

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 19, 2020



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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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## January 18, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Krahala Family & Friends  
 ❖ For Anthony Nelson (5th B'Day)  
 ❖ †Ken Bishop
- 5:30PM LM For Judy Zabawski (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Alex Rolling  
 ❖ For the Terry Reed Family  
 ❖ For Lexi Laconi  
 ❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
 ❖ †Lawrence F. Orlick  
 ❖ †Mary Jane Grivas

## January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 (64)

- 7:30AM LM For John & Sandi Brady & Family  
 ❖ For Mark Varchetti  
 ❖ For Joseph Peter Ciaramitaro  
 ❖ For Frank & Ethel Bresto  
 ❖ For Dang Lee  
 ❖ For Susie Zivkovic  
 ❖ †Isabella Varchetti
- 9:30AM LM For Ken Knop ❖ For Jonathan Wilkins  
 ❖ For Daniel & Renee Blenman (Wed. Ann.) req.  
 Grandparents ❖ For Veronica Cicilian  
 ❖ For John Hines (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Dawn Marie Kruse ❖ †Earl Knauss
- 11:30AM LM (*Slovak*) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sophie  
 ❖ For Rochelle Huly ❖ †Arthur Harvery  
 ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Sobolic Family  
 ❖ †Rosalia Haverlova req. Daniela Grisak  
 ❖ †Paul Magusin  
 ❖ †Jaromir Plzak req. Mirka Plzak Family
- 1:30PM VP For Dennis McLellan ❖ For the Tonietta Family  
 ❖ For Antonetta Prendushi  
 ❖ For Alex Rolling  
 ❖ For Anita (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Fr. Val Gattari  
 ❖ †Steve Pasha ❖ †Robleto Pablo req. Lita Card
- 6:00PM PC (*Latin*)-*Tridentine*: For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖ For Felise Mendoza ❖ For Sarah Galicia  
 ❖ †Frances Adamic ❖ †Gener Mayores  
 ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

## January 20, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM LM For Heather Tucker ❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
 ❖ †Maurice Mallory req. Son
- 12:00PM LM For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Alia  
 ❖ For Steven Gappy  
 ❖ †Bert Shubnell req. James D. Weil

## January 21, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For RoseAnn Lebioda  
 ❖ †Isabella Varchetti

- 12:00PM VP For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Alia  
 ❖ For Leonard Bartold (88th B'Day)  
 ❖ For Tracey A. Yokich

## January 22, Wednesday – Streda

- 9:00AM LM, d (*Latin*) In Atonement for Sins of Abortion & Contraception
- 12:00PM LM In Atonement for Sins of Abortion & Contraception

## January 23, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM LM For Robert Chura  
 ❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
 ❖ †Gerald Mazurkiewicz (B'Day)
- 12:00PM VP For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 ❖ †Stephen Orlowsky  
 ❖ †Bernel & Lydia Chase req. Nephew
- 7:00PM VP For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents  
 For Nardi & Jacob Gjekaj  
 For the Gojcaj Family

## January 24, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Gloria Duzey  
 ❖ †Isabella Varchetti ❖ †George Sorisho
- 9:00AM VP For Fr. Ben Kosnac ❖ For Timothy Taieb (B'Day)  
 ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Fedorko Family
- 12:00PM VP †Mary and Greg Manning & Family  
 ❖ †Anna Tomajko req. Ann Venglar  
 ❖ †Victoria & Jamil Kassab

## January 25, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM †Isabella Varchetti  
 ❖ †John & Agnes Kachman req. Family  
 ❖ †Soledad Jimenez
- 5:30PM JN For the Pope and All Priests  
 ❖ For Nina Mischker (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Mary Beth Lantzy (B'Day)  
 ❖ For the Buckley Families  
 ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  
 ❖ For the Schuller Family  
 ❖ †Denise Grudnicki

