

Father Richard Frank celebrated the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time on Saturday, February 7, at 4:00 PM with 54 in attendance.

Contributions received in February  
Offertory Collection: \$ 3,361  
Other: \$ 180  
Monthly Budgeted: \$ 7,500  
-3,959

Monday February 16  
Jesus and Coffee meets  
McCarty Center @ 10 AM

Wednesday February 18  
Ash Wednesday Mass-11 AM

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

**THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
CELEBRATED  
FEBRUARY 21, 2026**  
3:30 PM - Rosary  
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
4:00 PM – Eucharist  
**\*Joe Messina**


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



*Osburn and Evalina Sambroski*

**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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
CELEBRATED  
FEBRUARY 14, 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 CHRIS**



**April 30, 2026**  
 Missouri State Capitol  
 Jefferson City, MO

Featured Speakers:

**Mayra Rodriguez** Pro-Life Speaker and Whistleblower  
**Linda Friere** Sidewalk Advocates for Life  
**Reagan Barklage** Students for Life of America

**Holy Mass Offered by Bishop James V. Johnston**

To see typical schedule from last year, get more information, and register, visit us at:  
[midwestmarchforlife.com](http://midwestmarchforlife.com)

**First Class Relic of St. Carlos Acutis  
 &  
 Miracles of the Eucharist Display**

We love to honor young people as they promote  
 the sanctity of life!

Tell us what your school or homeschool group has been  
 doing and apply to be the Prolife School of Year!

School bands welcome to register to perform in the March



**"To love until the end: here is the key to understanding Christ's heart. A love that does not cease in the face of rejection, disappointment, even ingratitude."**

**POPE LEO XIV**



Keynote: Riley Gaines  
 NCAA Swimmer & Advocate for Women  
 Thursday, March 26, 2026

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. Father Brad Berhorst, (Head Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop) will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with us.

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.



**Have you made a Cursillo Weekend? 4<sup>th</sup> Day Social**

Please join us Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 4PM in St. Ann Parish Hall for a 4<sup>th</sup> Day gathering/social. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Whether you are grouping or not, moved from another parish or diocese, we invite you to join us for fellowship. A Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat member will be joining us. Contact our parish rep Lisa Kelley (660-281-0199) or Johnny Kelley (660-287-1006) or Don Ostrolencki (816-582-2698) or Becky Sander at 573-808-3758 or: [jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Reflection for Matthew 5:17-37**

Today, the Gospel offers us a monologue from Jesus, a lengthy teaching asking us to be warned against the thought processes and vacuous facades of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Our everyday lives are full of risk. Spiritual risk. We can adopt those facades ourselves; indeed, we *do* adopt them. Jesus is asking us to check ourselves, to not fall into the same spiritual trap.

The freedom that God gives us to follow our own conscience is itself one of the greatest dangers, because we are at our own wheel; we are our own coxswain. We steer, plot, navigate and make the decisions about the journey that we take, the journey through life. But God *wants* this freedom in our hearts. He wishes us to come freely into his kingdom, into his eternity.

This freedom is what we must keep in mind daily, moment by moment. By considering God's Scripture in our hearts whenever we make decisions, whenever we speak to our neighbor, whenever we struggle with doubt and temptation, by keeping God close we are giving ourselves the best opportunity to let grace take charge, for the Spirit to steer us. If we ask, God will reply. If we seek him, he shall come.

Freely coming to God in trust, asking him to intervene, would have been anathema in the eyes of the Pharisees. And, as Jesus said, 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

Our virtue is to love and to trust, to make our own journey, but also to ask God to be the waves that steer us, the wind that draws us. If our words are empty, if we seek God only in hushed prayer but not in our relationships, then we shall be lost. Lost, spiritually, and lost to God's kingdom.

**St. Bernadette  
 Pray for us**