



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## ***4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE LOVE***

"There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love." —1 Corinthians 13:13

Life is simple. The meaning of life is love, for God is Love (1 Jn 4:16). All we have to do is to love God with all our hearts (Dt 6:5), love ourselves (Mt 22:39), and love our neighbors (Mt 22:39).

Life is humanly impossible, for the meaning of life is love, and it is humanly impossible to love. God is easy to love sometimes (see Lk 4:22). But then He speaks the truth in love (see Eph 4:15), and we desire to throw Him over a cliff (Lk 4:29-30). Moreover, although it is quite easy to be selfish, it is humanly impossible to love ourselves. We live in the midst of an epidemic of self-hatred. Abortion, euthanasia, alcoholism, addictive behavior, TV-idolatry, and major influences in our culture of death are obvious or subtle manifestations of self-hatred. Finally, to love our neighbors means to love everyone, including our enemies (Mt 5:43-44). This is the most obvious indication of the human impossibility of love.

How can we relate to God, Who is Love, when we are not in love or even loving? "We, for our part, love because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). Do a one-minute crucifix novena. Look at a crucifix for at least one minute a day for nine days. Let the Holy Spirit reveal in a new and deeper way Abba's love for you (Gal 4:6; Rm 5:5).

***Prayer: Abba, may I live in love and live in You (1 Jn 4:16).***

## *Masses & Information*

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, February 03 - 8.30 a.m. +Alice Britten By Alice Kuehler

Monday, February 04- 7:30 a.m. +Alice Britten By Alice Kuehler

Wednesday, February 06 - 6:00p.m.  
+Willie Mae Barnett By Bill and Linda Bohr

Thursday, February 07 - 7:30a.m. +Earl Britten By Bill and Linda Bohr

Friday, February 08- 7:30a.m. +Earl Britten By Bill and Linda Bohr

Saturday, February 09 - 5:30p.m. +  
Sambo Katara By Bill and Linda Bohr

## *Church Cleaning for February*

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, and Lynita Brown

## *Family Chalice Program*

Jan 26/27 Mike and Marla Britten

Feb 2/3 Ron Kuehler Family

Feb 9/10 Nick Weinheimer Family

Feb 16/17 Keith Barkley Family

Feb 23/24 Michele & Rodney Bohr

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Ollinger

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Friemel

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **01/27/19**

Individual	\$1,890.00
Loose	\$ 149.00
Children	\$ 4.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,043.00</b>

### **01/27/19 Building Fund**

Individual & Total	\$ 200.00
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### 01/27/19 The Church in Latin America

Individual	\$ 320.00
Loose	\$ 134.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 454.00</b>

# *Liturgical Ministers*

## **Saturday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Zadyn and Braxton

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten & John Connelly

## **Sunday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Maci

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer, and Joannie Kling

## **Saturday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Jan Britten

## **Sunday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Tucker

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten & Melanie K Britten

## **Saturday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Damon and Alex

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & Jan Britten

## **Sunday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, and Susan Britten

## **Saturday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Kevin Brown

## **Sunday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

# *Announcements:*

## **Second Collection:**

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Campus Ministries

## **Christian Mothers Meetings:**

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

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## **RURAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

The Catholic Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of Amarillo is sponsoring a Youth Pilgrimage to Oklahoma City in honor of Blessed Stanley Rother, Farmer, Priest and Martyr. The retreat will take place March 30-31, 2019. The retreat, led by Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, will include an excursion to Okarche, OK, Fr. Rother's hometown. The cost per student is \$50.00. To register, contact Fr. Jim at St. John the Evangelist Church in Borger (806) 274-7064 by March 8th (A discount of ten dollars for registrations received by March 1st)

**Announcements:**

**On Feb. 3:** Many Catholics will be in church for the annual blessing of throats on **St. Blaise's feast day**. But why two candles? And what miraculous event led to his major patronal church in a city which has hundreds of statues and other art on him? Let's start with the candles. First, they're tied together to form a cross. The reason should be unmistakable. But what other events do the pair of candles recall? Why two? Most everyone is familiar with the story of how St. Blaise, arrested and being led to prison, met a woman rushing up to him and pleading for him to save her only son who was choking to death on a fishbone. Bishop Blaise interceded with his prayers and the boy was miraculously healed. That miraculous intercession led to the blessing of throats for his intercession for health which carries on today. He's patron of illnesses of the throat. Even in his life Blaise was known for healing humans. People from all around sought him out for healing their bodily ills and their spiritual ills. The second part of the double reason: he was also known for healing and helping animals. Stories go how when the Christian persecutions began, he withdrew to a cave in the woods when inspired to do so by the Lord. Since he was a physician before he became a bishop, Blaise soon became the friend of wild animals that were ill or wounded. They sought him out. One day the governor's hunters searching for animals to bring to the city's amphitheater were shocked when they happened upon Blaise. There he was, kneeling and praying — surrounded by totally docile wolves, lions and bears, tame in his presence. When they took him prisoner, on the way to the jail he got more chances to perform miracles besides healing the boy with the fishbone. He met a poor woman in great distress because a wolf had snatched her small, young pig. She asked his help. Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig. Right away, the wolf heard and brought back the pig which was not harmed. St. Blaise also is patron of animals, veterinarians, wool combers, and against attacks of wild animals. And again why the two candles? Because that poor widow who got her pig back in gratitude brought Blaise food and two candles while he was imprisoned and being tortured. On a smaller scale, the two candles recall that story.