

Ministers of the Liturgy January 30 & 31, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: George Spaulding, Rita Burch, Marian Quigley, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, Wilton Bonamour, Flora Maria Be, Karen Hebert (L), Rose Marie Greco Federico, Hubert LaBorde, Joseph Segari, Elvera Youngblood
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
Cantor: Trish Genco

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Tusa, P. Cifreo, R. Meche, P. Manfre
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Sheila Barry, Rene J. Chapoton, Souls in Purgatory, Joseph Donald Bernard, James E. Fitzmorris, Jr. (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Carol Klotz (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
D. Childers, D. Powers
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (2/1-6)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Fr. H.L. Brignac (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Maria Mercedes Cabrera
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Jose Arias
	8:20 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Fr. H.L. Brignac (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Isabella Forsythe
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Ethel C. Brignac
Saturday	8:45 a.m.	Rosary & Altar Society



February Mass Schedule

2/6-7	2/20-21
4 p.m. Fr. H. L.	4 p.m. Fr. H. L.
9 a.m. Fr. H. L.	9 a.m. Fr. Cooper
11 a.m. Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. Cooper
6 p.m. Fr. Cooper	6 p.m. Fr. H. L.
2/13-14	2/27-28
4 p.m. Fr. Cooper	4 p.m. Fr. Cooper
9 a.m. Fr. H. L.	9 a.m. Fr. H. L.
11 a.m. Fr. Cooper	11 a.m. Fr. H. L.
6 p.m. Fr. H. L.	6 p.m. Fr. Cooper

The Feast of St. Blaise

St. Blaise Day is Wednesday, February 3. Throats will be blessed after the 7 a.m. Mass and at the school Mass at 8:20 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

The holy and penitential Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, with the distribution of Ashes. The Mass schedule is 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon (Word Service with the Distribution of Ashes – No Mass) and 6 p.m.

Blessing of the Stations of the Cross

We will formally bless our new set of Stations of the Cross on the first Friday of Lent, February 12, at 6 p.m. The Rite of Blessing will be followed by praying the Stations of the Cross. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Feb. 6/7

4 p.m.	A. & P. Delaup
9 a.m.	M. Evola, P. Fleming, C. Frederick, L. Director
11 a.m.	K. Robertson, R. Meece, N. Bostick, L. Frey
6 p.m.	A. Calongne, T. Keller



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of January 31
J. LeBoeuf, J. Rojas, T. Gsell

Linens

Large - M. Thibodeaux Small - J. Rojas

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$3,624.00
Loose	2,631.00
Clarion	260.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	65.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	290.00
Totaling	\$6,870.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Christ and the Catholic School

In the Gospel, we see that on the Sabbath day, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. All those who listened to Him were “astounded at his teaching, for he taught with authority and not like the scribes.” He then showed the tremendous power of His authoritative words by silencing and casting a demon out of a man. That amazed the crowd even further. They asked, “What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him” (cf. Mk 1:21-28).

The same Jesus who entered the Capernaum synagogue on the Jewish Sabbath enters our beautiful St. Benilde Church on the Christian Sabbath. And here He teaches with the same authority He wielded two thousand years ago. He speaks to us in the Word of God and He who created the heavens and the earth with His Word will do something far more amazing than silence and cast out a devil. He will change bread and wine into His body and blood and cast Himself into us. If we recognize what is really going on, we will be far more amazed than Jesus’ contemporaries two millennia ago.

But Christ’s teaching authority doesn’t stop at Mass. One very important way the Church carries out its mandate to teach with Christ’s wisdom and power is in Catholic schools. Today we begin the celebration of *Catholic Schools Week* and it is good for us at the outset to reflect on just how important Catholic schools are in Christ’s plan. They are the means by which new generations of disciples are formed in the faith and in all of the learning and skills necessary so that they can become the light of the world and transform it for the better. In Catholic schools, students receive more than instruction for their brains, because they are more than intellect. They receive an “integral education” geared toward forming their souls and their character. The goal of Catholic education is not merely to help them get into high school, or college, or find a good job. It’s to prepare them to ace the final exam of life and live with Christ, “our one teacher” (Mt 23:8), throughout their life.

I’d like to finish by giving the beneficiaries of Catholic schools the last words. Sometimes adults can wonder whether young people are perceptive enough to notice the distinctiveness of Catholic schools and why they’re so important in their upbringing. Listen to the testimony of these three students and you be the judge: (1) “The best thing about being in a Catholic school,” says one fifth grader, “is that you never get made fun of for believing in Jesus Christ. It is such a relief to know that you are free to talk about Jesus. In some schools you can’t talk about Jesus. If you talk about Jesus, kids would make fun of you and wouldn’t play or talk to you. And that is why I love my Catholic school so much.” (2) “What I love about my Catholic school,” says another fifth grader, “is that we learn to follow the teachings of Jesus every day and we are able to learn about our religion. I’m also thankful that we can say the word God in school. I appreciate the opportunity to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist

during the week and on holy days with my classmates. We learn and practice good morals and manners so there are no bullies to worry about. I don’t have to listen to anyone using bad language around me. I also like the teachers because they are nice and they understand me. I love going to school every day because of them. I also like that we can say the Pledge of Allegiance, and we can say ‘Merry Christmas’ to each other instead of ‘Happy Holidays.’ I like it when my school puts on a Christmas play or concert.” (3) Finally, the retrospective wisdom of a seventh grader: “During my time in Catholic education, I have been provided with many tools I will need to succeed in my future. However, the most important instrument of learning I have been granted is love. Learning to love other human beings has greater value than any diamond in the world. At my school, it’s not only the things we learn, but how we learn and how we apply them with love, that makes our school the wonderful school it is.”

As we can see, in Catholic schools, Jesus continues to amaze them with His authoritative teaching. How lucky we are to have a Catholic school in our parish! May God help us always to be grateful for it and never take it for granted. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

February Calendar

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| Feb. 1 | Confirmation Class - 6 p.m. - School Bldg.
RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library |
| Feb. 2 | Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
Chers Amis - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Feb. 4 | CALM - 7 p.m. - Church |
| Feb. 6 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Feb. 13 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Feb. 14 | Holy Name/Men's Club Mass & Breakfast
RCIA Rite of Sending - 11 a.m. Mass |
| Feb. 15 | Confirmation Class - 6 p.m. - School Bldg.
RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library
Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Feb. 16 | SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office
Home & School - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Feb. 17 | Pro-Life - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
Block Rosary - 7 p.m. - Home of G. St. Germain |
| Feb. 19 | Pack Meeting - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Feb. 20/21 | Hospitality Weekend - Home & School
RCIA Penitential Rite - 9 a.m. Mass |
| Feb. 22 | Confirmation Class - 6 p.m. - School Bldg.
RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library |
| Feb. 23 | Advisory Council - 7 p.m. - Faculty Lounge |
| Feb. 24 | Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center |
| Feb. 26/27 | St. Benilde School Play |
| Feb. 27 | Rosary & Altar Society Morning of Reflection
Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Feb. 28 | CCD Sacrament of Penance- 10 a.m. - Church
RCIA 1st Scrutiny - 11 a.m. Mass |
| Feb. 29 | Confirmation Practice - 7 p.m. - Church |