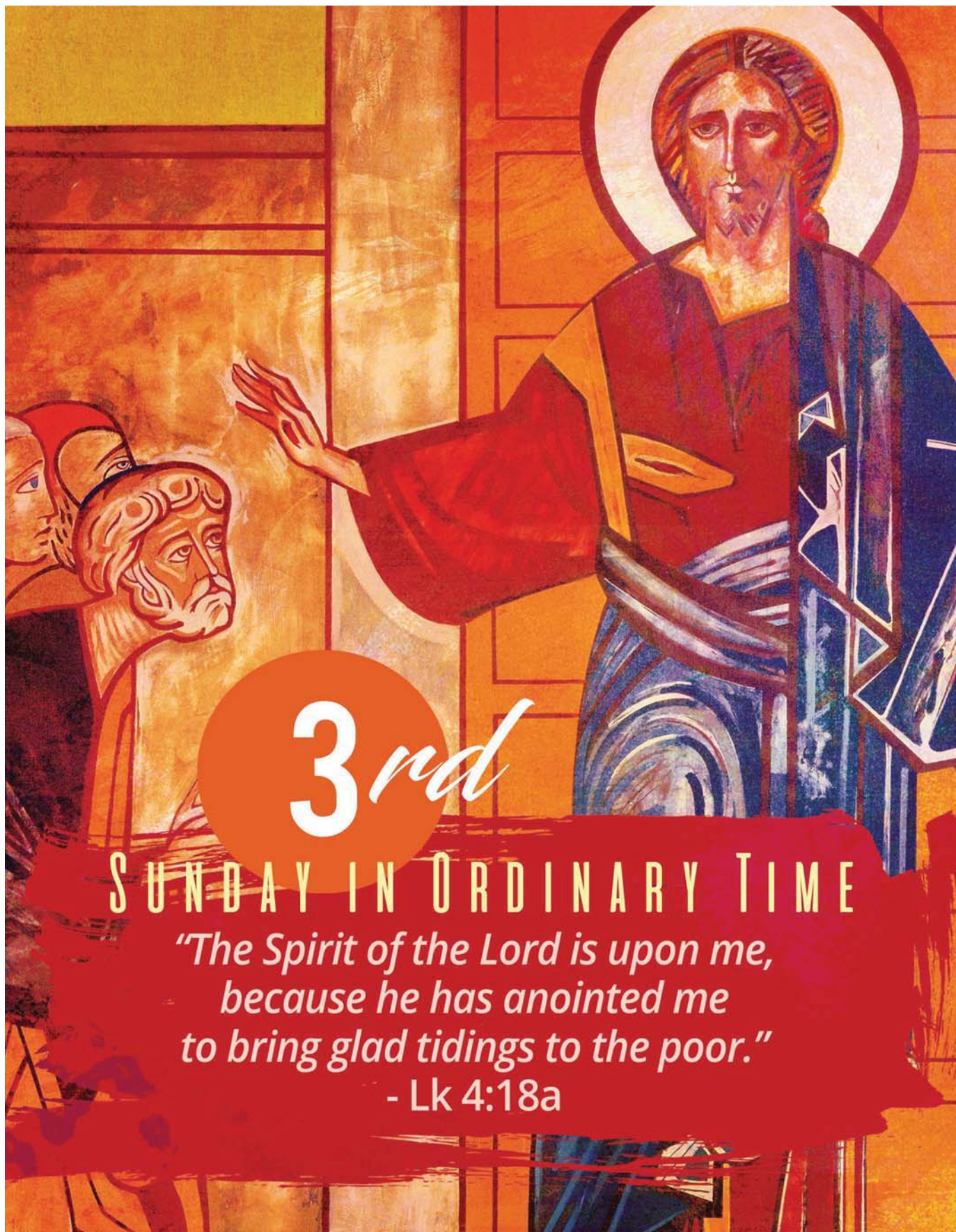


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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

Jan 23

2022



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

New Year....New Plan

Once again we are at the point, due to the New Year, of thinking about the future. It must be natural for those of us who live in winter climates to automatically start thinking about what life will be like when the weather gets warmer. For me, it's always about our parish calendar: what does the next six months look like for our parishes and school?

