

Welcome To Our Tri-Parish

*St. Catherine
Of Siena
Piedmont*



*St. George
Van Buren*



*Our Lady of
Sorrows
Williamsville*



Following Jesus in the Foothills of the Ozarks

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Blessed

are the **poor** in **spirit**
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven

Matthew 5:3

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**All masses are
live streamed
on Facebook:
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JANUARY 29, 2023 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!

Mass Schedule Week of January 15, 2023 Intentions

Monday	8:00am Piedmont	
Tuesday	8:00am Piedmont	vocations
Wednesday	8:00am Piedmont	prolife conversion
Thursday	8:00am Piedmont	deceased priests
	5:15pm Van Buren*	
Friday	8:00am Piedmont	dec. parents of priests
Saturday	4:30pm Williamsville	prolife centers
Sunday	8:30am Van Buren *	parish family
	11:00am Piedmont	

No Saturday eve. Mass in Piedmont til time change Sun.

Tues. 6:00pm Hour of Adoration: the Light is on for you, opportunity for confession

Wed. 6:30 Piedmont Council Meeting

Thurs 5:45pm Van Buren council

Sun. Second collection for Church in Latin America

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Confessions: ½ hr. before mass, or by appointment 247 0277

Homily: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

50 years ago today the infamous Roe vs. Wade was enacted making abortion available throughout America and leading to the execution of some 64 million young people. As you know I would have been in DC this past Friday as I have most years since '73 for this national protest. We were hoping for a celebration celebrating Roe vs. Wade overturn this year but there is too much work to do yet in overcoming this evil in our country. There is already great effort to pass national laws to enshrine abortion and then there is the state wide battles. Ps. 119 says before I formed you in the womb I knew you. You know Pope Francis said that abortion is no different than hiring a hit man to eliminate an inconvenient person from your life. You know the difference between a hit-man and an abortionist? The hit-man doesn't normally torture their target first. Since I couldn't go to the march I took time to watch the speech live and was gratified to hear Jonathan Roumie, the Jesus on the Chosen, give a great talk. When an actor is going to portray a character they spend a great deal of time walking in their shoes to really know them. Jonathan said he had never gotten involved in the pro-life activities before but found himself being compelled to do so the more he came to know Jesus. Today's first reading says 'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.' Jesus is that light. Mother Theresa of Calcutta said that abortion was the greatest destroyer of peace in the world. If we are willing to kill the most innocent we are willing to kill anyone. It's just a matter of time before some other group gets designated. The response today said the Lord is my light. The second reading urged for all to be united in the same mind and the same purpose and so we must all be of one mind in regard to abortion even at the risk of persecution. We can't help but be aware of how many pro-lifers the FBI have been going after such as the father of 7 children who's son had been continuously tormented by an abortion worker finally pushed him back. The FBI came in force on an early morning in front of his family. Almost like the persecution of the young man by the press who at the rally a couple years ago was accosted by another who was beating a drum right in his face to aggravate a show-down. Meanwhile the FBI has only now finally begun an investigation into a couple of the 84 acts of destruction of pro-life clinics and churches. This is indeed a time of darkness in which you are called to be a light.



Great News: you can now give whenever amount you want in a very easy way. Just click on this qr code. You can fill out a quick simple way to track your on line giving and which events you want to support. Including mass intentions. Just list who you wish to be remembered in the box. Fr dan

Outreach for November: Rent 900.00 utilities 1800.00 21 families Gas Vouchers 55 @ 25.00 you are currently helping others at approximately 57,000. @ year.

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Catechism in a Year.
How great it would be for all of us, yes, all of us to review the catechism this year as we celebrate 150 years. Can you make that a goal for you? And you children?
<https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear>