

Unfortunately, the January 24th Saturday evening Mass had to be cancelled due to the snow and severe cold.

Contributions received in January
Offertory Collection: \$ 6,983
Other: \$ 50
Monthly Budgeted: \$ 7,500
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Monday February 2
Jesus and Coffee meets
McCarty Center @ 10 AM

Friday February 6
Adoration 3 PM

Wednesday February 18
Ash Wednesday Mass-11 AM

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
CELEBRATED
FEBRUARY 7, 2026
3:30 PM - Rosary
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of
Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Eucharist
Barbara Kantner*

Please pray for our Parishioner residing in
Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:
Sally Fleenor.



**FEBRUARY PRAYER
REQUESTS**
*Clif and Mary Kay Brooks,
Helen Taylor, Bonnie Salmon,
Tracy Rotert, Jean Precht,
Helen Lutz, Mary Berry,
Margaret Hastings, Norine
Osburn, and the repose of the souls of JoAnn
Mertz, Vic Gustin, and Leland Hemme.*



**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN
AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY**
*Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer,
and Faith Schaefer,*

*The Lenton issue of "Word Among Us"
is available in the basket in Miller Hall.
Please pick yours up and consider
picking one up for our homebound
members.*

**Pope Leo XIV's
Prayer Intentions for February**

*For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering
from incurable diseases and their
families receive the necessary
medical care and support, never
losing strength and hope.*



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
OF ORDINARY TIME
CELEBRATED
JANUARY 31, 2026
AT 4:00 PM**

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.
Wed. By Appointment
Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.
Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.
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**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS A CENTER OF
CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**



It may seem early but Ash Wednesday, February 18th, is rapidly approaching. Father would like you to bring in your palms from 2025 and place them in the basket on the table in Miller Hall. We will then prepare them for use on Ash Wednesday.

"It is therefore in the heart that true treasure is kept, not in earthly safes, not in large financial investments, which today more than ever before are out of control and unjustly concentrated at the bloody price of millions of human lives and the devastation of God's creation."

POPE LEO XIV

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

2026 Catholic Calendars have arrived and are available on the table in Miller Hall. Please feel free to pick up one.

The Parish Council would like your help in our church Stewardship to our community. We are collecting one or more items a month from each church family. The



item(s) for February are pastas and instant potatoes. Please place items in the tub by the water cooler in Miller Hall. The items will go to Hickory County CARES Food Pantry for distribution. We thank you for your support in the act of giving.



Evalina would like to extend her thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, gifts, food, cake, and the kindness everyone showed her on the celebration of her 102nd birthday.

Please extend a warm welcome to Rev. Richard Frank (retired) from Jefferson City, who is officiating the Mass today. Father Frank will be with us for Saturday Masses in the absence of Father Ben.



Reflection for Matthew 5:1-12a

This series of promises known as the Beatitudes continues to speak with hope, comfort, and possibly a little challenge. Most of us don't want to claim these promises as prizes or rewards, and future glory can be a small comfort during current tragedy and hardship. But remembering the one who speaks these words may just boost the power of their balm.

Jesus has just completed the first leg of his ministry in the Galilee region, and according to Matthew, he and the disciples are now being followed by a great crowd of people from beyond the region because of all the works of hope and physical redemption he has done. Jesus has become a popular healer and people are coming to them because they need that kind of hope.

The Beatitudes are Jesus's first act of teaching in the Gospel of Matthew. Given his Jewish audience, the first

appearance of something is important. The first thing that Jesus teaches about life in the kingdom of God is that it is for people who are in need. It is also significant that the kingdom of God is built on promises. And let us not miss the detail that Jesus sits down to teach. To sit is to join with those you teach, and to sit is to proclaim authority. To sit and discuss these hard things is to be calm, purposeful, not afraid of the challenges ahead.

So, Jesus's first words of teaching are a word of comforting blessing filled with promises, made from a position of joining those he teaches. The fact that it comes after a volley of healings and miracles really rounds out the sense of Jesus's ministry, doesn't it?

God's Beatitudes help us to neither wallow nor become victims while allowing us to still tell the truth about the hardships we currently face. We do not have deny the difficulties or the injustices and wrongs in order to pursue a beautiful life and future. Jesus doesn't require us to pretend, but he does give us reason to hope.

***St. Bernadette
Pray for us***