

February 8-9, 2025

# Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:30 pm

## Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

### Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sun 7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am (Bi-lingual)

5:00 pm

## Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

## Anointing

First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass  
... or by appointment

## Adoration

In Church, Wed 8:30 am -8:30 pm  
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri  
8:00 am-2:30 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Mission:

As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

### Misión Parroquial:

Como miembros de la Comunidad de Fe de Dios en la Parroquia Católica Santa Catalina, comprometemos nuestras vidas a ser la voz, las manos y el espíritu de Cristo, como nuestra forma de continuar el llamado de Dios al amor y la paz.

## Parish Vision:

Together as a parish, we will strengthen our spiritual and personal lives so we can live out our mission as disciples. Led by the Redemptorist Charism, we will follow Christ the Redeemer, to build communities where all people can encounter the message of plentiful redemption, to serve the most abandoned, to minister to those in need and to be evangelized by them.



**Visión Parroquial:** Juntos como parroquia, fortaleceremos nuestra vida espiritual y personal para que podamos vivir nuestra misión como discípulos. Guiados por el Carisma Redentorista, seguiremos a Cristo Redentor, para construir comunidades donde todas las personas puedan encontrar el mensaje de abundante redención, y servir a los más abandonados, administrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

## Join Our Vibrant Parish Community - Become a Part of Santa Catalina Parish

We invite you to join our dynamic and welcoming parish family. As a member of Santa Catalina Parish, you will find opportunities to deepen your faith, connect with others, and make a meaningful impact in our community.

### To Join our parish

- Visit our website at [www.santacatalinaparish.org](http://www.santacatalinaparish.org) to register online
- Stop by the parish office and ask Donna, to provide a paper registration form

We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.

### To Support our Parish Mission

We rely on your generosity to continue serving our community. There are two easy ways to share your gift with Santa Catalina Parish:

- **Online Giving:** sign up on our website at: <https://osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/giving/funds>
- **Envelope Program:** Contact our parish office to learn more about our envelope program



**Do you wear a hearing aid?** We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.

**Please Silence Your Cell Phone** ...at all times inside the Church. Thank you for understanding.



**Report Abuse** If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.

**Al-Anon & AA Meetings** Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.



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## This Week's Meetings (Feb 10- Feb 16)

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
Mon, Feb 10	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Feb 11	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo
	2:00 PM	Dignity of Life monthly meeting	Marian
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
Wed, Feb 12	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite
	10:00 AM	Dress a Girl Ministry meeting	Saguaro
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
Thu, Feb 13	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	10:00 AM	Sr. Karen Berry- Surprising Lives of Saints	Saguaro
	1:00 PM	Book Bunch monthly meeting	Cholla
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
Fri, Feb 14	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
Sat, Feb 15	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Feb 16	7:30 AM	Parish Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
	8:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference

## Hand Carved In Bethlehem

Please visit the tables showcasing religious wares, including Nativity sets, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, and more, after all Masses on the weekend of February 15 & 16.

Ayman Khair will be representing Christian families from the Holy Land, who have traditionally relied on selling their hand-carved religious items to tourists. Unfortunately, due to ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the war, tourism in the region has come to a halt, leaving these families without a source of income.

Your support during this critical time is essential to

help these families sustain themselves. They have turned to Christian communities in the United States to sell their beautiful hand-carved articles, crafted from the sacred Olive tree, a tradition passed down through generations.

This effort aims to provide these families with the means to continue living and surviving in the Holy Land, where the Christian population has tragically decreased from 22% to less than 2% over the last 20 years.

Thank you in advance for your kind support. †

## Free Mission of the Family Video Series from the Knights of Columbus

Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "Mission of The Family". The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free.



The videos can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>. The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. †



## Documents from Bishop Weisenburger About Immigration



A preparedness toolkit



A preparedness plan in English &



Spanish

Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ

## St Valentine's Day Charismatic Mass

Thursday February 13, 2025 at 6:45 PM

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

- John 13:34



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Praise reports
- ❖ Special blessings for married couples & those considering marriage



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Invite your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: **Our Lady of La Vang Parish** St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Join on Zoom at: **Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841**  
**Passcode: 352734**

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone, -If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 520-981-8800.

## Create Animal Portraits With the Arts and Crafts Group

In February and March, members of the Arts and Crafts Group will focus on creating animal portraits. For this project, you can choose the art medium you would like to use: graphite or colored pencils, pastels or charcoal, pen and ink, collage, scratch board, or any type of paint (watercolor, acrylic, or oil). Bring a picture of the animal you'd like to create and the necessary materials (i.e., appropriate paper and tools).

