



Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 16 of 40

"I will live with them and move among them, and I will be their God" 2 Cor 6:16

Before we enter into the Mass proper, several more comments are needed on the objects of a Catholic church. A Catholic church, of course, stands out for its architecture, but also for its objects. First and foremost because of what is in the sanctuary. As was commented on before, every Catholic church has an altar. Historically speaking, an altar is understood as a place where a sacrifice was offered to a deity. This was the case in pagan cultures, and was the case in the Old Testament (cf. art. 5). For us now, following Jesus' command (cf. art. 8), the sacrifice of Jesus is represented to us in a sacramental – unbloody way on the altar of our church (cf. art. 7). Unique to the altar is that a relic of a saint is placed within it. This captures the idea on the one hand how the early Church celebrated Mass at the graves of other Christians (Christianity was outlawed until the edict of Milan in 313 A.D.). On the other hand, it expresses our desire for this saint to pray for us that we may follow his or her example and allow the graces of the Cross to be applied to our lives. With this object established, it leads to the next necessary object: the chair of the priest. As we have seen (cf. art. 12) it is through an ordained priest of Christ, that Jesus works to confect this sacrament of the altar ... in other words, the priest stands in the person of Christ. Therefore, the object of the presider's chair is not accidental to the sanctuary, but is a reminder that Christ is fully present during any Mass.

In conjunction with these objects is the next necessary one: the tabernacle. Practically, the tabernacle serves as a place to store consecrated hosts (i.e. the body of our Lord). Therefore, it should be located in a dignified place and focal point of any church (i.e. front and center); unless, if that church has many visitors, it could be reserved in a side chapel in order to preserve a sense of reverence. Because of its purpose it should be of dignified material. In addition, upon seeing it, all the faithful are invited to make a genuflection with their right knee as a gesture of worship and humility before our Lord. The term "tabernacle" is derived from the Latin word meaning "tent." This recalls how the Ark of Covenant was originally placed in a tent in the desert (cf. Exodus 25-31, 35-40), and how the use of a tent (or veil) was continued in the construction of the Temple ... the part that was veiled was called the "holy of holies" and it's where the sacrifice was made to God. Further capturing this symbolism, some churches have a Baldacchino (like St. Michael's) over their tabernacle and altar.

In conjunction with these objects is the place where we hear directly our Lord's revealed word: the ambo. The word "ambo" comes from the Greek word meaning "step" or "elevation." This has Jewish roots since rabbis used a platform to read the scripture before the people; but, it also follows Jesus' example of when he "went up on the mountain, and ... opened his mouth and taught them" (MT 5:1-2).

In general it should be placed on the left side of the altar, known as the "Gospel side" or north side. A church that has an elevated ambo with steps (like Glandorf St. Johns), that is called a pulpit.

A final note should be given on the Baptistery. Every parish church is to have one, and should be in a separate place ... thus, capturing the idea that baptism is the doorway to the entire spiritual life, and so it's through this sacrament that you can have access to the other sacraments rooted in the sacrifice of the Cross. Being a sacrament of salvation that makes us an adopted child of our Lord, the font traditionally has eight sides: capturing on the one hand how Jesus rose on the eighth day (the day after the Jewish sabbath, and thus His resurrection points to a new beginning), and on the other hand how the Ark saved eight people "when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water" (1 Pt. 3:20).

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Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Fr. Herman Scherger

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 St. Anthony

8:00 AM Don & Joyce Jerwers

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 PM Al & Mary Siefker, Ron Kahle, Jr.
Art Warnecke (from the neighbors)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput
5:30 PM L/D Holy Name

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:30 PM Walter & Marie Becker
Carolyn Warnecke, L/D Bill Ellerbrock Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 Ecumenical Sunday

8:00 AM Lawrence Peck, Jim Gerding, Dorothy Miller
Al & Mary Siefker Family

11:00 AM Craig & Jeff Vorst, Klara Frommherz
Ed Schroeder, L/D Don Holtkamp Family
Brian Knott, Norman & Dorothy von der Embse

Last Week's Collection : 23,295.31

Choir Assignments—January 20 & 21

4:30: **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Renee

Students Planning Mass This Week

are Michele Doecker's grade 5 class on Wednesday, January 17 and Jill Zeller's grade 8 on Friday, January 19.

High School CCD - Jan. 17: Everyone has class.

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, January 18

Join our students in grades 3-8 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Church Clock Update

A custom motor has been ordered and will take 4-6 weeks to be built and delivered.

