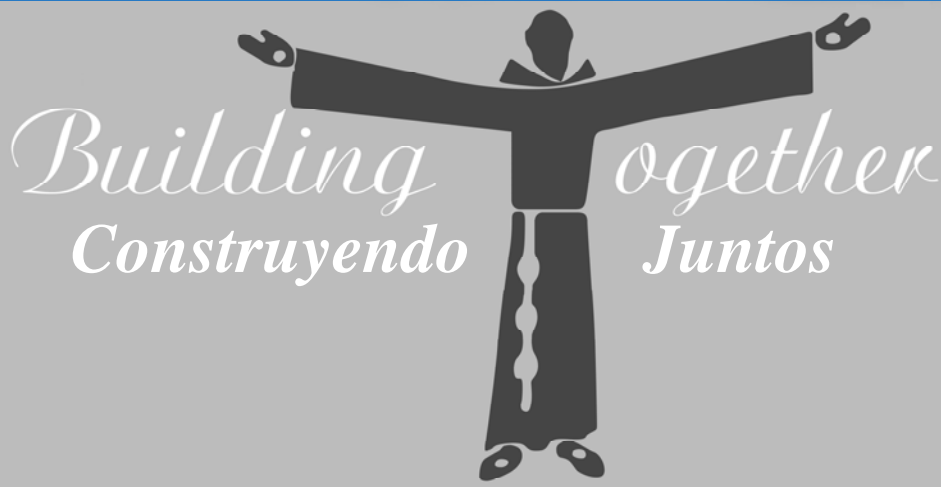


# La parroquia de San Francisco de Asís ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**5th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**  
**February 4, 2018**



**As a faith filled community guided by the Holy Spirit with Christ as our model and Saint Francis of Assisi as our patron, we are called together to live God's Word through Worship, Evangelization, Welcoming, and Caring of all people in building together the Kingdom of God.**

### Mass Times

**Tuesday / Martes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Wednesday / Miércoles: 5:30 p.m. St. Joseph**  
**Thursday / Jueves:**  
**7:30 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians**  
**Friday / Viernes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Saturday / Sábado: 4:30 p.m. St. Nicholas**  
**Sunday / Domingo:**  
**7:00 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians**  
**9:00 a.m. St. Joseph**  
**11:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph**

### Office Hours

<b>St. Joseph (Central Ofc)</b> Monday 8:00—4:00 Tuesday 8:00-4:00 Wednesday 8:00—5:00 Thursday 8:00—4:00 Friday 8:00—4:00	<b>Mary, Help of Christians</b> Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wednesday 9:00-5:00 Thursday 9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed	<b>St. Nicholas</b> Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wed. 9:00-12:00 Thursday—9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed
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*Reconciliation is celebrated 30 minutes before Mass Wednesday thru Saturday.*

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# Welcome to our Parish!

*We want to extend our hearts to you and your family. If you would like to join our parish, or if someone is ill, in the hospital, homebound or if you have any other concerns, please drop the information into the collection basket at church, phone one of the offices or stop by one of the offices so that we can minister to you as a Christian Parish Family. May the peace of Jesus be with you!*

## From Fr. John's Desk

Greetings,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for me the last ten years. I came in 2007 as my first pastorate. Even though I had a lot of energy, I did not have much wisdom about the operation of the parish. I had an understanding about the Liturgy and Faith Formation, but I was a novice in the administrative field. I didn't receive much training in the seminary, and I didn't pay much attention in my first assignment. I had to count on the staff and parishioners who were familiar with the administrative duties. I especially thank the staff and parishioners who were committed to serve on the parish councils, finance committees, buildings and grounds, commissions, and other ministries. I am grateful to those who were involved from the beginning and still remain active. You gave me wisdom and knowledge about the daily operation that a normal parishioner only experiences on the weekend. I hope you continue on because of your wisdom. Things can change without remembering the past. You invested yourself to rekindle the fire of old ministries and branched out to explore to new areas. Our parish really became a beacon of light for our community. I received a call from a local pastor last week who gave praise about our ministry to the community. Other church leaders notice our involvement in the community, and they are impressed. Continue on your mission and invite others to join you. You want others to encounter what you have experienced. God will continue to bless your generosity.