Similarly, as seems to be the case in every season now, we hope that something will soon be different with COVID such that life will be more and more normal as the summer approaches. As a pastoral staff and councils we will be examining what we can add to the happenings of the collaborative to expand the life of Faith for our community. We will also be thinking about more than just individual events.

As a collaborative we are seeing an interesting convergence of planning needs for the school and parishes. All of these "entities" have come due in the last two years for an update in strategic and collaborative pastoral plans. This provides a unique and timely opportunity to develop a broad vision on what it means to be a community of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in this time, in this circumstance, and in our place in the world. We are only now beginning to think about "how to think" of what will enable a Catholic community to flourish in the years to come. Please stay tuned for more information as our collaborative vision comes into focus. More importantly, please pray that we will have the wisdom to discern God's will for our future and the grace and ability to live it.

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Saint Monica School

WINTER CALENDAR RAFFLE

February 2022

(If your name is picked on the day, you win that amount)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. \$150	2. \$50	3. \$50	4. \$50	5. \$100
6. \$100	7. \$50	8. \$50	9. \$50	10. \$50	11. \$50	12. \$100
13. \$100	14. \$50	15. \$50	16. \$50	17. \$50	18. \$50	19. \$100
20. \$100	21. \$50	22. \$50	23. \$50	24. \$50	25. \$50	26. \$100
27. \$100	28. \$150					

We must sell 200 tickets. If we do not sell 200 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%.

(This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50

Checks made out to St. Monica School by 1/31/22

Name _____ Phone (REQUIRED) _____

Address (REQUIRED) _____

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Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize. If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket)

WE ARE HAVING A BABY SHOWER

A Pro-Life Baby Shower will be held over the next two weekends to benefit Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center and Pregnancy Care Center. If you'd like to make a contribution, please bring one or several of the items listed below to Mass over the following weekends:



January 22/23 | St. Monica's | All Weekend Masses

January 29/30 | St. Lucy's | All Weekend Masses

Items needed: Infant toys, Walmart or Target gift cards, new Baby clothes, disposable diapers (infant-2yrs), baby bottles, blankets. Cash and checks are kindly accepted. NO formula please.

Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center | pregnancyma.com | 781-229-7887

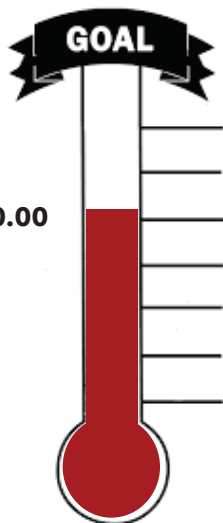
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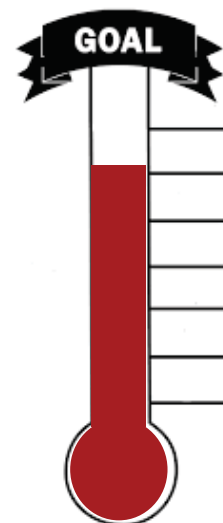
\$100,000



\$63,000.00

ST. LUCY

This year both parishes have a goal of \$100,000 in order to avoid slipping into deficit spending. This is primarily due to our need to increase our staff and make necessary capital improvements. We're ahead of last year's timetable, but our goal was not this large. If you have not yet contributed to the grand annual, please consider doing so. If you have already contributed, thank you for your generosity.



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ST. MONICA



**St. Joseph Shrine | 37 Lee St.
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Mass

8:00am, 12pm, & 5:30pm | Monday - Friday
8am, 12pm, & 4pm | Saturday
8am, 10am, & 12pm | Sunday

Confessions

10am-12pm & 4:30-5:15pm | Monday - Friday
10am-1pm | Saturday
7-8pm | First Wednesday of month

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Mass

12:05pm | Monday - Wednesday & Fridays
7:00pm | Thursdays (Spanish)
4pm | (Saturdays Vigil)
9am, 10:30am, & 12pm (Spanish) | Sundays

Confessions

6:00-6:45pm | Thursdays
10:00am-3:00pm | Fridays (except during Mass)
10:00am-3:45pm | Saturdays

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 12:45-2:45pm FHC - Eighth Grade Students St. Lucy Church/Lower Church Hall/Schoolhouse
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

- Parish Offices Closed
- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Ultreya 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- Prayer and Study 10am - 12 pm (Zoom)
- Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00pm St. Lucy Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Schoolhouse
- Bettor's Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church



**KNIGHTS
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"9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE"

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a "9 Day Novena for Life" starting on Wednesday, January 19 at 6 PM. The Program will include Prayers, the Rosary and Reflection on each of the 9 consecutive evenings.