## January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 (64)

- 7:30AM LM For Deacon Gerald Smigell (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family  
 ❖ For Lisa Yanik req. Family  
 ❖ For the Rolling Family  
 ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ †Mary Jane Grivas ❖ †Elaine Krause
- 9:30AM LM For the Intentions of All parishioners
- 11:30AM JN (*Slovak*) ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Milan Straka  
 ❖ For Anna & †Paul Magusin
- 1:30PM JN For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality  
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 ❖ †James Zabawski req. wife  
 ❖ †Ann Orlick  
 ❖ †Eileen Chalmers  
 ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Basirico Family  
 ❖ †Anam Shina, Edward & Mary
- 6:00PM PC (*Latin*)-*Tridentine*: For Maria Laconi
- 8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Sharon Brown Family  
 ❖ For Sebastian Stephen (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Ross A. Beckley  
 ❖ For Michael McLaughlin  
 ❖ For a Special Intention req. Alia  
 ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family  
 ❖ †Mary Borst

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 19, 2020

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • [lmarek@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lmarek@saintcyrils.church)

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### Mass Celebrant Legend:

Fr. Libor Marek – LM, Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN  
 Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM – ML  
 Visiting Priest – VP, Deacon Preaching – d

**MOVIE: "Unplanned" • Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 26 • Fr. Mikus Hall • Free-Will Donation**

WHAT  
SHE  
SAW  
CHANGED  
EVERYTHING

**UNPLANNED**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18: 12:15PM**

(Pizza & Pop Available for Purchase on January 18)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: 2:45PM**

(MICHAEL KENNEY, Associate Executive producer, of "Unplanned" will be a SPECIAL GUEST on January 26 to speak about the movie & answer questions):

More about Michael Kenney:

<http://michaelokenney.com/> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v0bMeUdMRE>

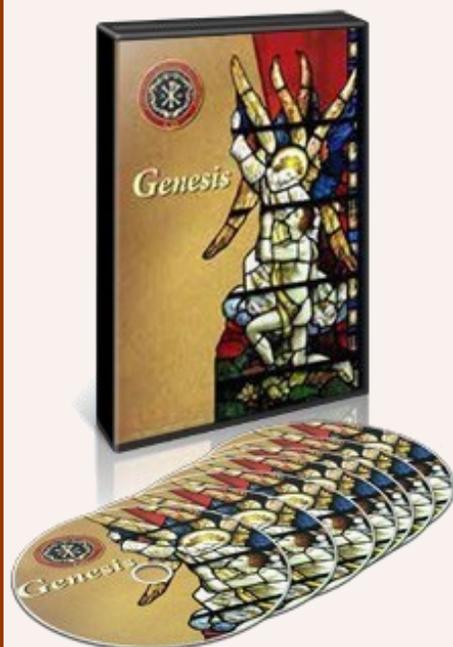
**Synopsis:** UNPLANNED is an important movie that exposes the devastating truths of abortion which was made legal during the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973. It brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate.

**PARENTS:** Please be aware that this movie has been **Rated R** due to the seriousness of this topic and the graphic image of a baby during an abortion. Please keep this in mind when determining whether you will allow your teens to view this movie.

(1 hour, 49 minutes / 2019)

**SPECIAL  
GUEST**

**BIBLE STUDY: Genesis • Begins THIS Tuesday, January 21**



**Genesis Bible Study: Commentary by Steve Ray - Presented by Fr. Matthew Kauth**

Without Genesis, the rest of the Bible is incomprehensible. Unveiling no less than the creation of the world and everything in it, including human life, as well as the birth of sin and the promise of a Savior, Genesis is packed with fascinating images and layered theological insights that require careful study.

In this powerful 28-session study, author Steve Ray and presenter Fr. Kauth will help you uncover what you need to know about this crucial first book of the Bible, including:

- The theological significance of *covenants*: what they meant for the ancient Jews, and what they mean for us today
- What the Binding of Isaac actually signifies, and what Noah's ark represents
- How to have a *personal relationship* with the "God of your fathers" (Exodus 3:15)

Genesis is the first key to unlocking the chest that enables us to understand the Bible as the Universal Church always has. To find the priceless gems inside, we need a good roadmap to learn how the 50 chapters fit together and fit with the rest of the entire Bible. Let Steve Ray and Fr. Kauth guide you on a 1,500+ verse *deep-dive* into the richly puzzling spiritual depths of Genesis.