I also want to thank Deacon Jim and Marilyn for all their dedication and commitment to the parish. I introduced Deacon Jim to Bishop Siegel as my coworker at our Capital Campaign meeting a couple of weeks ago. He was my partner in ministry, and I thank Marilyn for allowing him to give so much time to the parish. I believe she got short changed on several occasions, and she probably had to join him to be with him. They are two very good workers for the parish. Both really helped me in becoming a pastor. They have a big heart, and they taught me to have a merciful heart. I thought at times my dad resurrected. I believe Deacon Jim deserves a lot of credit for the vibrancy of our parish. His leadership has brought forth the St. Francis effect that has transformed our Outreach Com-

mission to bring light to the community. I would also like to thank the past and present staff who guided, consoled, and supported me through parish decisions. They really helped me to become a better pastor by their suggestions and commitment. I thank you as well for your commitment and dedication to the parish. Your involvement is the reason for our success. You have a lot of potential. I hope and pray that you keep making St. Francis of Assisi a beacon of light for the community.

Many thanks to those who coordinated my reception last weekend. I know Deacon Jim, Parish Council, and Hospitality were involved and the many others who made it so very special for me. Your outpour of support was overwhelming and inspiring. You gave up your Sunday afternoon to stand in line for a good amount of time to congratulate me was unbelievable. Thank You! I was also impressed with the gifts; especially those memories of St. Francis of Assisi that can be visible at the next parish rectory or office. Amazing work in such a short time. I also took time to read through the cards on Monday, thanks for the gifts and the beautiful notes about my ministry. I will keep them, and reread them to remind me of your support and love. Certainly, your support, generosity, and encouragement is a sign that God has called me to this vocation. You taught me a lot and you were a good first pastorate. Thank You! I will stay in touch and if my schedule allows it, I will be back to visit. Let us keep each other in prayer as we make transitions in our life. God will give us the strength to get through this.

For your information, the Diocesan Personnel Board met with the staff, Parish Council and Finance Commission last week to hear the vision and needs of the parish, so they can match the right candidate for the parish. I ask for your patience in this discernment and to pray for a pastor. In the meantime, I worked on a schedule for the weekday and weekend Liturgies. You will continue to have Mass at the regular times during the week and the weekends.

God Bless You,



## This Week

### Saturday, February 3

- Blessing of Throats today & Sunday
- 'Souper' Bowl Food Collection today & Sunday

### Sunday, February 4

- Eucharistic Minister training at MHC after Mass
- No Encounter

### Monday, February 5

- Maria Hilf Foundation Meeting @ MHC 6:30pm

### Tuesday, February 6

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm

### Wednesday, February 7

- Catechist Formation NO Class Grades 1-8
- SFA Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:15pm

### Thursday, February 8

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm

### Friday, February 9

- Hispanic Choir Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:00pm

### Saturday, February 10

- Anniversary Dinner

### Sunday, February 11

- Confirmation Candidate Parent Meeting  
Conference room 10am
- Encounter SN-LL 6:30

*Let us Pray for our parish families who have lost loved ones. That in their time of sadness, may our support and prayers bring them some comfort.*

*Family of Jan Mehne  
Especially her sister, Carol Toy*

*Family of Dennis Troth  
Especially his brother, Jack Troth*

*Family of Edward Oser  
Especially his brother, Dick Mohr*

*Family of William Perrin  
Especially his niece, Trish Schuler*

Names in the "Pray for" box will be listed in four bulletins. If you would like your name added again, please call the office.



