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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Need to be submitted by the Friday of previous week of publication. Please send to jcain@staugustinewaynesville.com

Please check stcolumbkille.org for Sacramental Information or call the parish office that pertains to your location.

WELCOME

We are so happy that you are here to worship with us! To learn about our parish life, please visit:

- stcolumbkille.org
- St. Columbkille's FB page: <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>stcolumbkillecatholicchurch</u>
- St. Augustine's FB page: <u>facebook.com/</u> groups/564039793670137

If you are new to the parish, welcome!

Please feel free to meet the pastor after Mass. There is online registration on our website for all parish locations!



JANUARY 29 - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



VOCATIONS TIDBITS

"Love never fails." Trust the love of God and follow your heart. (1 Corinthians 12:31–13:4-13)

WINTER WEATHER - PLEASE BE ADVISED FOR DAILY MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

If any of the surrounding school systems (Blanchester, Wilmington or Waynesville) are closed due to weather-related conditions, the daily Mass or Communion Service on that particular day will be closed at their respective location.

COLLECTION INFORMATION for January 23 St. Columbkille & Holy Name Chapel

Sunday Gifts	\$ 5,966.81
Online Gifts	\$ 2,755.00
Holy Day	\$ 20.00
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 8,741.81
TOTAL SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTION	
(FISCAL Y.T.D.)	\$ 319,575.72
NEEDED FROM SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTION	
(FISCAL Y.T.D.)	\$ 288,450.00
Building & Repairs	\$ 40.00
First Offering	\$ 30.00
Poor & Needy:	
SVDP	\$ 170.00
Hope Emergency	\$ 55.00
ST. AUGUSTINE for January 23	
Sunday Gifts	\$ 1,848.00
Thank you for your generosity!	



SCRIPTURE CORNER

Here is an excerpt from this Sunday's Gospel, Mt 5:1-12a:

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn,

for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land." Please visit 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB view the readings!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Location Acronyms:

StC - St. Columbkille, Wilmington

HNC - Holy Name Chapel, Blanchester

StA - St. Augustine, Waynesville

January 28-February 5

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Mass Time	Location	Intention	Offered By			
Caturday 1	/20 Vie	il. 4th Cunday in O	rdinarı Tima			
Saturday, 1	/ 20 - V lgi	il: 4 th Sunday in O Pauline				
4:00 p.m.	StC		Barbara Gauthier			
		Daugherty	•			
5:30 p.m.	HNC	Ruth Hanchak	Joe & Margie Barlas			
6:00 p.m.	StA	Margie Albrecht	Amy Zimmer			
Sunday, 1/29 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time						
7:30 a.m.	StC	Parish Family	ary rine			
7.50 a.iii.	DIC	Dorothy				
9:00 a.m.	StC	Schwab	Jim & Kathy			
7.00 a.111.	SIC		Schwab			
		(1/31 Birthday)				
11:00 a.m.	StA	For the People				
of the Parish						
	IVI	onday, 1/30	T 1'			
9:00 a.m.	StC	Karl Kerr	Julianne Mason			
9:00 a.m.	StA	Communion Svc				
Tues	sday, 1/31	- St. John Bosco,	Priest			
9:00 a.m.	StC	Communion Svc				
	a	Marlene				
7:00 p.m.	StA	Osborne	Amy Zimmer			
	Wednesday, 2/1					
9 :00 a.m.	StA	Communion Svc				
9:30 a.m.	HNC	Communion Svc				
7:00 p.m.	StC	Sam Moore	Nick & Rita			
			Estell			
		he Presentation o				
9:00 a.m.	1	Paul & Jane Lees				
Frida	Friday, 2/3 – St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr					
	St.	. Ansgar, Bishop				
9:00 a.m.	StC	Betty Bowers	Jane Daniel &			
7.00 a.iii.	Dic	Betty Bowers	Family			
9:00 a.m.	StA	Communion Svc				
9:15 a.m	StA	Eucharistic				
1:00 p.m.	001	Adoration				
9:30 a.m	StC	Eucharistic				
3:00 p.m.	J.C	Adoration				
Saturday, 2	Saturday, 2/4 – Vigil: 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
4:00 p.m.	StC	Rick Pease	Pease Family			
5:30 p.m.	HNC	Hugh Nestor	Parish Family			
4.00	C+ v	Westrick	Nother Coatt			
6:00 p.m.	StA	Family	Kathy Scott			
Sunday	Sunday, 2/5 – 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
7:30 a.m.	StC	Michael & Anna Kanyuck	Bonny & Frank Kanyuck			
9:00 a.m.	StC	Parish Family	,			
•		For the People				
11:00 a.m.	StA	of the Parish				



As has been mentioned in the bulletin, it is good for all of us to ask, "what can I do?" There are so many ways to get involved. Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing some opportunities to offer time and talent for the good of our parish community.