If you are interested, please join us on Tuesday mornings, beginning January 21, at 10:00AM in the Overflow Room. It is a 28-week program that will break sometime in the late spring and begin again in the fall.

To register, please call *Marge*, (586) 731-1533, and leave a message or email [mtlew13@yahoo.com](mailto:mtlew13@yahoo.com) so I know how many study guides I need to order. The cost for the study guide is \$47.

**Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, January 20***In Persona Christi – A Night on preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

7:00PM - 8:45PM • Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

All high school teens (age 14 by December 1, 2018) are welcome to Life Nights.

Join us also on the following Monday, January 27, for a night about letting your “Yes” mean “Yes”!

Save the Date – Life Teen Spring Retreat – March 13-15

For a registration form or if you have questions about Life Teen:

*Alexandria Lewis*, [lifeteen@saintcyriels.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyriels.church)

**EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, January 23***Celebrate Life – A Night about being Pro-Life*

7:00PM – 8:45PM • Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our EDGE Nights. New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night.

Join us the following Thursday, January 30, for a night on evaluating the relationships in our lives.

If you have any questions about EDGE, please contact:

*Alexandria Lewis* or *Christian Dresen*

at [edge@saintcyriels.church](mailto:edge@saintcyriels.church) or (586) 641-7672

**Young Catholic Professionals January Events****Detroit Pistons/Memphis Grizzlies • January 24**

Join Young Adult YCP Detroit on Friday, January 24, 7:00-10:00PM for a fun night at Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward Avenue, as the Detroit Pistons take on the Memphis Grizzlies! All are welcome to attend, so feel free to invite friends and family!

Tickets: \$25, North End Club Section 203 (\$36 value).

Contact Trey Bauman, Director of Membership, to RSVP and arrange payment: [Trey.Bauman@ycpdetroit.org](mailto:Trey.Bauman@ycpdetroit.org)

[https://www.ycpdetroit.org/calendar\\_of\\_events](https://www.ycpdetroit.org/calendar_of_events)

(If deadline is past with YCP tickets, open spaces may be available for section 203 to buy online on TicketMaster.com)

**Executive Speaker Series • Judge Michael Warren • January 29**

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Detroit invites young adults of ages 20-39 to its Executive Speaker Series feat: Judge Michael Warren on Wednesday, January 29, from 7:00-9:00PM at St. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church, 1000 Sainte Anne Street, Detroit.

YCP Detroit Exec. Speaker Series is a free event every last Wednesday of the month in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young adult professionals, challenging them to ‘Work in Witness for Christ!’ Complimentary beer, wine, & appetizers are provided (7-9PM), Keynote speaker at 8PM, followed by after party at 9:30PM.

**SPEAKER BIO:** Judge Michael Warren was appointed by Governor John Engler to the Oakland County Circuit in 2002 and has been successfully elected to the seat several times. He is a former member of the State Board of Education, former board member of Cornerstone Schools, co-creator of Patriot Week with his then 10 year old daughter, and has been recognized as the Judge of the Year and Judge of the Decade by the International Association of Top Professionals. He teaches Constitutional Law II at Western Michigan Cooley Law School, and has authored a book, America’s Survival Guide, How to Stop America’s Impending Suicide by Reclaiming our First Principles and History. Learn about Patriot Week at: [www.PatriotWeek.org](http://www.PatriotWeek.org) and his book at [www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com](http://www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com). RSVP on Facebook for YCP Detroit events or website <https://www.ycpdetroit.org/>

**Pancake Breakfast \* Sunday, January 26**

The Men’s Club, with the assistance from the Knights of Columbus and the Africa Missionaries, will host another great Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, January 26, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses.

Invite your family and friends to join you for a delicious breakfast!

