

## This Week's Scripture Readings

5th Sun of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10	Ps 112:4-9	1 Corn 2:1-5	Matthew 5:13-16
Week 5 Mon 1Kings 8: 1-7,9-13	Ps 132:6-7,8-10		Mark 6:53-56
Week 5 Tues 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30	Ps 84:3-5,10-11		Mark 7:1-13
Week 5 Wed 1Kings10:1-10	Ps 37:5-6,30-3,39-40		Mark 7:14-23
Week 5 Thurs 1 Kings 11:4-13	Ps 106:3-4,35-7,40		Mark 7:24-30
Week 5 Fri 1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19	Ps 81:10-15		Mark 6:14-29
Week 5 Sat 1 Kings 12:26-32 13:33-34	Ps 106:6-7ab,19-22		Mark 8:1-10

6th Sun of Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20	PS 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34	2 Corn 2:6-10	Matthew 5:17-37
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### Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions February: FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary

**Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, February 8th Fr. George, Monday, February 9th, Fr. Andrew Obel, Tuesday, February 10th, Fr. Ray Palcisko, Wednesday, February 11th Fr Raul Perez-Cobo, Thursday, February 12th Fr. Mario Prada, Friday, February 13th Fr. Duane Pribula, Saturday, February 14th Fr. Tom Niehaus, Sunday, February 15th Fr. Matt Schmitz.**

#### WHAT REALLY HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIP YOUR HAND IN HOLY WATER

Many Catholics touch holy water every day without thinking. Some see it as a simple church tradition. Others treat it like a small blessing, nothing more. But here is the truth:

When you dip your hand in holy water, something supernatural happens. Not symbolic. Not psychological. Real. Let's break it down slowly, clearly, and beautifully.

**1. HOLY WATER IS NOT ORDINARY WATER** Holy water is not blessed for decoration. It is blessed with a prayer of exorcism and a prayer of sanctification. The Church asks God to: drive away evil, protect His children, and renew the grace of baptism. This means: Holy water carries the power of Christ and the authority of the Church.

**2. WHEN YOUR FINGERS TOUCH IT, YOU ARE TOUCHING YOUR BAPTISM** Every time you dip your hand in holy water, you are doing something deeply spiritual: You are reminding your soul who you are. The Church teaches: Holy water recalls your baptism and renews the grace of that sacrament. In baptism: your sins were washed away, you were claimed by Christ, you became a child of God, you were sealed against the devil. Holy water pulls your soul back to that reality. It is not magic. It is a sacred reminder with real spiritual effect.

**3. THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IS A DECLARATION OF IDENTITY** When you dip your hand and make the sign of the Cross, you are not making a gesture. You are making a statement: I belong to the Father. I am saved by the Son. I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit. I reject the devil. I walk in the power of the Cross. The early Christians used the sign of the Cross as a spiritual shield. We still do today.

**4. YOU RENEW YOUR PROMISE TO RENOUNCE EVIL**

At baptism you said (through your parents or personally): I renounce Satan. I renounce sin. I renounce darkness. Holy water puts this commitment back on your lips and heart. It silently says: "I refuse anything that separates me from Jesus." This is why holy water weakens temptation. It strengthens the will. It awakens the conscience. It calls back a distracted heart.

**5. HOLY WATER IS A SPIRITUAL WEAPON** The Church has always used holy water to: protect homes, bless people, drive away the enemy, purify places, and guard the soul. The prayer said by the priest when blessing it includes: "Let no power of the enemy remain." This is why saints used it daily. They knew holy water carries the authority of Christ over darkness. When you touch it, you are not touching a ritual. You are touching protection.

**6. YOU ENTER GOD'S HOUSE PROPERLY** Dipping your hand in holy water at the entrance is powerful: It prepares your heart. It cleans your spirit. It focuses your mind. It tells heaven: "I am coming before the Lord with a clean heart." It is like washing your hands before a holy meal.

**7. SCRIPTURE'S ROOTS: WATER THAT PURIFIES AND PROTECTS** Holy water is not invented by the Church. In Scripture, God uses water as: cleansing (Psalm 51:2, Ezekiel 36:25) deliverance (Red Sea, Exodus 14) healing (Naaman in 2 Kings 5) birth into new life (John 3:5) Jesus Himself used water to bring salvation. The Church continues this divine pattern.

**WHAT REALLY HAPPENS?** When you dip your hand in holy water: You awaken your baptism. You recall your identity. You chase away darkness. You renew your spirit. You declare your faith. You prepare your soul for worship. You touch a grace that flows from Christ Himself. It is not small. It is not ordinary. It is not routine. It is a moment of power. Every single time. God bless you.

