

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND THE  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 9-15, 2026**

**Monday, 2/9 † Weekday**

6pm: No Mass

**Tuesday, 2/10 † Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

8am: No Mass

9am: A. S. No Mass

**Wednesday, 2/11 † Weekday, Our Lady of  
Lourdes**

9am: A.S.- No Mass

6pm: No Mass

**Thursday, 2/12 † Weekday**

8am: No Mass

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Friday, 2/13 † Weekday**

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Saturday, 2/14 † Saint Cyril Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop**

8:30am: No Mass

**Saturday, 2/14 † Vigil: The Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: (Mass with Father Ron) – Intention, Mary

**Sunday, 2/15 † The Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

7:30am: No Mass

9am: A. S. Selma Benson by Daughter, Joan

11am: Chester Potempa by Don & Mary Bowman

*Happy Valentines Day*

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

Mon., Feb. 9 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Tues., Feb. 10 – 6:30pm – Christian Ladies, Parlor

Wed., Feb. 6:30pm – Parish Council, Rectory

Thurs. Feb. 12 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Feb. 12 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs., Feb. 12 – 6:30pm - Men's Group, SS. C & M

Sun., Feb. 15 – 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.

Father Terry would like to thank all those who brought in all of the wonderful food while he is recovering from surgery. He has enjoyed the variety of foods brought in by both parishioners from All Saints and SS. Cyril & Methodus.

**Saint Valentine: who was he?**

Although hard to verify, legend states that Valentine, along with St. Marius, aided Christian martyrs during the Claudian persecution. Claudius issued a decree forbidding marriage, to increase army troops (believing single men better soldiers than married men). Valentine defied this decree and urged young lovers to come to him in secret to be married. Eventually he was discovered, arrested, and condemned to death. While in prison, Valentine befriended the jailer and his blind daughter. The daughter often brought food and messages. Valentine was able to convert both father and daughter to Christianity. Legend says he also miraculously restored the daughter's sight. The night before his execution, he wrote a farewell message to the girl and signed it affectionately "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lives on today. He was executed on February 14, 273. The Martyrology says, "At Rome, on the Flaminian Way, the heavenly birthday of the blessed martyr Valentine, a priest. After performing many miraculous cures and giving much wise counsel he was beaten and beheaded under Claudius Caesar." A *valentine* has become a universal symbol of friendship and affection shared on the anniversary of his death: St. Valentine's Day.

**In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “You are the light of the world,” he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a “light” to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

# Dear Padre

February 8, 2026

## **Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?**

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite. ●

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# Good News!

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Isaiah 58:7–10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 / Matthew 5:13–16

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**Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy.** Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life's gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today's first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today's readings remind us that our “wounds shall quickly be healed” more readily when we focus on the needs of others. ●

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# 14 February: Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius

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*Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius*



Celebrate the Liturgical Life of the Church

**14 February: Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius.** Today, the Church honors two brothers known as the “Apostles of the Slavs” for their tireless work in

senatorial family in Thessalonica, in 815 and 826, Cyril and Methodius received an excellent education but renounced their wealth and status. They chose instead to become priests. Both were in a monastery when authorities from the Khazar Empire sent for a Christian missionary. Cyril was chosen and Methodius accompanied. They converted many. By the middle of the ninth century, Prince Rastislav of Moravia wrote to the Byzantine Emperor Michael III, asking for teachers who could teach his people the Christian faith in their own language. Cyril and Methodius were chosen. When they set out on this missionary journey, letters of a new Slavonic alphabet were revealed to them in answer to prayer. Together, they invented the "Cyrillic alphabet" as a way to communicate the faith. They translated the Scriptures and the Liturgy into this Slavonic. They said of their alphabet, 'Receive this gift, which is more precious and greater than all silver and gold and precious stones and all magnificent wealth'. The two labored in Moravia for years, achieving great success in spreading the Faith. Their Byzantine origins and use of the vernacular language caused German church officials to regard them with suspicion. However, after being summoned to Rome, they met with Pope Adrian II who warmly approved of their methods. Cyril and Methodius were commended by the pope for their missionary activity and ordained bishops. Yet Cyril would not return to Moravia; he died in Rome on February 14, 869. He is buried in the Basilica of San Clemente. Methodius returned to Moravia and labored as a missionary among the Hungarians, Bulgarians, Dalmatians, and in Carinthia. Falling again under suspicion, he returned to Rome and defended the use of the Slavonic language in the liturgy. The Pope bestowed upon him the dignity of archbishop. After his return to Moravia, Methodius spread the light of faith in Bohemia and Poland, and went to Moscow to establish the diocese of Kiev. He suffered imprisonment for three years under German critics; Pope John VIII managed to have Methodius freed and reinstated as archbishop. Pope John VIII continued to support Methodius' use of the Slavic language, despite continuing controversy with the German church. Eventually, with the help of Greek priests, Methodius translated the whole Bible into the language that is known today as Church Slavonic. After a life spent spreading the Faith, Methodius died on April 6, 885. Both brothers are venerated in the Orthodox Church as saints with the title of "equal-to-apostles". In 1880, Pope Leo XIII introduced their feast into the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1980, Pope St. John Paul II declared them co-patron saints of Europe, together with Saint Benedict of Nursia.