Pat Sallman, Margaret Bradley, Janet Dilger,  
Edna Meunier, Trisha Martin, Brian Bledsoe,  
Carmen Lloveras, John Elliott

  
**white-collar  
workers needed.**

## VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Pray for the priests and seminarians of the day listed below. Give thanks for their vocations.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

Fr Ronald Zgunda, Fr Joseph Ziliak

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;  
Mk 7:1-13

Fr Donald Ackerman, Fr Crispine Adongo

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

Fr Kenneth Betz, Fr Sudhakar Bhastati

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;  
Mk 7:24-30

Fr John Boeglin, Mr Garrett Braun

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Fr John Breidenbach, Fr Raymond Brenner

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Fr John Brosmer, Fr Claude Burns

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Fr Benny A. Chacko, Fr John Davidson

*St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests, bless these men with the strength and wisdom to follow God's will.*

## Minister Schedule

### St. Nicholas — Saturday, February 10 - 4:30 p.m.

**GR** Bill & Susan Cherolis  
**SE** Ralph Langen, Rose Lloveras, Landon Schaefer  
**LE** Lee Ringeman, Annie Oxley  
**CL** Michelle Fischer  
**US** Rob Oxley, Scott Knust  
**GB** Volunteer Family  
**EM** Michelle Fischer, Bill Cherolis, Brenda Hagedorn,  
 Ed Hagedorn, Abby Hagedorn, **Volunteers**  
**Sacristan** John & Leslie Buxton

### Mary, Help of Christians — Sunday, February 11— 7:00 a.m.

**GR** Zeric Brievogel, Christine Schlachter  
**SE** Quinn Keller, Emma Hoffman, Alexa Fleck, Sara Dilger  
**LE** Stan Jochim, Tammy Keller  
**CL** Marilyn Satkamp  
**US** Brandon Hanloh, Nathan Hanloh, Tami Nord & Tim Nord  
**GB** Lee & Joyce Philipps  
**EM** Ronnie Begle, Bryce Denning, John Kern,  
 Marilyn Woebkenberg, **2 Volunteers**  
**Rosary Leader** Charmaine Oxford

### St. Joseph — Sunday, February 11 — 9:00 a.m.

**GR** Marilyn Harper, Pat Stutsman, Ed & Esther Lutterman  
**SE** Ty Schaefer, Ty Harper, Bronson Pund, Trey Nord  
**LE** Ron & Mary Balbach  
**CL** Cassie Heile  
**US** Ray Striegel, Ron Schaefer, Steve Clark, Marty Elliott,  
**2 Volunteers**  
**EM** Adie & Cindy Morrison, Pat Crews, Heath Harper,  
 David & Sandy Fritz, **2 Volunteers**  
**Sacristan** Tanya Eger

## Stewardship of Treasure January 21st

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7346.00
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 531.25
Children's Basket	\$ 50.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7927.75</b>

**Number of Envelopes Used: 167 (out of 380)**

**Budget amount needed \$10,000.00**

<b>YTD Actuals:</b>	<b>\$285,038.04</b>
<b>YTD Budget:</b>	<b>\$300,000.00 (30 Sundays)</b>
<b>YTD Net:</b>	<b>(\$14,961.96)</b>

Building & Grounds	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 70.00
NSCAC	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Charities	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00

**Total Deposit \$8,142.75**

## 2017- Mass Attendance - 2018

172 Jan 21	Sat - Jan 20 - 4:30pm	146
150 Jan 22	Sun - Jan 21 - 7:00am	131
265 Jan 22	Sun - Jan 21 - 9:00am	217
94 Jan 22	Sun - Jan 21- 11:00am	65

### CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

**Total pledged to date: \$134,091.40**  
**Parish Goal: \$132,428**  
**Cards mailed out: 674**  
**Cards returned: 467 (69%)**

[Please return your pledge card.](#)



Your Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) pledge is part of your personal commitment to Christian Stewardship: giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings God has given you.