First Communion: Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 (Offices are Closed)
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
ROSARY: 7:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME PARTY: after 5:30 p.m. Mass

First Reconciliation: for our grade 2 students and their families will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

K of C Annual Membership Breakfast



Sunday January 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Members & their families eat yumminess FREE with paid-up membership. Regular membership is \$25, Honorary Members \$12.50 and Lifers are FREE! Features scrambled eggs, toast, sticky buns, sausage, applesauce, and other stuff. Avoid forgetting to pay your dues while eating!

Homecoming Mass

This Sunday, January 14, at 4:30 p.m.

Recent Baptism

CAMERON MARIE ROOF

Daughter of Joseph & Caitlin (Stechschulte) Roof

Holy Name Christmas Party - January 19

Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow. Want a meal delivered? Contact Joe Gerdeman at 419-302-6029.

A Small Group Series: Jesus & the Eucharist

Encounter the reality of the Real Presence and fall in love with your faith like never before. There is no homework. Study handouts will be provided at each session. Please join us Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning January 30, in the church basement. There is no cost to attend.

Putnam County Rally for Life - January 28

2:00 pm in St. John's Parish Center in Glandorf.

Marriage Encounter Couples...

are invited to support each other on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Mass is at 3:00 p.m. at St. John Church, Glandorf. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. Dance from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. BYOB. Tickets are \$40 per couple. Contact Herm & Rita Borgelt at 419-796-9168 or hborgelt@bright.net and Tony & Sandy Vorst at 532-3288.

Virtual Dementia Tour at Meadows of Kalida

Join us on Thursday, January 18, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Meadows of Kalida Memory Care Unit. Join us for a virtual dementia experience. The simulation helps empathize more with those suffering from dementia. Light refreshments and Adult Day services provided during training. Call Taylor at 419-672-8851 to RSVP.

Thursdays Out for Seniors

Next meeting is January 18, at Pete and Kirstie Rafaniello's (105 Carnation Street, Kalida). Come enjoy a few hours out for coffee, doughnuts, conversation, puzzles, and games. Call Kirstie (419-957-7679) with questions. Please note there are two steps to get inside the house.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - January 20 & 21

4:30: PB: Jerry Ellerbrock, Bob Gerdeman

Alice Adams, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Jeff Bockrath

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

8:00: PB: Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath

Dennis Bockrath, Greg Bockrath, Dave Buss, Ryan Buss

LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: PB: Brian & Bev Berheide

Lori Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich

LECTOR: Brenda Aversch

SERVER SCHEDULE

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| Tues, 1/16 | 8:00 AM | Alyssa Kahle Hunter Klausing |
| Wed, 1/17 | 8:00 AM | Calvin Hovest Katelin Knueve John Recker |
| Thurs, 1/18 | 7:30 PM | Annaleice Maag Jack Schulte |
| Fri, 1/19 | 8:00 AM | Eli Selhorst Lyla Siebeneck Zach Siefker |
| Sat, 1/20 | 4:30 PM | Kyle Lammers Kara Lammers Drew Meyer |
| Sun, 1/21 | 8:00 AM | Ethan Langhals Evan Langhals Max Langhals |
| | 11:00 AM | Olivia Meyer Sophia Meyer Adyson Miller |

Offertory Bearers - January 20 & 21

4:30: Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family

8:00: Herm & Rita Borgelt Family

11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri Family

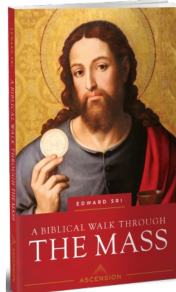
USHERS - January 20 & 21

4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

Hallow

Courses on Hallow

Ideally, I like to get together with as many as possible to learn and live our Catholic faith together. I enjoy listening to others share what they know and the ways they have seen God's Glory. I look forward to sharing our faith journey together in future opportunities, but until then, one way to enjoy learning is through the Hallow app. The courses category in the app may be found by scrolling down on Hallow's home screen. As of the day of this writing, there are 13 courses: A Biblical Walk through the Mass, Feminine Genius, Imaginative Prayer, The Science of Happiness, Spiritual Warfare, Intro to the Gospels, Ignatian Spirituality, The Mass, Deepening Prayer, Sacred Music, Gospel Spirituals, Augustine, and Catholic FAQs. A Biblical Walk through the Mass on Hallow is an abbreviated version of the course we studied in the Church Basement during Lent 2022. There is a copy of the book and workbook *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* in the library in the Church Basement. Check out the book and/or workbook if you are looking for more to accompany the course in the Hallow app.



Wendy Schimmoeller