

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

**February 10 - 16, 2025**

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

6 pm: Keith Fingerhut by Wife, Janet

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

8am: Jamieson

9am: A.S. Antonia Martinez by Great, Great Grandma

**Wednesday, 2/12 † Weekday**

9am: A.S. Mary Daly by Ellen Brennan

6pm: Departed Serge Family by Mary Serge

**Thursday, 2/13 † Weekday**

8am: Ryan

9am: A.S. Sis Scutchfield by Kevin & Pat Goin

**Friday, 2/14 † Saints Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop**

8am: Brian Barker by Aunt Annette

9am: A.S. Mary Daly by Ellen Brennan

**Saturday, 2/15 † Weekday, BVM**

8:30am: Liz

**Saturday, 2/15 † Vigil, Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: Parishioners

**Sunday, 2/16 † Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

7:30am: Scott

9am: A. S. Joann Scamerhorn by Jerry & Mindy  
Okeley

11am: Health of Greg Allender by Madeline  
Jozaitis

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

Mon., Feb. 10 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Tues., Feb. 11 – 6:30pm – Christian Ladies, Parlor

Wed., Feb. 12 – 6 30pm – Parish Council, Rectory

Thurs., Feb. 13 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Feb. 13 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs., Feb. 13 – 7pm – Men's Group, SS. Cyril and  
Methodius

Sun., Feb. 16 – 9:30am – Religious Education,

Sun., Feb. 16 – 12N – SS. Cyril and Methodius Feast  
Day Celebration, Parlor

**Very important message!**

For those of you who already submitted your payment to the Northwest Indiana Catholic Newspaper for this year, a reminder that recently the Diocese of Gary sent out letters stating that the NWI Catholic was only going to be available online. Please, disregard the envelopes in your packets for the NWI Catholic. The notice occurred well after we received our envelopes. For those who already paid for the paper, you will be re-imbursed by your church.

If you have any questions, you may e-mail (preferably), [kdcoppage@dcgary.org](mailto:kdcoppage@dcgary.org) or if you don't have access to a computer, you may call Kelly Coppage at 219-769-9292 ext. 250.

Thank You

**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS  
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Next Sunday, February 16, CST  
Carry-in dinner in the church parlor  
After the 11am Mass

Parishioners are encouraged to bring  
main dishes and sides  
A celebration cake will be provided

Parishioners from our sister parish, All Saints,  
also invited

***“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - Isaiah 6:8***

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

## Dear Padre

February 9, 2025

***Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine’s Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?***

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine’s Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers’ tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as “valentines.” In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer’s daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note “From Your Valentine.” ●

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**In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”**

Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

## Good News!

February 9, 2025

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 /

Luke 5:1-11

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**Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right**, as if it’s where we’re meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life’s calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God’s whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father’s death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son’s or daughter’s life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say “yes.” Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

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## Indiana governor orders full enforcement of state pro-life laws

INDIANAPOLIS ([LifeSiteNews](#)) Jan 24, 2025 – Republican Gov. Michael Braun signed an executive order Tuesday ordering all state agencies to fully enforce and comply with Indiana’s pro-life laws after complaints over the Indiana Department of Health failing to fully release required abortion data.

As the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana [explained](#), “For the past year, the Department of Health has not been releasing the full reports due to ‘privacy concerns’ with the falling number of abortions in the state, rather only releasing aggregate reports,” limiting the public’s ability to fully analyze compliance with Indiana abortion law.

Indiana [bans abortion](#) with exceptions for rape and incest up to 10 weeks, fatal fetal anomalies up to 20 weeks, and when a medical condition “necessitates an abortion to prevent death or a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function,” excluding mental conditions, or when “necessary to save the pregnant woman’s life.” As a result, abortions have [dropped by nearly 100%](#) in the state, but the exception create opportunities for abortionists to skirt the law if not closely scrutinized.

In September, Marion County Superior Court Judge Timothy Oakes [dismissed](#) a legal challenge to the state health department, allowing it to continue exempting terminated pregnancy reports (TPRs) from public records.

On January 21, Braun signed an [executive order](#) addressing the situation that noted TPRs are necessary for “the improvement of maternal health and life through the compilation of relevant maternal health and life factors and data”; and to “monitor all abortions performed in Indiana to assure that abortions are done only under authorized provisions of the law.”

The order directs state agencies to “ensure that the State of Indiana’s abortion laws are fully and faithfully executed, including, but not limited to, the submission of TPRs,” and to “fully cooperate with the Office of the Attorney General in the investigation and enforcement of” abortion laws.

The order also calls for a full evaluation and report on the Indiana Department of Health’s compliance with state abortion law and whatever “policy, practice, procedure, and personnel changes” may be necessary to ensure compliance.