All parishioners, family and friends are welcome to join us in this Novena which will take place on Zoom.

Please contact Bob Beaudry at erbeaudry@aol.com if you would like to participate, or, if you do not have access to Zoom and would like to receive the Program for a personal Novena.

OFFERTORY | JAN 1 & 2

St. Monica - \$6,283⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,770.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, grape jam, and strawberry jam. *Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday | 11:30am-4:30pm
Fridays | 9:00am-2:00pm*

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am & 11 am St. Monica | 10 am St. Lucy

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9:00 am St. Lucy

FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes Sat

4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel

6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel

6:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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INTROIT*Ps 97 (96): 7, 8*

Worship God, all you his angels. Sion has heard, and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon - der a - new
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Cf. Jn 6: 63c; ¶ Ps 19 (18): 8, 9, 10, 15*

℟. Your words, Lord, are Spir - it and life.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Lk 4: 18



✠ *The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.*

GOSPEL

Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 34 (33): 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

COMMUNION HYMN*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*

Verses

1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All, How can I
 2. Had I but Ma - ry's sin - less heart, To love thee
 3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed The vic - tim

1. love thee as I ought? And how re - vere this
 2. with, my dear - est King; O! with what bursts of
 3. of di - vin - est love! Let all the earth be -

1. won - drous gift, So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
 2. fer - vent praise Thy good - ness, Je - sus, would I sing.
 3. low a - dore, And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.

Refrain

Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee
 more and more! O make us love thee more and more.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
 be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
 and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
 by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
 who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

From All That Dwell Below The Skies

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the Cre -
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring; In songs of
 4. In ev - 'ry land be - gin the song; To ev - 'ry

1. a - tor's praise a - rise; Let the Re - deem - er's
 2. truth at - tends thy word: Thy praise shall sound from
 3. praise di - vine - ly sing; The great sal - va - tion
 4. land the strains be - long; In cheer - ful sounds all

1. name be sung, Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue.
 2. shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.
 3. loud pro - claim, And shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 4. voic - es raise, And fill the world with loud - est praise.

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Saturday, January 22

4:00pm Dorothy Bellingeri

Sunday, January 23

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Laurence True
Robert Deziel
Roger Gallant
Mark Marnume

11:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Monica
& St. Lucy Parishes

Saturday, January 29

4:00pm Peter Coryea

Sunday, January 30

9:00am Mary T. Klufits
Nancy Tardif
Manuel Peixoto

11:00 am Charles & Evelyn DiDeo

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, January 22

4:00pm Raymond J. Richard, Jr.

Sunday, January 23

10:00am Alfio Greco
Jennifer Colarusso
Geraldine Miele
Eileen Joyce
Peter Joyce

Monday, January 24

9:00am Peter Coryea

Tuesday, January 25

9:00am Dian Bornback

Thursday, January 27

9:00am Daniel Ciardiello

Friday, January 28

9:00am Jack Siememeyer

Saturday, January 29

4:00pm Michael Sarcione

Sunday, January 30

10:00am Mary Grosse
Billy Wilder
Angela Blatti

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	01/23/22	Fr. Paul Ring	Lucas daCosta
Mon	01/24/22	Fr. Leo Martel	Aaron Yohe
Tues	01/25/22	Fr. Carlos Suarez	Alejandro Pena Diego
Wed	01/26/22	Fr. Timothy Harrison	Matthew Harrington
Thurs	01/27/22	Fr. Michael MacEwen	Johnathan Saniuk
Friday	01/28/22	Fr. Thomas Stanton	Brian Daley
Sat	01/29/22	Fr. Joseph Keville	Dong Pham

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