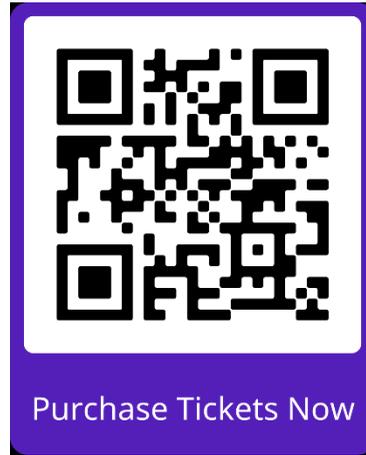




**Please Join Us for Dinner, Live Music, Mardi Gras Festivities and support a great cause!**

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO) is hosting an evening of dinner and dancing to the sounds of Spectrum, a nine-piece band from St. Louis. Saturday, February 26, 2022, at

5:30 p.m. at the Drury Conference Center in Cape Girardeau. All proceeds will benefit the new LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home coming to downtown Cape. For more information about LifeHouse and the Mardi Gras Ball or to purchase tickets, please visit the Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri website [www.ccsomo.org](http://www.ccsomo.org).



**Young Men: Come to an Encounter With God's Call**

Saturday, February 26 to Monday, February 28. EWGC is a seminary discernment experience **for high school juniors through recent college graduates (ages 16-25)**. During Encounter, the participants further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life.

Throughout the weekend, participants pray, meet, and relax with seminarians. Conception Seminary College is located in NW Missouri near Maryville. Both Father Alex and Father Rick will be leading this trip to the seminary. For more info on how you can attend, email Father Rick at [stvcapepadre@gmail.com](mailto:stvcapepadre@gmail.com) or call the parish office 537-335-7667. The trip will leave St. Vincent de Paul in Cape early on Saturday morning at 7:00am and will return Monday evening around 8:00pm.

There is no cost for the weekend.



**Change to the Monday Night Mass at 6pm**

The Holy Mass on Monday will be in Spanish, but with the readings read in both English and Spanish. (Wednesday mass is entirely in English except the readings are read in both English and Spanish).

**Families Will Resume Bringing Up the Gifts!**

You may be asked this Sunday or next to serve as a gift bearer! This is a beautiful tradition of our church, and we are glad to have it back. Thank you for bringing the gifts to the altar!



**February 6, 2022**

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**Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:**  
Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,  
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Monday and Wednesday Adoration at 5; Mass at 6pm**  
Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English; 10:05am Rosary  
1pm Mass in Spanish

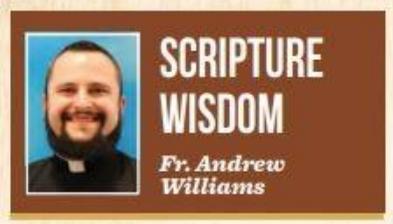
\*If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

**Please pray for /Oramos para:**

Bill and Lynnette Anderson, Rita Redman, Polly McAtee, +Judy Abernathy, +Greg Bradley, Paul Deken, +Sandy DeLisle, +Mary Gurley, Justin Miller, Deanne Cole, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, and Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember our bishops and our priest, Fr. David, and our homebound.

**Mass Intentions**

February 6 10:30 Paul Deken



**'It is not you they reject, but me'**

**Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary**

Recently in the Gospel of Luke, we saw Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. In a beautiful moment showing the unity of the

Trinity, the Father spoke of the Beloved Son, while the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, all acting together to begin Jesus' ministry.

In the Old Testament, when the Holy Spirit descended upon a person, this often established them as a Prophet. The role of a prophet was to be the mouthpiece of God, that is, to speak the words of God. It certainly was not an easy role. Between the resistance of ordinary people and the manipulation of false prophets, the lives of many true prophets ended by exile or murder.

Jesus, like the prophets of old, immediately went on a mission when the Holy Spirit descended on Him. He soon came to His hometown of Nazareth and proclaimed the word of God in the synagogue, telling them that the prophecy of the Messiah was being fulfilled in their midst. However, in spite of their initial excitement, He also gave them a warning from their own history. Citing examples from Elijah and Elisha, Jesus reminded the people of Nazareth that Israel frequently rejected the prophets in the past. These were challenging words that should have brought the people to repentance.

Tragically, the Good News that Jesus proclaimed often fell on deaf ears or even made people violently resistant. His preaching was met with joy and conversion, but also by sneers, slander, and hatred. In this Gospel, specifically, the people are hateful because they knew Jesus growing up and dislike that he is now calling them to conversion. We can imagine their secret thoughts: "Who does he think he is to come back here and tell us our faults? We would rather murder him than hear his challenging words."

**We, too, may be rejected if we are going to follow in His footsteps**, accepting the role of a Prophet which was given to us at Baptism. Our attempts to speak the Good News (with its call of repentance) may be rejected by others, including our own family, friends, or co-workers. Certainly, we will do better if we become holier and more approachable ourselves. But even at our best, some people, or even many people, will refuse to listen.

However, we will find the strength to continue because there is not only rejection. One of the greatest joys, I believe, of being a prophet of the Lord and his mouthpiece is to see the ways He accomplishes his plan through us. There is a deep thanksgiving that goes beyond doubt, frustration, or exhaustion when I think of the times Jesus has used me to draw someone to him. Jesus, too, took comfort in his disciples and had joy in his heart because of their faith, especially when it seemed like everyone was against him. As you continue to speak the word of God, pray simply for those who reject you, and find encouragement in those who share your faith.

***Father Williams is the Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield and also St. Joseph the Worker in Ozark.***

**The Parish School of Religion Will Continue Every Sunday at 11:45am!**

Each week, the PSR program continues to have classes for parents at 11:45am. All parents who have a child preparing for **First Communion** should attend as well as parents with a child in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or up who is desiring to receive **Confirmation** in the church. Parents will be in classes that will help them to teach the faith to their children, while the children will have enrichment activities in the Catholic faith.

**Collection Information for January 30**

Bill Anderson is in the hospital. Please pray! We will update financial information as soon as we can.

Remember: Online giving is an easy way to tithe to our church! Go to [www.stceciliakennett.com](http://www.stceciliakennett.com) to get started.

**Monthly Calendar of Events**

First Sundays of the Month: Second Collection for Mother's House in Hayti  
PSR Every Sunday at 11:45

**Cat Sitter Needed**



Parishioner in Kennett looking for someone to take care of several cats four days a week for thirteen weeks. Will pay \$75 a week. Please call 314-640-8105.

**Saints this Week:**

Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>-  
St. Scholastica,  
Virgin