We'll have members who can show you how to use a grid or light board to transfer your picture to the paper. Come learn from each other as we create animal portraits!



The Arts and Crafts group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 in the Ocotillo Room. †

## Mental Health and Substance Use Co-Occurring Disorders

More than one in four adults living with serious mental health problems also has a substance use problem. Substance use problems occur more frequently with certain mental health problems, including:

- Depression
- Anxiety Disorders
- Schizophrenia
- Personality Disorder



### Substance Use Disorder Symptoms

#### Behavioral changes such as:

- Drop in attendance and performance at work or school
- Frequently getting into trouble (fights, accidents, illegal activities)
- Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors
- Changes in appetite or sleep patterns
- Unexplained change in personality or attitude
- Sudden mood swings, irritability, or angry outbursts
- Periods of unusual hyperactivity, agitation, or giddiness
- Lack of motivation
- Appearing fearful, anxious, or paranoid, with no reason

#### Physical changes such as:

- Bloodshot eyes and abnormally sized pupils
- Sudden weight loss or weight gain
- Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors
- Deterioration of physical appearance: Unusual smells on breath, body, or clothing
- Tremors, slurred speech, or impaired coordination

#### Social changes such as:

- Sudden change in friends, favorite hangouts, and hobbies
- Legal problems related to substance use
- Unexplained need for money or financial problems
- Using substances even though it causes problems in relationships

### Treatment

Someone with a mental health problem and substance use disorder must treat both. Issues, Treatment for both mental health problems and substance use disorders may include rehabilitation, medications, support groups, and talk therapy.

[samhsa.gov/mental-health/mental-health-substance-use-co-occurring-disorders](https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/mental-health-substance-use-co-occurring-disorders)

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. To learn how to get support for mental health, drug and alcohol issues, visit FindSupport.gov. †

## Meet the Pastoral Council - Joseph Glas

Donna and I relocated from Florida to SaddleBrooke Ranch 3+ years ago. We have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. Our "Bookend Daughters" are MDs and Professors in the U of AZ Medical school, our primary reason for locating here. Donna and I were born in Ankeny and Des Moines, Iowa, respectively.

I had the benefit of Catholic School education from K through 12 and College (Rockhurst University, Jesuit) education. I attended the University of Illinois graduate school, MS and



JOSEPH GLAS



PhD in Chemical Engineering, graduating in 1964 and then joined the DuPont company, retiring in 1999, having served 14 years as Vice President -General Manager for DuPont Fluorochemicals. During the 35 years with DuPont we lived in six of the States. I served on the Finance Councils of three parishes which were engaged in building new churches, St Max Kolbe, PA., St Peter, SC and St John Paul II, FL.

I have served as Lector and EEM with four of those parishes. ✚

### Stewardship in the Catholic Church

Stewardship in the Catholic Church is a profound expression of faith, rooted in scripture and Christ's teachings. Mature stewards are deeply committed to their relationship with Christ, practicing stewardship through their time, talents, treasure, and testimonies. They are dedicated to the mission of the Church, particularly that of Santa Catalina Catholic Church.

Regular participation in parish liturgies and events inspires others by example. Stewards recognize the importance of time, talent, and treasure in fulfilling the parish mission and Christ's mission, actively sharing this message with the community.

With love for God, the Church, and Santa Catalina, stewards work together to foster a vibrant and supportive parish environment. This collective effort enables the parish to serve its members and the broader community, spreading love, compassion, and hope.

Reflect on your journey and consider how you can support your parish's mission. Embrace stewardship and find joy in serving your community with your unique gifts. ✚

### La mayordomía en la Iglesia Católica

La corresponsabilidad en la Iglesia Católica es una expresión profunda de fe, basada en las Escrituras y las enseñanzas de Cristo. Los corresponsables maduros están comprometidos con su relación con Cristo, practicando la corresponsabilidad a través de su tiempo, talentos, tesoros y testimonios. Están dedicados a la misión de la Iglesia, especialmente a la de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Catalina.

La participación regular en liturgias y eventos parroquiales inspira a otros con su ejemplo. Los corresponsables reconocen la importancia del tiempo, talentos y tesoros para cumplir la misión de la parroquia y de Cristo, compartiendo este mensaje con la comunidad.