We have all heard it said that the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as God's people. We probably don't give much thought about all that goes into our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. If we are like most, we think everything "just happens." Everything from the scheduling of the liturgical ministers... to the selection of the music... to the choir practices... to the washing of the server's albs... to the cleaning of the sacred vessels... to the pressing of the altar cloths... to the straightening up of the church... to the replacing of the votive candles... to the altar server training... the list could go on and on... I will start our "What can I do?" with asking for a few parishioners who can help with setting up for our Masses and cleaning up afterward. If you are interested in serving as a "sacristan," please contact me at the parish office and I can explain the responsibilities further.

Thanks for your consideration!

Fr. Bernie

A PERSONAL INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. Also available in Spanish.

Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mags in a whole new way.

Sign up for free at CatholicAOC.org/theMass

2022 TAX LETTERS

Thank you, St. Columbkille Parishioners, for your generosity in supporting St. Columbkille with your monetary gifts during 2022. The Federal government requires that public charities send formal acknowledgement letters to donors giving more than \$250.00 in identifiable contributions in the 2022 tax year. St. Columbkille will be sending tax letters to donors meeting this threshold no later than January 31, 2023. The office is happy to provide (upon request) a donation letter for any parishioner who has given identifiable gifts of any amount throughout the year. If you have any questions, or do not receive a letter and you would like to, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org or call 937-382-2236.

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)







"Let us do good to all."

- Galatians 6:10

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed and heal

Your gift to the CMA supports:

Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services
St. Rita School for the deaf
New Evangelization
Retired Archdiocesan Priests and Senior Clergy
Campus, Hospital and Prison Ministries

Seminary and Vocations

To make your gift online visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA or text "DONATE" to 513-586-1978 or use your phone's camera to scan the QR code



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend or there will be an opportunity for you to make a commitment during Mass. Our parish goal for St. Columbkille/Holy Name Chapel is \$24,665.00, and for St. Augustine, \$7,205.00. We ask all our parishioners to consider making a gift this year. Thanks for your consideration. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC. org/CMA. Thank you!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Are you celebrating a significant anniversary in 2023? Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting our centerforthenewevangelization.org.

Anniversary certificates will be mailed once a month, from January-March 2023. For requests from March 1-June 15, anniversary certificates will be mailed to the parishes in late June 2023.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS AT ST. COLUMBKILLE



St. Blaise served as Bishop of Sebastea, in Armenia, and was a visible witness of the Gospel, which eventually led to his martyrdom during the persecutions of Diocletian. His feast day, February 3, is commemorated with the Blessing of Throats because of the legend that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. The

Blessing of Throats will be given at the 9:00 a.m. St. Columbkille Mass on Friday, February 3.



SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. St. Columbkille Mass on February 5. All who participate in any type of scouting – Boy, Girl or AHG – are welcome to wear their

uniforms to Mass and receive a blessing towards the end. For more information, please contact your Scout/AHG leadership.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Sunday, January 29

10:15-11:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (PC)

Monday, January 30

9:15 a.m. Bible Study (StA)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

(PC CR 7/8 & PCB CR 13 & 14)

7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (PCB)

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg (PC CR 6)

Tuesday, January 31

6:15-6:45 p.m. Confessions (StA) 6:30 p.m. SVDP Mtg (PC)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (CL)
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Adult Education Class

(PCB)

Wednesday, February 1

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions (StC)

6:25 p.m. Scriptural Rosary (StC)

7:45-9:00 p.m. RCIA (PC)

Thursday, February 2

9:30 a.m. Women's Encounter (PC CR 7/8)

Friday, February 3

9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (StA) 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (StC) 5:00-9:00 p.m. 2023 Men's Retreat (StC & PC)

Saturday, February 4

7:30 a.m. Women's Sunrise Reflections

Breakfast (PCB)

3:00-3:45 p.m. Confessions (StC)

3:35 p.m. Rosary (StC)

Confessions

AND BEYOND...

Sunday, February 5

4 Chaplains Memorial Svc (Faith Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, February 8

Rosary Men

To view our online calendar, please visit <u>stcolumb-kille.org/calendar-1</u>

Reminder: StC = St. Columbkille Church, StA = St. Augustine; HNC = Holy Name Chapel; CL = Choir Loft; CU = Church Undercroft; PC = Parish Ctr; PCL = Parish Center Library; PC CR = Parish Center Classroom; PCB = Parish Ctr Basement; PCB CR = Parish Ctr Basement Classroom; HNCSH = Holy Name Chapel Social Hall

ST AUGUSTINE NEWS

ONLINE GIVING FOR ST. AUGUSTINE



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ST. AUGUSTINE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Irene Manz, Gary Gehring, Marilyn Bowden, Dan Laufersweiler, Marilyn Rice, Dorothy, Carol & Mom Scheu, Gianna Smith, Jennine Cunningham, Gail Hawke, Carmen Vint, Cecilia Wallace & Family, Sharon & Grace Brown, Charlotte Ann Martini, Bob Ivory, Mike Foley, Jean Seevers, Paul Feltz, Sara Berg, Jacob Kramb, Bob Shuler, Andrea Pittel (battling cancer), Jeanie Krebs, Tommy Ballard, Lori Mitrovich, Jason Seevers and David Wade.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Upcoming Meeting Schedule Anyone is welcome to attend! 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Monday, 1/30

New Bible Study, "The Chosen" will begin.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AT ST. AUGUSTINE



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the generous donation towards our Christmas flowers. Our Church looked beautiful during the Christmas Season.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Need to be submitted by the Friday of previous week of publication. Please send to jcain@staugustinewavnesville.com.

K OF C MEETING AT ST. AUGUSTINE

St. Augustine Hall ***NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGES***
Please also mark your calendars for the future dates of Friday,
February 24 and Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Held on Thursday, February 2, St. Augustine Undercroft Would love to have parishioners with experience with our grounds and anyone involved with construction industry to attend.

StA PARISH COMMUNITY				
Contact Information				
GROUP	NAME	PHONE#		
Parish Council	Joe Cella	937-776-8892		
Bldgs & Grounds	Mark Callahan	937-212-1598		
Bereavement	Pat Gehring	513-932-6415		
Social Activities	Kathleen Day	617-331-2545		
Pro-Life	Amy Zimmer	937-768-0443		
SVDP	Mary Ann VanAtta	937-974-8555		
Altar Guild	Amy Zimmer	513-897-0545		
Knights of Columbus	Larry Sweeney	937-219-9865		

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LOVE



Waynesville Community Blood Drive

Waynesville Masonic Temple #163 - Basemen 1351 Lytle Road Waynesville, OH 45068

Saturday, February 4 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

DONORTIME.COM 937-461-3220



Schedule an appointment by:
Using QR Code
www.donortime.com SPNR CODE: 35
or calling CBC 937-461-3220
Appointments are preferred, but
Walk-ins are accepted as space allows.

Community Blood Center

DAY OF CARING PANCAKE BRUNCH AT ST. AUGUSTINE



IMPORTANT FEBRUARY NEWS FOR STC



FAITH FORMATION NEWS AT ST. COLUMBKILLE

Contact the Faith Formation Office Debbie Valley 937-490-9693 (call or text) email: dre@stcolumbkille.org

I am always available during normal working hours (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) by phone/text/email. Please contact me before calling the parish office regarding Faith Formation activities and classes.

Calendars for the 2022-23 school year are on each class's webpage. For the most up-to-date information, please look at the website often. Please add the Google calendar on the class's webpage to your personal Google calendar.

FAITH FORMATION TIDBITS

- 1. All classes (Atrium 1-LifeTeen) meet on Sundays from 10:15-11:45 a.m.
- 2. Online Class Registration is available on the website.
- 3. For information regarding each grade level, including Sacramental Preparation Programs, please see the individual class web pages.

