

St. Bavo Parish

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Monday thru Friday
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Mass Times

Sunday

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM (in the chapel)

Friday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

Saturday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

5:00 PM (Vigil)

Confession

Saturday

9:00 to 10:00 AM

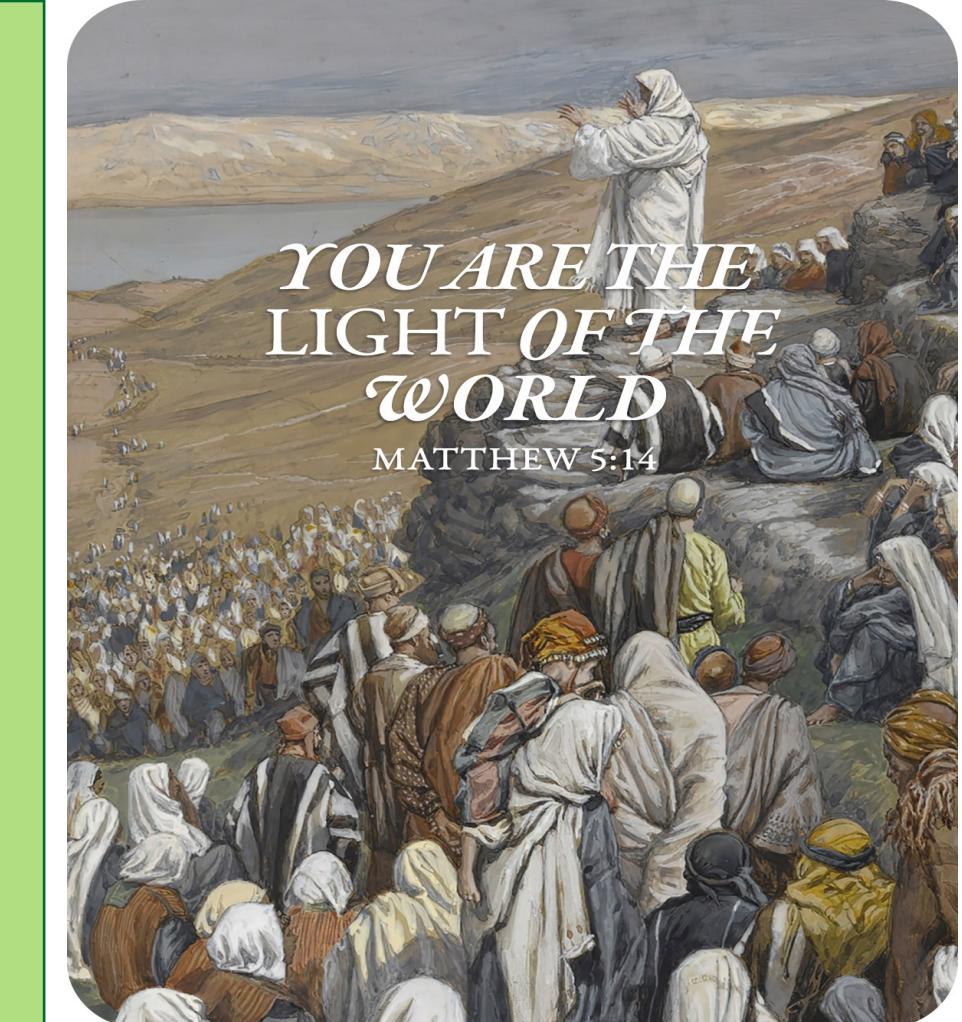
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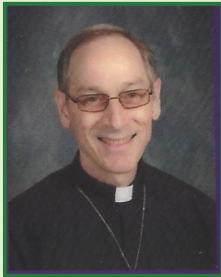


February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Bavo Parish are committed to be the living presence of Christ in the world today. Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live our shared commitment through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, spiritual growth, bearing witness to faith and service to all.



We have begun Week 3 of our reflections on Synod themes. Our topic this week is **Spiritual and Liturgical Life**, defined as “Living in Relationship with the Blessed Trinity.” Each of us has a personal relationship with God, but an essential part of it is our communal worship, i.e., the liturgical life of the Church.

The reflection booklet begins our exploration of this topic with the scriptural image of Jesus standing at our door, knocking and waiting patiently for a response. Prayer is opening that door. In our private prayer, we have many tools at our disposal to facilitate an encounter with the Lord. There are traditional forms of prayer, like the Rosary, which many people find helpful and familiar. Scripture is another wonderful resource, especially the readings for the daily Mass. Many people also incorporate other types of spiritual reading into their prayer, turning to their favorite spiritual authors to guide them toward a deeper relationship with God. Intercessory prayer is also something that many people do daily, trusting as we do in the power of prayer to touch the lives of other people. And among all these forms of prayer, there is one that is, paradoxically, the simplest and the hardest to master: interior silence, in which there are no words, but only presence. In private, we have complete freedom to combine these different means of encountering God into a way that works best for us, and we can change our routine and try something new whenever we wish.

The Church’s liturgy, by contrast, is essentially the same every time. The fixed rubric and fairly strict liturgical norms allow worshippers to participate fully even when they are away from their home parish, or their home country, for that matter. Yet, the liturgy should always be fresh and engaging, because it constitutes a *new* encounter with Christ and with the community of believers every time. Every liturgy should be a genuine experience of *communion*, with Christ himself, and with our brothers and sisters *in Christ*.

The reflection questions this week touch on how we nurture our spiritual life, in private and in public worship.

How do I continue to grow in my relationship with God?

When do I talk to God? When do I listen to God?

When I pray, which person of the Trinity am I most often envisioning?

How do I prepare spiritually for Mass?

