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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 You are Christ's body and individually parts of it.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	22	5:00p p.m.	ML	Philip Simpson	✠	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	23	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	23	10:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	✠	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	Jeanine Ricke	✠	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Thursday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry Ricke	✠	3 rd Thursday in Ordinary Time
Friday	28	8:30 a.m.	SH	Lilian Blahut	✠	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday	29	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	30	8:30 a.m.	SH	Betty Schmidt	✠	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	30	10:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry Blevins	✠	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation - See Church News

What Holds Us Back In one of my favorite movies, *Sister Act 2*, Sr. Mary Clarence—played by the larger-than-life Whoopi Goldberg—returns to teach music at a run-down Catholic school. In a pivotal scene, she confronts the film's star songstress, a teenager named Rita. Despite Rita's love for music and astonishing singing ability, she has recently dropped out of music class. Because of Rita's defiant attitude, Sr. Mary Clarence assumes that her sudden departure is simply a result of the teen's immaturity.

"I know you want to sing," Sister insists, having cornered her student on a busy sidewalk. "If you wake up in the morning, and you can't think of anything but singing first, then you're supposed to be a singer, girl." Rita turns away, rolling her eyes.

The well-meaning teacher doesn't know the many reasons why Rita has withdrawn from class. Rita loves singing, but she doubts her talent. And thanks to a protective mother who condemns her musical pursuits, Rita has resigned to an unhappier but more practical life path.

This scene reminds us that knowing and sharing our gifts is often more complicated than we acknowledge—something to keep in mind when reflecting on St. Paul's celebration of the diverse talents that comprise the Body of Christ, our Church. While marveling at the wonderful gifts that God bestows among us, we must also contend with the obstacles that accompany our callings.

Sometimes we face structural difficulties. Just as Rita's mother admonishes that "singing doesn't pay the bills," economic and social realities often obstruct our ability to serve, whether in religious or secular settings. Other times, our insecurities inhibit us from owning and sharing our talents. Such is the case with Rita too.

The bold Jesus of today's Gospel embodies no such inhibition. Assured in his abilities and his calling from God, he courageously proclaims his mission. What would it take for us to inhabit such self-confidence? What holds us back from believing that our gifts are, in fact, essential parts of Christ's body? Jessica Coblentz

Word of Life: Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an 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? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Kathy Dohm, Lennes Rankin, Mark Huffles, Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Pete Eck, Betty Schmidt, Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Young Men's Fellowship

The first meeting of the newly created Young Men's Fellowship was a success. We began the Into the Breach series and discussed Masculinity through the quiet example of St. Joseph. Our next breakfast meeting is at 6:00 AM on Wednesday, January 26th in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Breakfast will be provided. We will be out by 6:45 AM, in plenty of time to get to work or back home to help get the children around for school. The topic will be on Brotherhood. Contact Brian Withrow (620-213-0391) for more information.

New Reconciliation Schedule In order to better serve our parishioners, we’ve made the following schedule changes: Saturday before 5:00 Mass – 4:30 to 4:50, Sunday before 8:30 Mass - 8:00 to 8:20, Sunday after 10:30 Mass – 11:30 to 11:50. Confession is also available after daily Masses and by appointment.

Thank you for your Christmas Gifts!! A simple thank you is totally inadequate; but it’s impossible to thank each one of you for your beautiful cards, generous gifts and tasty treats. Please accept my tremendous gratitude for kindness. *Fr Mark*

Signup for: “Flocknote” and “my Eoffering” on our website

Ministry Schedule January 29th – 30th

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Chris Tharp	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Volunteer	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Anne Schreiner Scotty Dohm	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler Volunteer
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Volunteers	Derrek Randels
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer