Fridays during Lent after the Stations of the Cross: **February 20th, March 6th, and March 27th**. For more information or to help with planning, please contact: **Mary Landriau - mlandriau703@verizon.net**

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS HERE COME AND LISTEN

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
AT 8:00PM
STARTING JANUARY 26TH 2026

ST. BERNARD & ST. STANISLAUS THE GYM

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Religious Classes

Classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:45pm. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45PM.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

Next Rosary Meeting is Sunday, March 1st after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Office.

CHOIR

Practice is in the church on **Thursday evenings 7:00PM**.

If you are interested, come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir. **Many thanks to our new and returning members, you make a difference.**



Best Church Seniors

We are on a winter break.

Our next meeting is **March 19th at 12:30PM**,
We will have a program Tapping Away Stress by Alicia Gray. You are invited to bring a friend!



Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sunday, February 8th in the Parish Office after the 9:AM Mass. A special welcome to our new members. All men 18 and older are invited to attend.



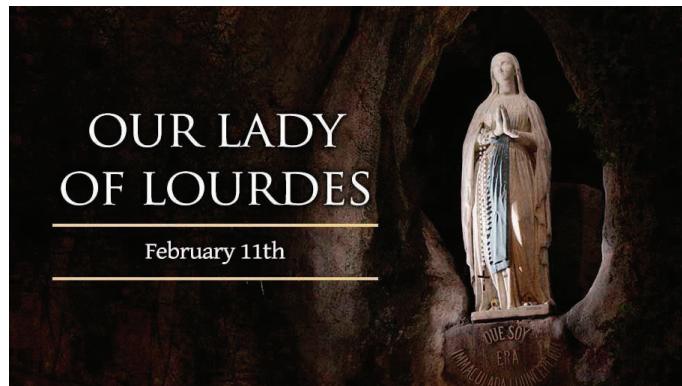
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11th

Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eighteen times to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in that small town located in the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains of southern France.

Her attention was drawn to the noise of rustling bushes near the Grotto of Massabielle, from the French *vieille masse* meaning ancient mass. Then Bernadette saw a beautiful young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She described this girl as "dressed in a white robe, girded at the waist with a blue ribbon. She wore upon her head a white veil which gave just a glimpse of hair. Her feet were bare but covered by the last folds of her robe and a yellow rose was upon each of them. She held on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold shining like the two roses on her feet."

Bernadette knelt and began to pray the rosary. At the end of the five decades the woman smiled and disappeared. The young visionary returned, and on February 18 Our Lady began her message telling young Bernadette, "I do not promise to make you happy in this life but in the next." On February 24, Mary asked for penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners, and the following day she instructed Bernadette to dig the ground near the grotto. From that a spring came forth which to this day is used for the bath by pilgrims to Lourdes.

At the apparition of March 2, Bernadette was instructed by Our Lady to "tell the priests that people should come here in procession and that a chapel should be built on the site." On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, the Blessed Virgin told Bernadette in the dialect of Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This dogma had been defined by Pope Pius IX just a few years earlier on December 8, 1854.

The Basilica at Lourdes was consecrated in 1876 and the faithful, countless in number, flock in pious pilgrimage to the holy grotto. It is there that their faith and devotion are aroused, and they recommit themselves to conform their lives to the Christian message. There, as well, miraculous favors are granted and healings, both physical and spiritual, have taken place. Great emphasis is placed on devotion to the Eucharist, and just as at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary points to her Son.

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was established for February 11, approved by Pope Leo XIII, and first granted to the Diocese of Tarbes in the year 1890. Less than twenty years later, on November 13, 1907, his successor, Pope St. Pius X proclaimed that it be observed throughout the universal Church.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.



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Collection for February 1, 2026

Online...\$ 5,528.00

in Pew... \$ 4,729.00

Total.... . \$ 7,257.00

ROOF DONATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as I mentioned during the Parish Financial Report, we need to fix the roof of the school building. The work would have to happen sometime during the summer, but we need to begin to collect money for that project. If you want to help, you can write on your check's memo line: Restricted – Roof.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

After presenting the Beatitudes last Sunday, today Matthew emphasizes Jesus' words describing His disciples' mission in the world. He uses the metaphors of salt and light, and His words are directed to the disciples of every age, therefore also to us.

Jesus invites us to be a reflection of his light, by witnessing with good works. He says: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." These words emphasize that we are recognizable as true disciples of the One who is the Light of the World, not in words, but by our works. Indeed, it is above all our behavior that — good or bad — leaves a mark on others. Therefore, we have a mission through the gift that we received: the light of the faith. We are called to make it shine throughout the world, to offer it to others through good works. How much the world needs the light of the Gospel which transforms, heals and guarantees salvation to those who receive it! We must convey this light through our good works.

The light of our faith, in giving of oneself, does not fade but strengthens. However, it can weaken if we do not nourish it with love and with charitable works. In this way the image of light complements that of salt. The Gospel passage, in fact, tells us that, as disciples of Christ, we are also "the salt of the earth." Salt is an ingredient which, while it gives flavor, keeps food from turning and spoiling — in Jesus' time there were no refrigerators! Thus, Christians' mission in society is that of giving "flavor" to life with the faith and the love that Christ has given us, and at the same time, keeping away the contaminating seeds of selfishness, envy, slander, and so on. To fulfil this mission, it is essential that we first free ourselves from the corruptive degeneration of worldly influences contrary to Christ and to the Gospel; this purification never ends, it must be done continuously; it must be done every day!

Each one of us is called to be light and salt, in the environment of our daily life, persevering in the task of regenerating the human reality in the spirit of the Gospel and in the perspective of the Kingdom of God. I am again extending my invitation to the talks that we are doing on Mondays and Thursdays in the Gym at 8PM, that are announcing the gift of the Beatitudes and the Kingdom of God! Please come and experience the freedom that only Christ is able to give us.

Fr. Marcin

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