Wednesday, February 3
Feast of Blaise, Bishop, Martyr
May your words bring healing

Tradition has it that fourth-century Armenian bishop Blaise once saved the life of a boy who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Thus it came to be that for centuries, and still in many parishes today, Catholics honor this martyred saint by having their throats blessed on his feast day. Perhaps you will have the chance to participate in this age-old ritual today. But if not, you might pause and ask God to protect not only your throat but also your tongue and the words that flow from it. Ask for the grace to work in tandem with God so that the words you speak will be marked by love and compassion.

Today’s readings: 2 Samuel 24:2-10; Acts 3:16-19; Psalm 95:6-7. “What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!”

Thursday, February 4
God heals us in the dark days

The ministry of discipleship is one of healing that is as old as scripture and endures for all time. To that end, the church offers the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to all who are seriously ill or who face major surgery. That partaking of the sacrament is anointed with oil as they hear the words: “Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” It is sacramental grace that assures you when you are ill and suffering that the One who suffered for all people will not leave you alone in your own dark time.

Today’s readings: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:1-13 (I Cor 12:31-32). “They expelled many demons, anointed the sick with oil, and worked many cures.”

Sunday, January 31, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling all Christians!

As Christians, we strive to be attuned to God’s calling in our lives. But what if God’s calling seems to take us in unexpected and even unwanted directions? Scripture offers many examples of this.

Moses initially resists God’s invitation. Mary’s “yes” is preceded by perplexed astonishment. Jeremiah argues that he just isn’t capable of what God has in mind for him. These are understandable reactions, ones we too may have felt in response to situations God is calling us to. Walk with the saints and prophets today, reflecting on and celebrating God’s calling in your life.


Monday, February 1
Thank you to our spiritual “first responders”

In every society since the beginning of recorded history, spiritual experts such as clergy and holy men and women were the go-to healers when someone in the community was troubled and having difficulties coping. Religious men and women continue to play this role today.

The ministry of discipleship is part of our history. In late 16th-century Japan, Jesuit brother Josephofuku Sugii invited the proud samurai warriors to lift up their swords in battle to the cross. He explained the way of Christ by showing how he overcame the world. He was martyred for his Christian faith.

For those who live in a 21st-century democracy, it is difficult to grasp that in some times and places, death has been the punishment for those who preach their Christian faith. Yet the cruelty of martyrdom is part of our history. In late 16th-century Japan, Jesuit brother Paul Miki was crucified along with other Jesuits, Franciscans, and laypeople for sharing the Good News. It is said that from the cross Miki reminded his followers to “ask Christ to help you to become happy.” That simple prayer, if asked and answered by each of us, will have a profound effect on our lives.

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Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

- Saint Anthony Parishioners & friends

Schedules:

- Weekday Masses: 8:00 A.M.
- Daily Mass: 8:00 A.M.
- Weekend Mass: 6:30 P.M.
- Special Mass: Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 P.M.

Minister & Counter Schedules:

- Requests for the upcoming Minister schedules will include March, April, and May, and should reach the office by Sunday, February 14th.
- You may e-mail or phone our office, or drop a note in the mail or in the collection basket.
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Sanctuary Lamps:

Remember in Your Prayers:

- John George
- Sylvia Dolan
- Sean Hamilton
- Vicky Chambers
- Rose Temple
- Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.
- Donna Elder
- Lise Tellier
- Harold Fournier
- Mary Mayette
- Richard Temple
- Michael Temple
- James Dubuque
- Frank Klynn

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please call the rectory office at 295-2225 or contact us by email at Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org

Sacrificial Giving Report:

To meet our expenses we need: $3,700.00

- Offertory collection January 23-24: $3,211.00
- Catholic Education: $518.00

Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

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Bishop Coyne’s Installation Anniversary:

- Friday, January 29, 2016, marked the First Anniversary of Bishop Coyne’s installation as the tenth Bishop of Burlington. Please pray for our Bishop as he continues to shepherd us into the future.

Pray the Rosary:

- On the fifth Sunday of the month, January 31, the Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in praying the rosary. In January, they will be praying the rosary before all three Masses. Please meet forty-five minutes before Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church. Rosary will be prayed at 4:15 p.m., Saturday, January 30; and at 7:15 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 31. The Rosary will end 15 minutes before Mass to allow the participants time to reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Second Collection Last Week:

- Thank you for your support of the Catholic Education Collection, which took place last weekend. Your generosity to this annual collection helps to support the continued faith formation of our young people. One half of the collection will remain in our parish for the local religious education programs, and one half supports 13 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. Your generosity to this very important mission in the life of the Church is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education:

- On February 7 - Class for grades 1-8, 9:00 am to 10:15 am; grades 9 & 10 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm (due to Super Bowl). On February 28 - Class for grades 1-8, 9:00 am to 10:15 am; grades 9 & 10, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

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Third Order of Mary:

- The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be Sunday, February 7th at 12:00 noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. We pray the Rosary, the Hail Mary, and the recitation of the Mysteries of the Rosary daily, as well as meditating on Sacred Scripture and the life of our Blessed Mother. We meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, and to support one another in our journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.

Ashes:

- Ashes will be given at the conclusion of the Masses, as usual.
- Ashes will be given at daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- While not a holy day of obligation, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass to start the season of Lent.

Sanctuary Lamps:

- The Sanctuary Lamps that are always burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions. Each candle burns for 14 days. A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary. Please call the office for availability.

Haven:

- The top five needs for this week include:
  - soup, rice, pasta, and milk
  - perishable items may be purchased

Knights of Columbus Valentine’s Day Dinner:

- On Saturday, February 13, 2016 a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner will be held in St. Anthony Parish Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is $12.00 for adults, $6.00 for children, and preschoolers are free. This is a Knights of Columbus sponsored event, and any checks should be made as such. If you can help by making a pie or dessert, serving at the dinner, or helping with cleanup, please call Dan at 802-356-3527 or Dominick Montuori at 802-295-5562. There will be a sign-up sheet on a table at the rear of St. Anthony Church after Masses on the weekends prior to the dinner. The purpose of the sign-up is to get a general idea of how much food to purchase, but everyone is welcome to attend, even if they did not sign up.

Lent Starts Next Week:

- The Season of Lent will begin Wednesday, February 10th with Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be given at daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. While not a holy day of obligation, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass to start the season of Lent.

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