## Mass Intentions

Sat,	Feb 3, 4:30pm (SN)	Doris Martin
Sun,	Feb 4, 7:00am (MHC)	Othmar & Alberta Begle
Sun,	Feb 4, 9:00am (SJ)	Cletus Litkenhus, Bernie Stallman
Sun,	Feb 4, 11:00am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Tues,	Feb 6, 7:30am (SN)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Wed,	Feb 7, 5:30pm (SJ)	Robert Herr
Thur,	Feb 8, 7:30 m (MHC)	Marcella Otto, Billie Scheu
Fri,	Feb 9, 7:30am (SN)	Frank & Laura Nord family
Sat,	Feb 10 4:30pm (SN)	Jack Snyder, Nancy Ringeman
Sun,	Feb 11, 7:00 m (MHC)	Lee Goepfner
Sun,	Feb 11, 9:00am (SJ)	Robert Wahl
Sun,	Feb 11, 11:00am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish

# Community News

## BLOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who donated blood! Our SFA Parish Family donated a total of 80 pints! Thank you very much Elaine Burress, Paul & Paula Jochim & Deacon Jim Woebkenberg for taking time to help out. Marilyn Woebkenberg

## "SOUPER BOWL" FOOD COLLECTION

The 'Souper Bowl' food collection is the weekend of Feb. 3rd and 4th. Soup bags are being passed out at the weekend masses. All donations go to the North Spencer Community Action Ctr.

**NSCAC** - The "Bag of Blessings" Ministry provides to our hungry children on the weekends. They are low on funds and need your help. Please drop your donation in the collection basket earmarked for this ministry. Thank you! The Outreach Commission

## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Mission: *Transforming Love*** **Sunday, February 18-Tuesday, February 20** **6:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church**

Our Lenten parish mission will help us to reflect on the call of love and the transformation that it brings to our lives. Our mission speaker this year is Dr. Kimberly Baker. Kimberly teaches church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. More importantly for us, she is a fellow parishioner here at Saint Francis of Assisi. You may have heard Kimberly lecturing at the 9:00 am mass on Sundays or have seen her teaching in the ESL program.

The mission will have three evening sessions, Sunday, February 18-Tuesday, February 20. We will meet each evening at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus at 6:00 pm. The youth and leaders of Encounter will attend the Sunday evening session together.

All are invited to participate in the 2018 parish mission as we begin our Lenten journey together.

**Sunday, February 18, 2018: "Listening for God's 'I Love You'"**

**Monday, February 19, 2018: "Loving Christ by Loving Others"**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018: "Joining Christ's Mission of Love to the World"**

***Maria Hilf Foundation Annual Meeting*** on Mon., Feb 5th at 6:30pm @ MHC Parish Ctr.

## UPCOMING WOMEN AND MEN CRHP RETREATS

We will begin the women's retreat on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The men's weekend will be the next week, March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Both weekends will be at Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center. May you take the time to pray about these retreats and consider making a weekend.

## WOMEN'S ASH WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

WHERE: Santa Claus United Methodist Church

When: Wed., February 14 @ 6:00am (CST)

Hosted by: Women of Santa Claus UMC

RSVP by February 12, 2018 to Sally Schaaf (812)937-2420

k.schaaf@sbcglobal.net

## ATTENTION LADIES of St. Francis of Assisi!!

HELLO LADIES!!!! I don't know about you, but time sure has gone fast. It is already February! We will have our February meeting with **Mardi Gras Bunco Night** again this year which is just around the corner. It will be held February 13th at Mariah Hill at 6pm. If possible bring any type of finger food. Hope to see you all there!

## SVDP SOCIETY

Annual Lenten Day of Recollection

The St. Vincent de Paul Society cordially invites you to attend their annual Lenten Day of Recollection on March 3, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Seton Residence. The spiritual director will be Jane Knuth, Catholic author of spiritual books including **THRIFT**

**STORE SAINTS**. There will be a fee of \$10, payable the day of the retreat. The fee includes breakfast and dinner. Please call in your reservation to the St. Vincent de Paul coordinator's office at (812)423-7842 by February 26, 2018. This prayer opportunity is not limited to St. Vincent de Paul members. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Prayer for a New Pastor

Gracious God, you have nourished and protected your Church by providing it with pastors, who are stewards of your word and sacraments. We thank you for the years of Father John's pastoral care. Now we ask you to bless us with a new pastor. Assist our bishop and his advisors to choose a pastor for us, who will always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of your people, so that we may continue to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.



