

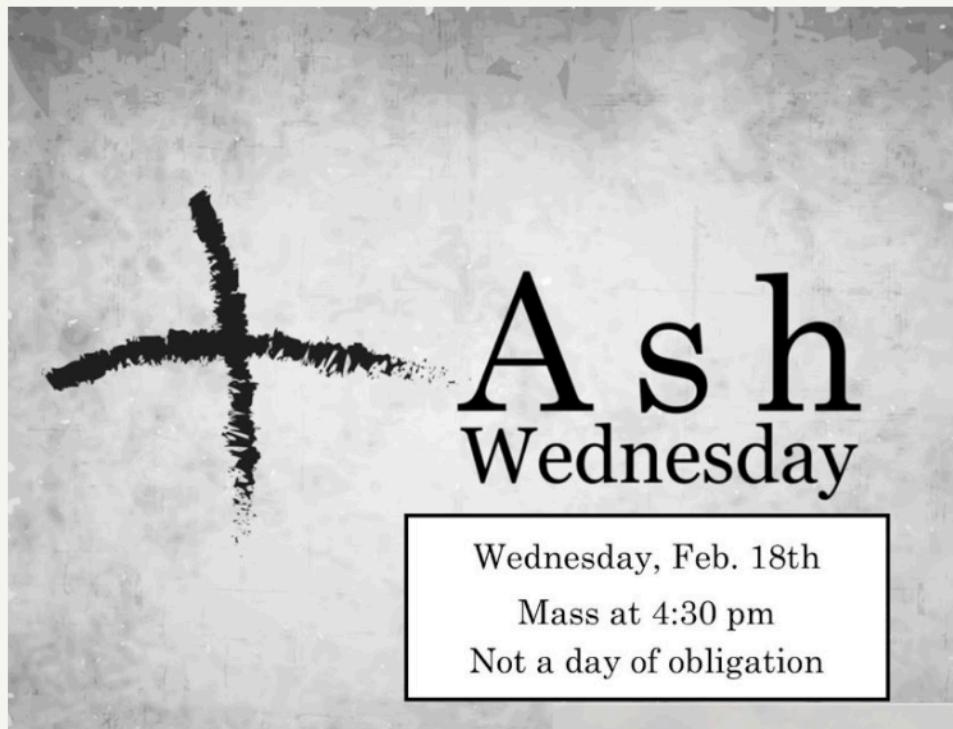
ST. BARTHolemew
FEBRUARY 1, 2026



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Chosen Movie Night is on **Wednesday, February 4th at 6pm** at Stageline Theater. Free movie, free pizza, free drinks. Invite a friend to join you.
- The next Ask a Priest night is on **Wednesday, February 25th at 6pm**. The topic is: Did Jesus establish a church? Anyone is welcome to come. Free dinner.
- Ash Wednesday Mass is on **Wednesday, February 18th at 4:30pm**.
◊ No RE due to Ash Wednesday Mass.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office *at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.*

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

Reading 1: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3:12-13

Resp. Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am
Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

11/30/25—\$314.00

12/7/25—\$1611.00

12/14/25—1398.30

12/21/25—705.00

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

St. Bartholomew Calendar

Sun. 2/1/26	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 2/2/26	
Tues. 2/3/26	
Wed. 2/4/26	Daily Mass: 11am Church Father's Series: 11:30am The Chosen Movie Night: 6pm
Thurs. 2/5/26	
Fri. 2/6/26	
Sat. 2/7/26	
Sun. 2/8/26	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

BECOMING A MAN OF PRAYER



Men's
SKI RETREAT

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1

Join Fr. Cody Williams and other men for a weekend of prayer, skiing/snowboarding, and fraternal time. For more information go to holycrossmt.org/skiretreat

\$50
(covers food & lodging;
lift ticket not included)

INFO & SIGN UP



Basics of Catholicism Part 121—Marriage

Now Jesus enters the discussion on marriage. We should no longer be surprised that Jesus' first miracle and the beginning of his ministry happened at a wedding. At the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus arrived with his disciples to celebrate the feast. John makes an important note about this feast: the bride and groom are not present. Nowhere in this Gospel are the bride and groom mentioned in any way. John is making a point for us: Jesus is the groom and the Church is his bride. How can we make such a leap? When the water had turned to wine and the head waiter had tasted it, he makes the point that this is best wine served at this feast. Until this point all marriages and all that the Scriptures had taught paled in comparison to what is coming, the true marriage, the completion of what God started from the beginning.

Clearly marriage is important for Jesus. Not only was his miracle at a wedding feast but several of his teachings on marriage clearly strengthen the previous teachings. When confronted with the issue of divorce, Jesus takes a stronger stance than the Books of Law and the Pharisees stating that divorce should not be the norm and only allowed for "unlawful" marriages. When he was challenged on adultery and lust, he states that even looking at someone with lust is committing adultery. Jesus' stance on marriage is harsh and clear. Marriage was meant to be a life-long commitment without dissolution. God intended marriage as something more than simply a covenant or pact between two parties. So what did he intend?

Now we turn to the book of Revelation. The final act of this book showcases the incredible value and dignity that God had planned for marriage from the beginning. Whereas God took the people of Israel as his bride, his spouse, his one love, Jesus takes the Church. In chapter 21, Jesus summons his bride to be with him, the bride who has been washed clean in his blood and now wears a white garment. We cannot dismiss the importance of this event. Twice at the end of the Book of Revelation the bride is mentioned as the culmination and completion of all things. God's intention was to take his bride, the Church, to himself and live with her forever. Who is this bride? The Church: the people of God who have been grafted into Jesus by his blood and by baptism so as to become one with him.

Scripture paints an incredible picture of marriage. Marriage is a quality of God's love for his people. From the Old Testament to its completion in the New Testament, God makes it clear that his love for his people is one of singular devotion. He desires his people with an eternal love in which he will love them regardless of what they do. God will remain faithful to his people even to the end of time symbolized by the eternal covenant of marriage. In these passages we have the core and context of the Church's teaching on marriage and the strength and elevation that Jesus gave to this covenant to make it a Sacrament.

Fr. Cody