“Governor Braun’s action today ensures Indiana’s abortion law will be enforced under his administration. In directing the Indiana Department of Health to ensure compliance with pro-life laws, including reporting laws, abortion providers are on notice that there is no tolerance in Indiana for illegal abortions, or acts leading to the injury or deaths of women,” Indiana Right to Life president and chief executive officer Mike Fichter [said](#). “We are thankful for Governor Braun’s swift and decisive move in support of Indiana’s law that has ended 98% of abortions in our state.”

The Hoosier State is one of [13 states](#) that currently ban all or most abortions. But the abortion lobby is working feverishly to cancel out those deterrents via [deregulated interstate distribution of abortion pills](#), legal protection and financial support of [interstate abortion travel](#), [constructing new abortion facilities](#) near borders shared by pro-life and pro-abortion states, [making liberal states sanctuaries](#) for those who want to evade or violate the laws of more pro-life neighbors, and [enshrining abortion “rights” in state constitutions](#).

*Editor's note: This article was updated once it was confirmed that Trump had indeed pardoned the pro-life prisoners.*

([LifeSiteNews](#)) Jan 23, 2025 – President Trump has pardoned the pro-lifers imprisoned during Joe Biden's presidency. On Thursday afternoon, U.S. President Donald Trump officially pardoned the 23 pro-lifers imprisoned by the Biden DOJ for their attempts to save unborn babies. Prior to signing the pardons, Trump commented that none of the 23 pro-lifers should have been "prosecuted," adding that signing the pardons is a "great honor."

The now-pardoned pro-lifers are: Joan Bell, Coleman Boyd, Joel Curry, Jonathan Darnel, Eva Edl, Chester Gallagher, Rosemary "Herb" Geraghty, William Goodman, Dennis Green, Lauren Handy, Paulette Harlow, John Hinshaw, Heather Idoni, Jean Marshall, Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, Justin Phillips, Paul Place, Bevelyn Beatty Williams, and Calvin, Eva, and James Zastrow.

After the pardons were signed, LifeSiteNews spoke with imprisoned pro-lifer Joan Andrews' husband, Chris Bell, who said that he believes his wife is still in federal custody at a prison facility near Philadelphia. He was uncertain when she would be released. Chris said that during his last phone conversation with Joan earlier in the day that she was pleading for the pro-life movement to maintain unity. "We shouldn't complain about each other and our tactics," said Chris, quoting his wife. "We need to be working together to end the holocaust."

"IVF is a huge killer and destroyer of human life," continued Chris, "and we pray fervently that this nation stops promoting conception outside the womb."

LifeSiteNews also spoke to Robert Dunn, attorney for Heather Idoni, who called today's pardons "tremendous." "I've tried hundreds of cases throughout my career," Dunn told LifeSiteNews, "That trial in Washington, D.C., was the most unfair trial I've ever been a part of." "We were not allowed to do our job," he explained.

Dunn said that he has been concerned about the older pro-life women suffering from health problems who were convicted and imprisoned under the FACE Act. He wanted to get them out of prison and back to their homes before their health problems worsened. "Sometimes you have to wait a long time for justice," he continued. "The Israelites had to wait forty years." "Eventually we all get justice," said Dunn, adding, "If we don't get it here, we're going to get it on Judgement Day."

Also celebrating was Thomas More Society's Martin Cannon, attorney for Lauren Handy.

"This is a motley crew of people. These are conservatives and liberals and atheists and Christians. You just can't believe the mix!" declared Cannon. "These are amazing people!"

"They don't agree on much, but they all agree on one thing: These are babies we're talking about," said Cannon, "and if all of these people can agree on that, it deserves everyone's attention."

"They have been willing to be the ones falling on their swords for those babies," added Cannon, "and for that they all deserve our appreciation."

Earlier in the day, news was shared that the pardons were forthcoming at the "Law of Life Summit" by lawyers representing the Thomas More Society. Mary Margaret Olohan and Leif Le Mahieu of *The Daily Wire* reported that Trump would pardon "pro-life activists imprisoned by the Biden Justice Department within days." The journalists had maintained that two unnamed sources assured their outlet that the "plight" of the pro-life prisoners is "an immediate priority to Trump's team" and they will "likely be pardoned within days."

The news is certain to galvanize attendees at tomorrow's March for Life, at which Trump is slated to address rally attendees via video. Vice President JD Vance is also scheduled to speak in-person at the massive event. Earlier today, Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri mentioned on X (formerly Twitter) that he had spoken to President Trump about the imprisoned pro-lifers:

"I had a great conversation this morning with [Donald Trump] about the pro-life prisoners unjustly persecuted and imprisoned by the corrupt Biden Administration," he wrote, linking to the President's X account. "I urged him to pardon them swiftly."