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January 21, 2024 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thank you

The family of Jason Lovell want to thank everyone for their prayers, comforting words, and concerns after his passing into the hands of Our Lord. A very special thank you to the ladies for their help with the funeral dinner. Everything was appreciated and you will be remembered in our prayers.

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet this Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Reconciliation by Appointment



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

When God's words call you, God puts your life at a crossroad. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him.

The people to whom Jonah was sent believed God's words and willed to be obedient to God, and that is why they repented their former ways. As a result, they became very different from the people they had been. The whole city became a very different city from the one it had been.

When the people responded to God's words with trust and obedience, they ceased to be what they were—and the old Nineveh was destroyed.



VOCATION CORNER

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men". He likewise enlists James and John to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with "abandoning our nets" and helping each other to live the vocation we've been uniquely called to by God. Try to find a moment each day to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.



In instituting the Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis concluded his Apostolic letter with this blessing:

"May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Dt 30:14)."

Our *Formed* subscription provides access to numerous resources to deepen your study of sacred Scripture.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 20: Jason Lovell
Sunday January 21: William & Jeanne Beatty
Saturday January 27: Jim Eaves
Sunday January 28: Bill Eblen



WORD OF LIFE



"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

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Intercession:

For public servants and elected officials:
May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life;
We pray to the Lord

Jackson County Knights of Columbus Pro-Life March will be **Sunday February 4 2-3 PM** starting at St. Francis Xavier in Carbondale.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday January 27: Lector: Susan Hoyle **Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Cairatti, Susan Sherwin, Joe Wendling

Sunday January 28: Lector: Mary Beth Hileman **Servers:** Jenna Hoehner, Logan Brumleve, Nathan Brumleve **Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Hoehner, Jim Poletti, Ellen Quertermous