**Menu Includes:**

*homemade buttermilk pancakes, fresh scrambled eggs, baked red-skin potatoes, sausage links, toast, orange juice coffee!*

Prices: Children (12 and under): \$5

Adults (over 12 years old): \$7

Family Max: \$28

**Quilt Ministry • Saturday, January 25**

The Parish Quilt Ministry begins our 12th year of providing the warmth and comfort of a Quilt to those in need. Due to lack of storage space, we can no longer accept fabric donations. However, we are in need of solid color flat sheets and any scraps of yarn that you may have leftover from knit/crochet projects.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to assist with tying and pinning of our completed Quilt tops. No sewing skills are required! Just join us at 10:00AM next Saturday, January 25, in the Activity Center and enter through the southeast door.

Any questions, please call: Kay, (586) 752-7991

**St. Monica Sodality Mass \* Sunday, January 26**

As we enter again into Ordinary Time, a time for us to celebrate the things of everyday life, let us remember that God is active and working in everyone and everything. This month we celebrate the conversion of St. Paul and pray that St. Paul intercedes for us on behalf of our loved ones struggling with or away from the Catholic Faith.

The next St. Monica Sodality Mass takes place next Sunday, January 26, at 1:30PM. Please join us for Mass and prayers!

**Regina Caeli Academy Touring Event • January 27**

Are you looking for classical education and Catholic formation for your children? Does the opportunity to homeschool while also allowing your children to experience a structured classroom environment appeal to you?

Come find out more about Regina Caeli Academy Winter Touring Event on Monday, January 27, at 10:30AM. Children are welcome! This event will include a tour of our facilities, view of classes while in session (Preschool - 12th grade), a short presentation, and time for questions! Location: Regina Caeli Academy- Detroit, 42259 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights.

Please RSVP to *Mrs. Sarah Arkwright*, Center Coordinator of Education, [sarkwright.det@rcahybrid.org](mailto:sarkwright.det@rcahybrid.org) or (989) 402-5109.

**Sock Hop for Gianna House • February 1**

There will be an “Old School” Dance, featuring DJ, Live Auction, Food & Drinks on Saturday, February 1, beginning at 6:30PM to help support the mission of Gianna House—to provide a safe residence for pregnant teens and their newborn infants while providing spiritual, educational and parenting support and resources. Dance takes place in the St. Veronica Gym. \$50 per person. Questions, please call (313) 886-7105.

**Snowball Dinner Dance \* Saturday, February 1**

Doors Open: 6:00PM

Dinner-6:30PM &amp; Dancing: 7:00PM - 11:00PM

Ages: 14 -19 years old

- \*Cost Per person: \$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door
- \*Dinner includes: Pasta, Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream & Pop
- \* Bring board games and cards to play as well!

**DRESS CODE:**

NO ADMITTANCE if not in compliance  
with the Following Rules:

Guys: Dress shirt &amp; ties required. A suit would be nice.

Gals: Dresses MUST BE KNEE LENGTH OR LONGER!

NO Strapless, no high slit sides, no low cut, no skin tight,  
no backless, or revealing dresses allowed.

Chaperones are needed!

If you can help, please call: *Mary Hale* at (586) 773-8261  
or email at [maryhale1@juno.com](mailto:maryhale1@juno.com)

**Discernment Weekend for Men • January 30-February 2**

There is a Discernment Weekend for Men (High School Seniors—55 years old) from Thursday, January 30—Sunday, February 2, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit.

Pre-registration required: [detroitpriest.com](http://detroitpriest.com)**A Note from Seminarian Charles Giroux**

Dear Parish Family: I am greatly humbled and extremely grateful for the numerous prayers, gifts, and unending support I have received from you all. I thank God each day for the amazing opportunity I have been given and all that others have done to bring me thus far. I, in all sincerity, do not believe I would be here if it were not for the grace of God and your help.

I am currently in my first year of the master program which we call Theology one or T1. This semester marks four and a half years since I entered and I still have three and a half to go. The classes are not easy but the content is amazing and truly has an effect on the way I see God, the world, and others as it draws me closer to Christ.

This summer, my classmates and I will be going to the Holy Land and Rome for five weeks and will then do a 30 day silent retreat. I am looking forward to all that the Lord has in store for me in the near future as well as the day, if it pleases Him, that I am able to receive Holy Orders and take on His priesthood for the sake of the Kingdom.