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 8,

# ASSUMPTION



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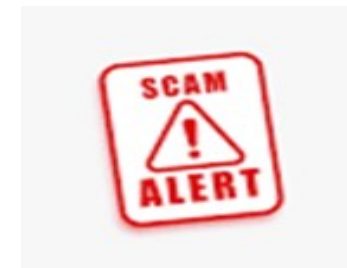
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#### From the Desk of Father Hamness:

I want to remind you about a scam that's been going around again. Some of you have reported getting messages—whether by text, email, or phone—from people pretending to be me. These scammers often ask for gift cards or money, claiming it's for something urgent, like helping someone in the parish or buying supplies for the church. What's especially tricky is that these scams usually seem to happen when I am out of town, which is why I no longer put it in the bulletin if I am going to be away from the parish. The scammers use this to create a sense of urgency, hoping you won't take the time to double-check. Please know that I would *never* ask for financial help or favors like this. If you ever get a request like this, it's not from me. If you're ever unsure about a message, don't hesitate to contact the parish office directly to check. And if you think you've been contacted by a scammer, let us know right away or report it to the authorities.



LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK-	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFES-
<b>5th Sunday of Ordinary</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 8th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass: +Marlys Steffl</b>	<b>10:10am</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 10th</b>		<b>NO Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 10th</b>		<b>NO Mass</b>	
<b>6th Sunday of Ordinary</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 15th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass: Carol Zurn</b>	<b>10:10am</b>

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // [chulst@crookston.org](mailto:chulst@crookston.org)

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2026**

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16*

*The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.*

**“ Question of the week**

*How can I and my parish increase the light we shine in our community?*

*Liturgy of the Hours: Week I of the Psalter*

**Reflection of the Gospel**

*In the Talmud there is an account of Rabbi Joshua ben-Hananya (ca.80-120 CE) who was asked by philosophers in the Atheneum at Rome, “If salt becomes savorless, with what can it be salted?” He responded, “With the after-birth of a mule.” the point is that just as it is impossible for a mule to give birth, or for salt to become insipid, so disciples cannot cease to be who they are and to season the world with the good news.*

*-Living Liturgy™, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026*

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**Prayer Requests:**

**The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:**

**Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.**

Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Debbie Clark, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottemesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, LeAnn Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Jeanine Kivi, Dan Kapphahn, Delores Manning, Betty & **Jim Matter**, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Joe Solmon, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke

**Bold are new this week, or need extra prayers!**

Please Pray for our Students.....

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon

**Birthday on file this Week**

February 11 Maria Foltz

February 12th Carol Zurn



Sunday, February 1, 2026  
Adult Envelopes \$ 1,565.00  
Loose Plate \$ 153.00

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Altar Server: Freddie Steffl  
Lector: Lori Stalberger  
Presentation of Gifts: Barb & Mike Brown  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Stalberger & David Steffl  
Ushers: Al & Gabe Foltz  
Music: Avis Flottemesch

**At the Nazareth House Retreat Center**

**Reason For Hope Retreat is a High School Student Retreat!!**



**2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE!**

**The 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) begins today. Our theme, “In Christ, We Are One”, is an invitation to unite “as a diocesan family to share the love of Christ, form disciples, and expand ministry that no one parish could fund on their own,” – Bishop Andrew Cozzens. This year’s DAA goal of \$995,000 is shared among our 65 parishes. Our parish goal is \$8,445.00. Your gifts to the DAA provide essential funding for Missionary Discipleship, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Campus Ministries, Safe Environment, The Office of the Bishop, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Schools, Communications, Marriage Tribunal, Hispanic Ministry, and the Nazareth Retreat House; ministries that affect everyone in our Catholic communities! Please prayerfully review the mailing you have or will soon receive at home. Visit [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) or scan the QR code to watch Bishop’s video, make your gift online, or view additional information.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Upcoming.**

- Tuesday, February 10th KC meeting at Holy Rosary
- Wednesday, February 11th Callaway Daze 5:30 pm St Joseph Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, February 15th, Christian Mothers Meeting After Mass**
- **Ash Wednesday, February 18th Mass at 5:15 pm**
- **Collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Formally under Communist rule.**
- **Sunday, February 22nd, Second Collection for Black and Indian Missions**
- **Date Change due to Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 25th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch**

**Upcoming Fellowship**



- February 8th Callaway Lions Pancake Breakfast
- February 15 Ken Pearson
- February 22 OPEN**
- March 1st OPEN** March 8th Lions Pancake Breakfast
- March 15th Open** March 22 St Rachel Circle Brunch Fundraiser
- March 29th Parish Dinner**

**The Fellowship Calendar for 2026 is up on the Bulletin Board. Please take a turn serving Fellowship. If you have any questions Please let me know.**

**Happenings at Area Churches** [St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Waubun: Annual French Toast Breakfast & Bake Sale Sunday, February 8, 2026 9AM-1PM. Waubun Community Center.](#)

[2nd Annual Valentine Tea, Bakke Lutheran Church Saturday, February 21st, 1:00 pm 218-847-7073 to register](#)