

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 25, 2026

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MARION COUNTY, KANSAS



3rd Week in Ordinary Time Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 27, 5:30pm Marion
John & Rose Stimac†

Wednesday, January 28, 7am Pilsen
Judy Wegerer†

Thursday, January 29, 7am Marion
Knight of the month, Nick Kraus

Friday, January 30, 7am Marion
KofC Family; Gail & Marissa Makovec

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 31, 5pm Florence
Sheila Williams†

Sunday, February 1, 8:30am Marion
Dale Smith†

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am Pilsen
For the People

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

FLORENCE, Saturday, January 24, 5pm

EMHC: Demitry Evancho, Vern Demel
Lector: Demitry Evancho
Ushers: Nick Kraus & James Parmley
Gift Bearers: Nick Kraus Family

MARION, Sunday, January 25, 8:30am

EMHC: Ken Stuchlik, Diana Blount, Lucas C.
Lector: Terry Holt
Ushers: Kevin Jirak, Eddie Weber
Gift Bearers: Travis Hett Family
Servers: Cooper Jirak, Jay Yarmer, Isaac S.
Rosary: Luretta Turk
Coffee & Rolls: Don Molleker & Jane George
Church Cleaners: Mikael & Jan Peters

PILSEN, Sunday, January 25, 10:30am

EMHC: Gary & JoAnn, Anjanette Vinduska
Lector: Tom Oborny
Ushers: Doug Svitak, Randy Svitak, David Oborny, Greg Oborny
Gift Bearers: Kevin & Kelly Krch
Servers: Kash Antoszyk, Wesley Klenda, Kollin Klenda, Camdyn Hajek
Rosary: Laverne & Harriett Bina

HOMEBOUND

Marion: Terry & Cindy
Hillsboro: Bob & Marlene
Peabody: Pat
Pilsen: N/A

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

FLORENCE, Saturday, January 31, 5pm

EMHC: Mary Zogelman & Verrn Demel
Lector: Mary Zogelman
Ushers: Nick Kraus & Pat Zogelman
Gift Bearers: Pam & Mark Jones

MARION, Sunday, February 1, 8:30am

EMHC: Ken Stuchlik, Diana Blount, Lucas Carlson
Lector: Lloyd Davies
Ushers: Luretta Turk, Tim Schneider
Gift Bearers: Tim Baxa Family
Rosary: Luretta Turk
Servers: Kadon Mercer, Jay Yarmer, Ryder Kraus
Coffee & Rolls: Jeff and Julie Scharping
Church Cleaners: Josh and Shannon Cooper

PILSEN, Sunday, February 1, 10:30am

EMHC: Sharon Gutsch, Laverne Bina, Francis Jirak
Lector: Angie Stika
Ushers: Dale Klenda, Dennis Klenda, Ralph Klenda, Tim Svoboda
Gift Bearers: Eugene & Valerie Welter
Servers: Elijah Klenda, Canon Schafer, Camdyn Hajek
Rosary: Tim & Monica Svoboda

HOMEBOUND

Marion: Jane
Hillsboro: Pam & Mark
Peabody: Pat Smith
Pilsen: N/A

Hearing the Word of God
From the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words "Thanks be to God" or, in the case of the Gospel, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responsorial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eucharist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed.

Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel. What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101). The key word in all of this is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the General Instruction itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit. The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

Enthroned the Bible in Your Home

Throughout our Catholic tradition, the book of sacred Scripture has been the honored symbol of God's living word present among us. Processions, bowing, candles, and incense express our church's reverence for the inspired word as it is enthroned, opened, and proclaimed in Catholic worship. This prayer service brings the ancient practice of Bible enthronement to Catholic homes, so that it may be a continual reminder to seek and live God's word each day.

"I would like so much for all Christians to be able to comprehend 'the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ,' through diligent reading of the Word of God, for the sacred text is nourishment of the soul and the pure and perennial source of spiritual life for all of us. " — Pope Francis

Reverently place the open Bible on a mantle, table, shelf, or bookstand. You may adorn the space with a candle, crucifix, icon, or flowers. It will serve as a spot for regular Bible reading and prayer.

As you pray this enthronement service together, different family members may volunteer for different reader parts.

READER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

READER: Peace to this house and all here. We gather together to enthrone the Holy Bible, the sacred book of our church. Since ancient times, the open book of Scripture has been enthroned at church councils and in cathedrals and parish churches. Since every Catholic home is a "domestic church," we continue this tradition in the place of our ordinary lives, asking that this enthroned Bible remind us that God teaches, encourages, and challenges us through its open pages.

READER: Let us pray:

A brief pause for silence follows.

Ever-living God, send your Holy Spirit so that this Bible may be for us a source of strength, comfort, inspiration, and guidance. Give us a deeper love for sacred Scripture, a desire to read and reflect upon it, and a longing to follow more faithfully the way of Jesus. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

READER: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus then said to those who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

READER: Let us each approach the Bible, one by one, place our hands on its open pages, and pray a silent prayer of personal commitment. Pray in your heart for each person as they approach the Bible.

READER: Let us all respond: "O God, teach us your word."

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: The psalmist prays to God: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). Show us how to travel through the dark places of life with the light of your word.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). Show us how to trust your word as our eternal source of life.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: In his parable of the sower, Jesus explains, "The sower sows the word" and "the ones that hear the word and accept it" are like rich soil that bears fruit (Mark 4: 14, 20). Show us how to let the seed of your word take root within us and bear a rich harvest.

ALL: O God, teach us your word

READER: The Letter of James urges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Show us how to listen to your word and then put it into action.

ALL: O God, teach us your word.

READER: Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the living word of Scripture. May it always be the center of our home and our lives. As you have inspired that word with power and truth, now give us confidence to read the Bible in ways that form us into disciples. Fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love, so that you may renew the face of the earth.

READER: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

READER: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

(This enthronement service may be easily adapted to a classroom, community room, or whatever space you wish to dedicate to the sacred Scriptures.) Written by Stephen J. Binz. Enthroned the Bible in Your Home © 2019 by American Bible Society. All rights reserved. Adapted from Enthroned the Bible in Your Home © 1996 by Stephen J. Binz. Used with permission.

PARISH NEWS

- **Register or update your family information:**
<https://hfpmc.org/parish-life/parish-registration>
- Office hours for Tuesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 29 will be adjusted: 9am-1pm.

CANDLEMAS The feast of the Presentation is Monday, **February 2nd**. We, as a Parish, will be celebrating the feast with **The Blessing of Candles and the Solemn Procession & Candlelight Mass** at Tampa at 6pm. Come with your candles to the Tampa Hall to begin the procession at 6pm. Following the procession, bring a dessert **for the dessert bar** back at the Tampa Hall following Mass.

- Throats will be blessed at the 5:30pm Mass in Marion. on February 3rd for the feast of St. Blaise.
- Marion Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at the MAC at 7pm, Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Nick Kraus is the Knight of the month for his help with PSR and replacing light bulbs in Florence. Gail and Marissa Makovec are the Family of the month for their help on the Parish festival.
- **Parent Night Out** is from 5-8pm at the MAC on Saturday, February 7. Families RSVP to Rachelle Siebert at rachelle.siebert@gmail.com or 620-388-1513 by Wednesday, February 4th.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Marion: Jerry Makovec, Tillie Schaffers, Susan Ross, Nancy Lalouette, Irene Brock, Mary Stroda, Irma Benda, Irmagene Goodman

Hillsboro: Mary Griffith, Agnes Sheridan, Madonna Schaffers, James Oborny

Peabody: Mike P., Ava Jones, Julie Carson



PRAYER LIST

Laurie Holub, Angie Seifert, Kelly Kroupa, Terry Holt, Ron Hajek, Lisa Hanschu, Mary McCarthy, Beth Bouslog, Grace Wood, Katherine Schneider, David Vinduska, Rocky Warren, & Ava Heim

OTHER NEWS

- Iron Sharpens Iron St. Joseph Men's Conference, <https://forms.gle/KJ2bVVEB88Kc6jCG9>
- Man Fully Alive - Bishop Carroll CHS, Saturday, March 28, 8 am - 4 pm Register at <https://manfullyalive.eventbrite.com>.

- Catholic Women's Conference: March 6-7, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Wichita. For more information: <https://givebutter.com/CWC2026>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

- Pilsen Tuesdays from 5pm - midnight
- Tampa Wednesdays from 8am - noon
- Marion Thursdays 7:30am - Fri. 7am

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD:

- After 7am daily Mass & 30 min. before all other Masses for 20 min.
 - 3-4pm on 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday in Marion and 2nd & 4th Saturday in Pilsen
- Please contact the Parish office for all other sacramental requests.

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