Please know that I am praying for you all and again am unable to thank you nearly enough for all you have done for me.

*Charles Giroux*, Seminarian, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

**Shop Amazon and Support St. Dominic Outreach Center**

Each year at Christmas the parishioners at St. Cyril's support the families served by St. Dominic Outreach Center by purchasing dozens of gifts for the Giving Tree. Now we can support the Center year-round by shopping at AmazonSmile. With each eligible purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price to St. Dominic's. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) you'll find the exact same prices, selection, and convenient shopping as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Dominic Outreach Center.

**World Marriage Day • February 9, 2020**

Come celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, February 9, from 3:00PM - 8:00PM, at the San Marino Club, located at 1685 East Big Beaver, in Troy.

**Dinner, Dancing & Speakers:**

*Jeff & Lisa Vitale*, "The Different Stages of Marriage"

*Fr. Cornelius Okeke*, "When Love Runs Dry"

*Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo*, Emcees

Register by January 31, 2020: \$60/couple

Register after January 31 (until deadline, February 3): \$70/couple

Register at [WorldMarriageDay.org](http://WorldMarriageDay.org)

Questions, please contact:

*Rich or Fran Walden*, (586) 979-0192 or [waldenluv2@wowway.com](mailto:waldenluv2@wowway.com)

**Monthly Bilingual Rosary**

In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, we welcome all parishioners and guests to pray one Rosary in two languages-Slovak and English. Prayer intentions for these Rosaries will focus on our parish and respective countries. Our next Bilingual Rosary will be prayed in the Church at 7:00PM this Friday, February 14.

Future rosaries will be prayed on March 9, (April-Cancelled), May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

We also ask that you send us special prayer requests which will be lifted up during each Rosary. Prayer requests may be sent either by emailing [100rosary@gmail.com](mailto:100rosary@gmail.com) or calling or texting (586) 413-4050.

**Adoration**

Spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament beginning Sunday nights at 10:00PM through Saturday mornings, 9:00AM. If you would like to be a committed adorer, please contact *Jenn Dopke*, (586) 530-3674 or [jdopke13@gmail.com](mailto:jdopke13@gmail.com).

**Committed Adorers Especially Needed:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8AM-9AM, 9AM-10AM, 10AM-11AM

Tuesdays: 12AM-1AM, 1AM-2AM, 9PM-10PM

Saturdays: 1AM-2AM, 2AM-3AM, 3AM-4AM

**CATHECHISM CORNER/SCHEDULE****Schedule:**

**Wednesday, January 22, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades**

**Wednesday, January 29, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for K-4th grades**

If you have any questions, please contact us:

*Paul & Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Religious Education,  
(586) 726-6911, [p\\_schuller@yahoo.com](mailto:p_schuller@yahoo.com)



## Did You Know ...

The Archdiocese of Detroit provides a valuable resource to help families strengthen their faith and reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day. Visit: [52.sundays.com](http://52.sundays.com) to get a copy of "52 Sundays"! Below is a reprint of "52 Sundays" from this weekend, the second Sunday in Ordinary Time!

### Explore the Sunday Gospel - *John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus*, JN 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

### Meet our Extended Family - *Saint Francis de Sales* (Feast Day January 24th)

After earning a doctorate in law, Francis wished to enter the priesthood. At age 35 he became the bishop of Geneva. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. Francis is well-known for his book, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which is still available for purchase today. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints.

### Take Time to Chat

- ◆ Who was John the Baptist?
- ◆ Why did John the Baptist call Jesus the Lamb of God?
- ◆ St. Francis de Sales wrote a book to remind people that all are called to be holy, not just priests and religious. As a family, how can we become more holy?