SECOND GRADE ATRIUM 2

Family Enrichment Day is here again! We will be meeting on Sunday, February 5 from 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

All second graders and parent(s) are expected to attend.

Lunch will begin at 11:50 a.m. in the Parish Center Basement followed by enrichment work for both parents and students.

LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming 2023 Events

Your Father's Kitchen & Game Night

Friday, February 10, March 10, and April 14 Registration and additional information are available on the Life Teen website.

Cooking Competition - Friday, February 10

Registration and additional information are available on the Life Teen website.

Matthew 25 Ministries - Day of Service

Monday, February 20, Registration and additional information are available on the Life Teen website.

Lenten Adoration Prayer – Friday, March 3. Details to follow.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS AT ST. COLUMBKILLE

Visit <u>stcolumbkille.org/adult-education-classes</u> for more info.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY NIGHT AD EDUCATION CLASS

Meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Basement Contact Dave Copsey at 937-728-0717 or email jdcopsey@gmail.com or Jennifer Gress at 937-725-8488 or email jgress@bascoshowerdoor.com.

WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER

Meets at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Center Classroom 7/8 Contact Carol Bedinghaus at 239-290-3649 or email cbedinghaus@aol.com.

WOMEN'S SUNRISE REFLECTIONS BREAKFAST



Need more info? Contact Colleen at colleengermann@stcolumbkille.org.

SACRED HEART SODALITY NEWS AT ST. COLUMBKILLE FIRST FRIDAY



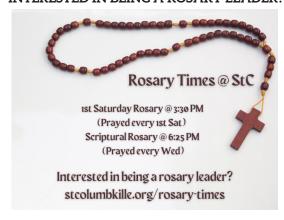
February 3 at 9:00 a.m. StC Mass After Mass, we will gather for our "breakfast social" at a restaurant of choice.

1st SATURDAY

St. Columbkille Events February 4

- 3:00-3:45 p.m., Confessions
- 3:35 p.m., Rosary Please join us as we recite the Rosary together as parish family.

INTERESTED IN BEING A ROSARY LEADER?



2023 MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. COLUMBKILLE



TOPICS FOR THE 2 TALKS:

- 1. Learning to Live from God the Father
- 2. Learning to Live from Mary our Mother

SPEAKER BIO

Petroc Willey is married to Katherine and has four children and five grandchildren, one in heaven. Originally from England, he has lived in Steubenville, Ohio, since 2015 where he is a Professor of Theology at Franciscan University. He deeply appreciates being here in the United States, even though he and his wife still miss English teal Petroc has worked in Catholic education, in Oxford and in Birmingham, for more than twenty-five years, in seminary and lay institutions, and in both traditional and distance education. Dr Willey was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI a Consultor for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. Petroc hosted the EWTN series, Handing on the Faith.

Have questions? Or need to RSVP? Please contact Bob Schaad at 937-725-5434 or email <u>bschaad@wilmingtonsavings.com</u> or Les Conover at 937-527-4344 or email <u>lesconover@gmail.com</u>.

PARISH BREAKFAST



4 CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SVC



The entire parish community is invited! This special memorial service recognizes the four chaplains aboard the USS Dorchester in German torpedo infested waters during WWII on February 3, 1943. They remained calm during the panic following the attack, first distributing life preservers, and assisting others to abandon ship, then giving up their own life preservers and coming together in prayer as the ship disappeared beneath the surface.



ROSARYMEN -2ND ANNIVERSARY ROSARY PRAYER EVENT

RosaryMen(RM)is a chance for men to stop what they are doing once a week to participate with other men in saying the Rosary. Contact Dave Sinkhorn or Rick Bryne with any questions. Information and registration details are to the left.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP AT ST. COLUMBKILLE

Saturday, February 11–5:00 p.m., Parish Center If you are a first-time parent seeking a Baptism for your baby or child, then you are required to attend a Baptism Workshop. The workshop will be held if someone has registered. To register for the class or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 937-382-2236 or email parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org. Thank you.

