

Father Richard Frank celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time on Saturday, January 31st at 4:00 PM with 46 in attendance.

Contributions received in February  
Offertory Collection: \$ 1,346  
Other: \$ 170  
Monthly Budgeted: \$ 7,500  
-5,984

Monday February 9  
Jesus and Coffee meets  
McCarty Center @ 10 AM

Wednesday February 18  
Ash Wednesday Mass-11 AM

Friday February 20  
Stations of the Cross 4:00PM  
Followed by Adoration

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
CELEBRATED  
FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

**3:30 PM - Rosary  
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
4:00 PM – Eucharist  
*\*Carol Frey***

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



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**FEBRUARY PRAYER  
REQUESTS**  
*Clif and Mary Kay Brooks,  
Helen Taylor, Bonnie Salmon,  
Tracy Rotert, Jean Precht,  
Helen Lutz, Mary Berry,  
Margaret Hastings, Norine*



**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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
CELEBRATED  
FEBRUARY 7, 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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CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,  
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**



It may seem early but Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

***"This is a rule of faith and the secret of hope: all this earth's goods, material realities, worldly pleasures, economic prosperity, however important, cannot bring happiness to our hearts. Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty — above all the poverty born of the failure to recognize our need for God and of the attempt to live without him."***

### ***POPE LEO XIV***

Vitae's Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders  
*Annual Pro-Life Event*



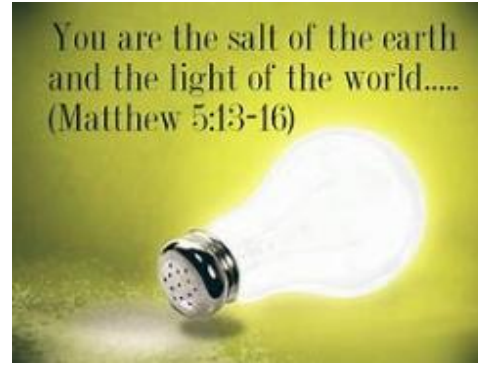
**The Parish Council** will be hosting the February Sweets Table next weekend Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 102<sup>nd</sup> 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 5:13-16**

Jesus uses contrasting metaphors for Christian life, and they apply at different times in each person's life and in the church's life. Sometimes we are put in the spotlight, and we have our fifteen minutes of fame: briefly we are the light of the world, and we can pray that when we are in such focus, we may be worthy of our Christian vocation. Most of the time we are more like salt, or leaven, working for good even when unseen. Salt is a less attractive image than light. If there is anything of the exhibitionist in us, this image will discover it.

Lord, what do you ask of me, to be light or salt, to shine in public, or to work invisibly? Make me easy in the role you assign me.

Each of us is a light for the world because we are enlightened by Jesus,

the light of the world. The light within us is not our own, but is a reflection of his light, the light of God. Prayer exposes us to the light, and when we move from the space of prayer into the space of ordinary life, we are more enlightened, in mind and heart. God is light, in him there is no darkness. We are light, though not all is light. The touch of God brings light to more and more of our inner, hidden personality.

Goodness shines through and cannot be hidden. The goodness of Jesus came through even in the darkness of the passion and attracted good people to him. God's gifts to each person are to build up the community and thus glorify God. Anything done in love is done for the glory of God, for selfless love and the glory of God go together.

Jesus reminds me that faith is not a wet blanket on the joys of life but brings zest and spark. I ask Jesus to touch my imagination to show me how my faith can bring color and life to me and to those around me.

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