### Recipe of the Week - *Easy Noodle Bake*

1 lb ground beef  
 1 small onion chopped  
 2 cloves of garlic minced  
 1 jar spaghetti sauce  
 Garlic Salt  
 Margarine  
 1 box rotini noodles  
 Shredded mozzarella cheese  
 Parmesan Cheese

Brown ground beef with onions and garlic. Drain. Sprinkle with garlic salt to taste. Pour in spaghetti sauce. Simmer 5 minutes. Cook noodles according to directions. Drain. Mix in 1 tablespoon margarine. Sprinkle with garlic salt. Pour in spaghetti sauce and mix well. Transfer to baking dish. Sprinkle top with mozzarella cheese and parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 until cheese is bubbly.

### Family Fun - *Plan an Outing*

- ◆ Celebrate MLK Day by attending an event sponsored by your local church or community.
- ◆ Plan an afternoon trip to a museum. Try the Detroit Historical Museum or the Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield Village.
- ◆ Go to a local mall and do a family walk. Make your final destination the food court so that everyone can get ice cream!

### Family Prayer

*Father in Heaven, when the Spirit came down upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, You revealed Him as Your own Beloved Son. Keep us, your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. May we, who share in Your Life as Your children through Baptism, follow in Christ's path of service to people. Let us become one in His Sacrifice and hear His Word with faith. May we live as your children, following the example of Jesus. Amen*

[Invite each person to share any prayer intentions they may have.]

*We ask all these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### Liturgy Link

At Mass, we pray or sing a prayer called the Lamb of God.

What does the priest do and say right after this prayer?

### Unleashing the Gospel in your Family

"Families today face unprecedented challenges, and for this reason our local Church must commit a major portion of her resources to supporting families and helping them live out their call to holiness." (Guidepost 7)

### Fun Facts!

Monday, January 20th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a passionate preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and example and a martyr for justice. Archbishop Vigneron recently wrote a pastoral note on racism that can be accessed here:

<https://www.unleashthegospel.org/pastoral-notes/agents-for-the-new-creation/>.



Fr. Frank Pavone

### Midwest Apologetics Conference VII (MACVII) • February 22, 2020

Peace be with you my friends and welcome to ordinary time!

John Kowalski here, reminding you that on Saturday, February 22nd (just over a month from now), the seventh annual Midwest Apologetics Conference (MAC) is coming to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, and this year's topic is defending the pro-life position in the modern world.

In the context of this topic, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of a verse in the Gospel of John:

*Jn 21:25 "But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."*



Mr. Trevor Pollo

Have you ever wondered what sort of "things" the Apostle John was referring to? Well, thankfully we know some of them because Jesus left us a Church as well as a Bible. While the Church was established by Christ Himself (see Mt 16:18), the Bible wasn't assembled until hundreds of years after Jesus' death. This is why, as Catholics, we have both, and part of the Catholic Church's teaching and tradition includes a document called "The Didache" (did -uh-kay).

Written by the Apostles within a few decades of the Crucifixion, the Didache, contains some of their earliest known writings and teachings for the Church, and in it you might be surprised to read this:

*"There are two ways, one of life and one of death; and between the two ways there is a great difference. Now, this is the way of life: [...] Do not murder; do not commit adultery [...] do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant."*

On this week, the anniversary of the shameful decision of Roe v. Wade, I wanted to point out that the pro-life struggle is not a new one. The Roe v. Wade battle may be just under fifty years old, but the war against life has been going on for thousands of years, and Catholics have always been at its forefront. When Roman era pagans abandoned their unwanted children to the elements and to the wild beasts (a practice called exposing), it was the Catholics who took these children into their homes – a practice we continue even unto today.

Abortion is the ultimate theft. Not only is a life stolen, but so too the potential of that life to society. Of the millions upon millions of people aborted, whose to say one of these wasn't the person to solve world hunger, bring peace, or discover how to produce limitless energy? How many potential cures for illness or disease have we snuffed out in the name of abortion? Sadly, we'll never know.

Yes, my friends, we are in ordinary time, but it doesn't mean we have to be ordinary. St. Paul gives us good advice in the letter to the Romans (Rom 12:2) when he writes:

*"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Perhaps now is your time, maybe this is the year for a conviction or a transformation on this critical issue. Perhaps it will happen at Ss. Cyril & Methodius next month.

Join me, won't you and find out?

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