A PRO-LIFE GATHERING FOR HER

Heal, Empower, Receive Saturday, February 4 from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

St. Susanna Church, 616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio All are welcome to this first-of-a-kind event for the prolife community in Greater Cincinnati! The day will begin with 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Susanna, followed by a coffee and morning snack kick-off before our three speakers, lunch and time to visit with local pro-life organizations. The three speakers include Kelly Lester, Marie Lees Dunlap and Mother Seraphina. Cost is \$40.00. Check Cincinnatirighttolife.org/inspire events/a-pro-life-gathering-for-her/ for more details.

NEW LIFE CLINIC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN AT ST. COLUMBKILLE



PRO-LIFE THOUGHTS

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

Please consider saying this pro-life prayer intention: For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing and turn to Him for His mercy and peace. We pray to the Lord:

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you all who supported the Pro-Life Signature Ad Page in the WNJ on Friday, January 13! There were 65 names from St. Columbkille/Holy Name Chapel, plus the Knights of Columbus #3369, Sodality Heart Sodality and St. Columbkille! Our parish is always supportive and comes forward to help all those who ask!! May the three pages of names help others realize that babies in the womb deserve human rights.

There is help, support, encouragement and love for women with an unplanned pregnancy, or for anyone who needs healing from an abortion. The New Life Clinic in town provides these services. The address is 100 S. South Street, and the number is 937-382-2424.

UPCOMING LENTEN PARISH MISSION



2023 THE NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25 Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Theme:

"To Build Men in the Image and Likeness of Jesus Christ" Featured Speakers include Jonathan Roumie, Actor (The Chosen Series), Archduke of Austria, Grandson of Blessed Karl of Austria, His Royal Highness, Christian Habsburg-Lorraine, Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, OH, and Fr. John Spitzer, SJ. This conference is intended for ALL men. Please join us. For more information and tickets, please visit nationalmensconference.com.

HOPE EMERGENCY NEWS

5333 Kernan Road, Lynchburg, OH 45142 Website: hopeemergency.org / 937-364-1055

St. Columbkille Church Family,

Happy New Year!

Hope Emergency Program would like to send a heartfelt thank-you for your generous donations during our Christmas distribution and beyond. We are blessed to have so much support providing for families in need in our area. We were able to provide Christmas gifts for 577 children and Christmas food for 384 families. Both of these numbers represent an increase over last year. We are blessed to be a blessing.

A special thank-you to Colleen Germann for coordinating efforts to support our Christmas ministry.

May you and your loved ones continue to be abundantly blessed through the new year. Volunteers are always appreciated on weekdays. Please contact Hope Emergency for further details.

Gratefully,

Kathy Hutchens and Mariah Kroger, Co-Directors Amanda Widmeyer, Marketing and Social Services Coordinator



AND USE OUR ONLINE GIVING FOR ST. COLUMBKILLE & ST. AUGUSTINE

Visit <u>stcolumbkille.org/online-giving</u> to make a one-time, weekly, or monthly recurring donation! Thank you so much for your support.



SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious (1815-1888)

John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent

reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study, and play.

Source: Saint John Bosco | Franciscan Media



February 2 - Feast of the

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is rooted in everyday life. In faithful observance of the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to consecrate Him to the Lord.

There they met the righteous Simeon and the prophet Anna, for whom the Temple worship was a part of everyday life. God rewarded their fidelity by allowing them to see the one who was the Savior and to hold Him in their arms. Simeon said, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." When the ceremony of presentation was completed, Mary and Joseph and Jesus returned to their hometown. There, they created a home and a family life. There, Jesus grew up, becoming strong and wise, and the grace of God was upon Him. The candles will be blessed during the Thursday, February 2, 9:00 a.m. StC Mass to signify that Christ is the light to all. This includes candles for Home Use, which are available in Church.



February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many

United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats. Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastes, Armenia, in 316. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone. Source: Saint Blaise | Franciscan Media



February 3 - St. Ansgar, Bishop

The "apostle of the north" (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint – and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked

for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and Bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis' death. After 13 years' work in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism. He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Source: Saint Ansgar | Franciscan Media

PREPARING FOR FEBRUARY 5

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The Lord is our refuge, our light and salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

Paul urges the community at Cornith as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls His first disciples.

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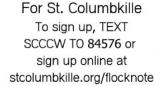
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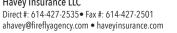
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