Do you ever feel that life is drudgery? Have you ever been ill and wondered about your place on the earth or in the lives of the people you love? Do you sometimes feel rejected or misunderstood? On this Sunday in the early moments of a new year, we reflect on the clarity, consolation, and healing we find in faith. Job muses about the meaning of life; Saint Paul relies on faith as he responds to critics; the sick rush to Jesus, and he shows us God's tender care for those who are ailing and outcast. Not only does he respond to those who come to him; he goes where they are. God seeks us out in our moments of weakness. God will always be with us in such real experiences of human life.

#### REAL LIFE

The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can we relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

#### REAL FAITH

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

Today's Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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#### LA VERDADERA VIDA

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son historias reales de la vida. El libro de Job es la historia de un hombre al que se le prueba durante la enfermedad, la muerte de seres queridos y, la pérdida de amistades y amigos. Muchos de nosotros podemos relacionarnos con Job. Probablemente hemos tenido momentos cuando nuestras vidas se sienten como pesadas cargas o, cuando despertamos en medio de la noche y no podemos volver a dormirnos. No todos deseaban escuchar la Buena Nueva de san Pablo. Ellos cuestionaron sus motivos y no entendían su compromiso de compartir la novedad de Jesús con todos. No siempre es fácil vivir como un discípulo en el mundo de hoy. No todos entenderán nuestro compromiso de vida cristiana. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús sana a la suegra de Pedro y a muchas otras personas enfermas. Aquellas personas que tienen alguna necesidad lo buscan. Aun cuando él se retira para orar, sus discípulos van a encontrarlo. Jesús no parece tener mucho tiempo para él mismo, lo que cualquier padre, hijo, amigo o persona comprometida al servicio puede entender cuando pone las necesidades de los demás en primer lugar. ¡La verdadera vida puede ser desafiante!

#### LA VERDADERA FE

Las historias que escuchamos hoy son también historias de la verdadera fe. Cuando casi esta orillado hasta sus límites, Job no se rinde y confía en Dios para estar con él todo lo que dure su enfermedad, tragedia y soledad. Job sabe que él verdaderamente no está solo. Dios está con él. De la misma manera, san Pablo actúa según discernió. No hay duda, él tuvo momentos de soledad y sintió la presión de los juicios de las personas, pero no desconfió del amor de su Señor. Como en todas las cosas, Jesús nos muestra que hay que hacer. En momentos de enfermedad, soledad y dolor, cuando se necesita un sentido en la vida, volver a Dios en la oración. Confiar en el toque sanador del Señor, ya sea una sanación física o sanación emocional para soportar el sufrimiento y el dolor. Jesús sanó a muchos que se acercaron a él y, el continúa acercándose a nosotros en nuestras necesidades. Confía en Dios con verdadera fe para enfrentar las circunstancias a menudo complicadas de nuestras verdaderas vidas.

Lecturas de hoy: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

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# Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Youth

## Upcoming

### Youth Needed!

Anniversary Dinner servers  
Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Saint Nicholas Lower Level after Mass

Country Breakfast Clean up crew  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11am Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center

### Faith Formation Team

Pathways Session  
Sacraments  
February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Saint Nicholas Lower Level

### Confirmation

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Candidate & Parent meeting SJ conference room  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Session #1 SJ conference room  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Session #2 SJ conference room

### Faith Formation

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> No class (Pathway formation)  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> No class (Ash Wednesday)  
**Class schedule for February:** 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

### Encounter

**February Schedule:** 11,18,25 (No session on the 4<sup>th</sup>)

Jesus healed many people.  
Find and circle four things that are in the top picture but not the bottom one.

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Count by fives to lead Jesus to the house.  
Once there, he can find and heal Simon's mother-in-law from a fever!