How well do I participate interiorly in each part of the Mass and exteriorly when called for?

How does my experience of the Mass affect my daily life during the week?

Do I feel equipped to make a good examination of conscience?

How often do I take advantage of the sacramental grace of Confession?

How does the pace of life or prevalence of digital technology/social media impact my ability to pray, to be contemplative, or to appreciate the value of silence?

When do I pray with others outside of liturgical prayer?

What is the role of intercessory prayer in my spiritual life?

Fr. Pete

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 8th • The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16;
7:00 AM For the People of St Bavo
9:00 AM Delores Van Hove
11:00 AM Brett Fine

Monday, February 9th

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 5:53-56
5:00 PM Maria Verbeke

Tuesday, February 10th

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13;
8:15 AM Alfred & Myrtle Wachs
5:00 PM Alidore Minnie

Wednesday, February 11th No Mass

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23;

Thursday, February 12th

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30;
5:00 PM Ronny Maggioli, Joan McLane, Mark Fralish

Friday, February 13th

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37;
8:15 AM Mark Talst

Saturday, February 14th

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10;
8:15 AM Arthur Triest
5:00 PM Sheila O'Dell

Sunday, February 15th • The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37;
7:00 AM Joseph & Betty Calderone
9:00 AM Gerald Dwyer
11:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo

This Week In Our Parish

Saturday and Sunday, February 7th & 8th

MAC Food Pantry Collection — Church

Tuesday, February 10th

Rosary — Church

Wednesday, February 11th

HOPE Food Drop Off —Church Parking Lot
WINGS — Meeting Room A

Thursday, February 12th

Knitting & Crochet Group—Meeting Room C

Saturday, February 14th

Confessions — Church

Saturday, February 14th

Church Cleaning (Team 2) — Church

Sunday, February 15th

Religious Education — Parish Center

Collection for the week of February 1st

Adult Envelopes	\$ 23,137.00
Loose	\$ 197.00
Electronic Transfers	\$ 1,857.00
Total	\$ 25,191.00

Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00

Time and Talent Sign Up Sheets

Take a moment to ponder how you can serve the Lord, by serving your parish and your fellow parishioners. Ministry sign up sheets are available at all the church entrances, as well as the parish office. Please take a moment to complete and update a form for our records.



Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly. If prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; is service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8

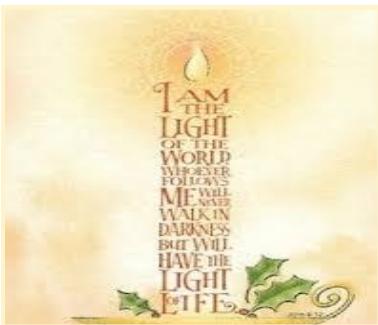


Spreading the Fire
of God's Love

The Synod

We are entering a very special time of prayer and dialogue for our Diocesan Synod. This synod promises to be a great moment in our parish life to deepen our love. We need to be willing to reach out in prayer to God and in meaningful communication with each other so that our lives may bear

the fruit that God intends. No one should ignore this moment of profound renewal offered to the Church. We all know that the current tensions and tragedies in our world are crying out for the remedy of effective charitable communication. This Synod is offering us the very tools we will need to begin again to renew the kind of dialogue we all need. Stop by the Church or the parish office to pick up a reflection book to get started. Feel free to contact Gus Zuehlke at 574-255-1437 for more information



Special Collection for February 2026

Black & Indian Missions

For those not receiving envelopes, please use the donation Envelopes in the pews

2026 Coupon Offers



You Can Lend a Hand Coupons
will be sold at the MCS Open House after 9 & 11 Masses on February 8th and in the school office. Cost \$1.00

Romans 12:6-8

Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday, February 14th and February 15th

Ushers

5:00 PM Theresa Verslype, Allen Schlemmer, Gary O'Dell

7:00 AM Paul Fenimore, Dennis Dobrucki

9:00 AM Jenny Hunsberger, Ryan Hunsberger, Deb Gantz

11:00 AM Harrison Coppens Clark, Tim Clark, Max Jeffrey

Servers

5:00 PM Richard Baxter

7:00 AM Michael Bowling

9:00 AM Luca Wright, Enzo Wright

11:00 AM Braxton Kendall

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Sue Schlemmer, Gina Mynsberge*

7:00 AM Ted Alwine*

9:00 AM Paul Mannia, Angela Wright *

11:00 AM Pat Sweeney, Tom Eberhart*

Lectors

5:00 PM Liz Mazurek, Ann Marie Lynch

7:00 AM Gus Zuehlke

9:00 AM Tasha Eizinger, Tom Torri

11:00 AM Chris Eberhardt, Cara Coppens Clark



Gift Bearers

5:00 PM Patti Cocquyt, Jan Van De Putte

7:00 AM Ted & Sue Alwine

9:00 AM The Kuminecz Family

11:00 AM Quinn & Mara Pankiewicz

Pray the Rosary

Every Tuesday
4:00 & 7:00 PM
in the Church

WINGS

Wednesday, February 11th
7:00 PM—8:30 PM
Meeting Room A



HOPE Food Drop Off

Wednesday, February 11th
5:00—5:30 PM
Church Parking
Lot



Church Cleaning

Saturday, February 14th
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
Team 2



MAC Food Pantry Collection

Saturday and Sunday
February 7th and February 8th

Suggested Donation Items:
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Canned Soup
Toilet Paper



WINGS Service Project

The WINGS Ladies will be collecting books for the Women's Care Center
February 14th—March 1st
There will be a collection box in the back of church for your book donations.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 15th
4:00 PM — 7:00 PM
Parish Center