

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25/26, 2025

Fr. Paul presides at all four Masses

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BEGIN MASS made by music ministry person

Good morning/afternoon/evening. **WELCOME!**

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is also Word of God Sunday, so we will be blessing our parish lectors. Today also begins Catholic Schools Week throughout the country, so we will take this opportunity to bless all Catholic School students, teachers, and administrators.

If you are visiting St. Michael today, we want to be sure you feel welcome. Please stand or wave a hand so we know where you are to offer you a personal welcome!

10:30 – **WELCOME** to all who join us for Mass via livestream! Thank you join us to celebrate Mass today. You can find your worship aid on our web page.

ALL MASSES:

- Today our Presider is our pastor, Father Paul.

Let us all take a moment to silence our mobile devices and come to a quiet awareness of God's presence here. We call to mind the needs of our loved ones and our world, and give thanks for the many blessings we have received this week. <Pause for 30 seconds>

Please stand and offer welcome to those around you.

<allow time to “offer welcome”>

Let us sing together “Shout to the Lord”...

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

COLLECT

C.L.O.W. Dismissal (10:30 Only)

“The Word of God”

M. D. Ridge

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Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.
May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
find a home in your hearts.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8: 2 – 4a, 5 – 6, 8 - 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:

“Your Words Lord, Are Spirit and Life”

Scott Crandal

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♩. Your words, Lord, are Spir-it and life, Spir-it and life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from *Mass of Endless Mercy*

Steve Angrisano

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♩. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

Luke 1: 1 - 4; 4: 14 - 21

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Blessing of Readers (Lectors) and Universal Prayer

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PRESIDER:

The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture,

enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love.

The ministry of the reader, or lector, then, is important to the life the Church because the reader proclaims the living word.

Would all those present who serve as lectors at any of our parish Masses please come forward to stand at the sanctuary steps. <pause>

On this Sunday of the Word of God, we bless these men and women who serve our parish community as lectors.

<Addressing the lectors...>

Please remain here as we all join in the Universal Prayer.

The word of God calls us out of darkness into the light of faith.

With the confidence of God's children let us ask the Lord to hear our prayers and to bless these readers.

Our response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

The Lector who just read the Universal Prayer goes to stand with other lectors at the steps of the sanctuary (in front of the altar)

PRESIDER: *<with hands extended over the readers>*

Everlasting God, when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth, your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which he would give up his life.

Bless these readers.

As they proclaim your words of life, strengthen their faith that they may read with conviction and boldness, and put into practice what they read.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *ALL: Amen.*

Let us thank our lectors for their service to the community. *<Applause>*
Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION SONG

“Thy Word”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON “3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time”

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At home worship aid – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10:30 a.m. Mass, January 26, 2025

Look toward the Lord and be ra - diant;
let your fac - es not be a-bashed.

COMMUNION SONG

“I Am the Bread of Life”
Talbot

ANNOUNCEMENTS – please allow silence before beginning...

FOR SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

- If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, or if you are in need of healing, please meet Father Paul at the Reconciliation Room for the Anointing of the Sick, after he greets parishioners.
- Stop in and enjoy our delicious hot buffet at our Cornerstone Breakfast, open until 12:30 pm
- Please remember to bring your candles to Mass next weekend, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, where candles will be blessed in the tradition of Candlemas!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

We mentioned as Mass began today, this weekend begins the celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Would all those who attend area Catholic Schools and those teach, coach, or serve on the staff of one of these schools, please come forward for a special blessing...

Almighty Father,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.

Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today.

Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless these children, teachers, staff members and the many people who advance the mission of Catholic schools.

Fill their minds with knowledge and wisdom.

May their understanding of the world help them to grow in appreciation for it.

Fill their hearts with gladness.

May they always turn to you in times of need.

Fill their hands with the tools they need to serve others.

May they show your unceasing love through acts of charity and love.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

St. John Neumann, pray for us.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Before you go back to your seats, the Knights of Columbus will be giving you a memento of this occasion. Let's all celebrate with them with our applause!

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CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

“How Great Is Our God”