

## FEBRUARY 22 - SATURDAY

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Sheila Werne*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## FEBRUARY 23 – SUNDAY

*Sunday Readings:*

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Jan Dixon*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## FEBRUARY 24 – MONDAY

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

## FEBRUARY 25 - TUESDAY

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

## FEBRUARY 26 – WEDNESDAY

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Ann Armijo*

## FEBRUARY 27 - THURSDAY

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## FEBRUARY 28 – FRIDAY

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Fr. Joe Robinson*

## MARCH 1 - SATURDAY

Sir 17: 1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Monica Robinson*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

## MARCH 2 – SUNDAY

*Sunday Readings:*

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel - *Sr. Mary Denis*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

## English Mass Ministry Schedule: March 1-2

Lectors: 4:00 PM – NA

11:00 AM – NA

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – NA

11:00 AM – NA

Servers: 4:00 PM – NA

11:00 AM – NA

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: NA

11:00 AM: NA

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$12,459

Offerings received to-date: \$274,861

Amount needed to catch up: \$14,139

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

## CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Tim Cable (23), Tyler Woolums (23), Shawna Clark (25), Amber Hennies (25), Kim Gohs (26), William O'Bryan (27), Karen Landers (27), Nicole Nastold (27), Anna Bollin (27), LaVerne Washam (28), Michael Dempsey (28).

**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 26 winners: David Balnes, Laura Caldwell and Lawrence Mollmann. Each won \$25.

**Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.**

**FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:**

Conflict has always been part of human history. In Jesus' time, tensions ran high between the Jewish people and their Roman oppressors, a dynamic of domination and resentment that bred hostility. In our modern lives, we see echoes of this strife in political disagreements, societal divisions, and personal disputes. Families are torn apart by grievances, friendships are lost to misunderstandings, and even the simplest rivalries, such as those between sports teams, can escalate into animosity. The reality of division feels inescapable, and yet, in Luke 6:27-38, Jesus offers a radical and unsettling command: "Love your enemies."

This is not mere tolerance, nor is it a theoretical exercise. Jesus calls us to love actively, with *agape* love—the self-sacrificial love that seeks the good of others even when it comes at great personal cost. Loving your enemies means looking past your anger, your hurt, and your pride. Think of someone you truly dislike—someone whose actions or words have deeply wounded you. To love them as Jesus commands is not to excuse their behavior, but to seek their good despite it.

Jesus' teaching embodies the Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." It challenges us to go beyond natural inclinations. What credit is it, Jesus asks, to love only those who love you? Anyone can do that. True Christian love demands more—it requires us to rise above the instinct to retaliate or harbor resentment. Gandhi's words resonate here: "An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind." Without forgiveness and love, the cycle of harm continues endlessly. Loving our enemies does not mean allowing injustice to persist unchecked, nor does it mean ignoring evil. Rather, it means breaking the cycle of hatred by responding to hostility with grace. Often, kindness can disarm even the fiercest opposition. By your good intentions and actions, you may diffuse a situation, soften a hardened heart, or grow seeds of peace. This is not easy. In fact, it goes against our very nature as human beings. But with God's help, it is possible. Christ himself is the ultimate example, offering his life for all, even as he forgave those who

crucified him. Loving our enemies is not optional for Christians—it is central to the Gospel message. So, when you find this call difficult, ask for God's strength. Trust that through his grace, you can live out this radical love. By doing so, you not only follow Christ's command but also allow his light to shine through you in a broken and divided world.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:**

Just a reminder that each month we are requesting donations of certain items to keep our pantry well-stocked. Many of our local families depend on us to help feed their families during difficult times. Your generosity is a way for you to be a part of this ministry to others. This month, February, we are requesting gifts of canned fruit. As you do your shopping in the next couple of weeks, please remember to pick up extra household cleaners so you can help us stock up on those items for the month of March. Thank you for your kindness.

**2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)**

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Boniface who has supported the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate online, please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/cma> Thank you!

**2025 PARISH VITALITY REPORT:**

Curious about progress toward parish vitality and the goals of Beacons of Light in our 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Schnurr has released the 2025 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up to date. In addition to facts, figures, stories and witness, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which we will use as we plan for the future. Check it out at [www.catholicaoc.org/pvr](http://www.catholicaoc.org/pvr).