

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME AND THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**January 26 - February 1, 2026**

**Monday, 1/26 † Saint Timothy & Saint Titus,  
Bishops**

6pm: †† Sharon Pfost by Janet Fingerhut

**Tuesday, 1/27 † Weekday, Saint Angela  
Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder**

8am: Sharon & Shirley (Birthdays)

9am: A. S. †† Daly Family by Mary Daly

**Wednesday, 1/28 † Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9am: A.S.- †† Donnelly Family by Mary Daly

6pm: Sharon Pfost by Julie Vorm

**Thursday, 1/29 † Weekday**

8am: No Mass

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Friday, 1/30 † Weekday**

8am: No Mass

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Saturday, 1/31 † Saint John Bosco, Priest**

8:30am: No Mass

**Saturday, 1/31 † Vigil: The Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: †† (Mass with Father Ron, Rolling Prairie)  
Cleda Mae Trusty Childers by Christian Ladies

**Sunday, 2/1 † The Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

7:30am: No Mass

9am: A. S. †† Chester Potempa by The Scamerhorn  
Family

11am: Parishioners

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Mon., Jan. 26 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Thurs. Jan. 29 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Jan. 29 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Feb. 1 – 9:30am – Religious Education

**Starke County Food Pantry Needs**

**Peanut Butter**, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit,  
laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small  
packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits &  
vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

February 3, 2026 (Tuesday) – 10 a.m. until bags are  
gone

SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church Parking Lot  
Corner of Adair Street and Keller Avenue, North  
Judson, IN

The mobile food pantry is open to anyone living in  
Indiana; proof of residency is required or driver's  
license. One bag per household.

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SS Cyril  
and Methodius Conference.

The feast day for St. Angela Merici, foundress of  
the Ursulines, is celebrated on January 27th, the  
day she died in 1540, marking her memorial in  
the Catholic Church calendar. While it was briefly  
celebrated on May 31st and then June 1st, it was  
moved back to January 27th in the liturgical  
reforms of 1969.

**Key Facts:**

- **Date:** January 27th.
- **Significance:** Honors her as the founder of  
the Company of St. Ursula (Ursulines).
- **Patronage:** She is the patron saint for the  
sick, disabled, and those who have lost  
their parents.

The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

# Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

## **Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?**

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. “Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion” (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our “Amen” to “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ” means, “Truly, so be it!” It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21). ●

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**In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find that Jesus “... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.”**

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting families, providing food, and for utility and rent bills.**

# Good News!

January 25, 2026

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Isaiah 8:23–9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 /

Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

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**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”** (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

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