Con amor por Dios, la Iglesia y Santa Catalina, los corresponsables trabajan juntos para crear un ambiente parroquial vibrante y solidario. Este esfuerzo colectivo permite que la parroquia sirva a sus miembros y a la comunidad, difundiendo amor, compasión y esperanza.

Reflexiona sobre tu camino y considera cómo puedes apoyar la misión de tu parroquia. Abraza la corresponsabilidad y encuentra alegría al servir a tu comunidad con tus dones únicos. ✚

## Joy and Happiness

I am blessed with countless happy moments in my life. But the journey to joy has taken a lifetime, the fruit of God's grace and a growing faith and belief in my loving Lord. I see happiness as those welcome but brief moments in time that a change of fortune easily erases. Joy, on the other hand, is a state of being that imparts enduring peace to our soul. It aids us in navigating the challenges we face in life, such as loneliness, loss of a loved one, chronic illness, disability, divorce, fractured relationships, spiritual crises, job loss, and other stressful circumstances.



Stephen Ministers are the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, caring Christians who bring His joy, hope, and healing to those who are hurting. We are compassionate, trustworthy, skilled, and full of faith - someone who will exercise strict confidentiality, who will not judge, who will listen and walk faithfully with you in a distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationship on your journey of healing.

Find the lasting joy and peace in your life that will sustain you through difficult times. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611, or Judy Rossman at [StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org). All information is held in strict confidentiality. ✝

## Spiritual

### St. Patrick's Breastplate, *Explained*

St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the *Liber Hymnorum*, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on

my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity. ©LPi

### The Traveling Vocations Cross

... is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations. Parishioners attend either the 4 PM or 5 PM Mass, where the priest presents the Cross to the week's participant at the altar. Participants pray for vocations throughout the week and return the Cross

before the same Mass the following weekend. Ministry members will be outside after the designated Masses to assist with sign-ups. Join us in promoting Catholic vocations through prayer. ✝



### “Put Out into the Deep” Lk 5:4

Jesus calls us beyond our limited expectations.

When He told Peter, “put out into the deep,” it wasn’t just about fishing—it was about trust. After a long, fruitless night, Peter listened, cast his nets again, and experienced an overwhelming catch.

We live in a world that celebrates self-sufficiency, power, and control, yet Jesus invites us to surrender for something greater. True faith means stepping out



into uncertainty and trusting in God’s abundance rather than relying solely on our own strength.

I see Peter’s story as a refreshing reminder that when we dare to venture beyond our comfort zones, God’s generosity surprises us. So, where is Jesus inviting you to cast your nets today? Let’s be attentive to that invitation, to trust beyond our understanding, and to serve with love that exceeds our own limits.

- Fr. Huy Vu

¿Cuántas veces en la jornada laboral nos hemos decepcionado, trabajamos mucho, nos cansamos y pareciera que no avanzamos nada? Qué decepción nos embarga cuando esto pasa, nos lamentamos diciendo, lástima de cansancio. Y, a empezar de nuevo. Algo parecido le pasó a Pedro en su jornada laboral, había sido inútil el esfuerzo. De tal forma que, cuando Jesús le dice que navegue de nuevo mar adentro, Pedro le dice: *“hemos trabajado toda la noche y ha sido en vano. No hemos pescado nada. Pero, confiando en ti, lo haré”*. Y se obtuvo el resultado de la pesca milagrosa. *“Y pescaron tal cantidad de peces, que las redes se rompían”* (Lucas 5:6).

La respuesta de Pedro fue impetuosa y se arrodilló

ante Jesús: *“Señor; apártate de mí, que soy un*

*pecador. Dios siempre se adelanta, y siempre nos espera. Jesús es el Señor; es la manifestación de Dios, y por ello Simón Pedro piensa que debe de haber una distancia entre el pecador y el Santo. Y es por su condición de pecador por lo que Jesús no se aleja de él. Si eres pecador, el Señor te espera aún más”* (Papa Francisco). ¿Por qué será que la bondad y la misericordia de Dios nos asustan? Pedro, en lugar de correr y abrazar a Jesús y darle las gracias, le dice; *“Señor; apártate de mí, que soy un hombre pecador”* (Lucas 5:8). Sin embargo, la respuesta de Jesús es atrayente: *“No temas; en adelante serás pescador de hombres”* (Lucas 5:10). ¡Señor, quédate en mí, aunque soy pecador! ©LPi



## This Week's Liturgy Schedule (Feb 10-16)

Date:	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Feb 10	8 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Florence Smelkoff (living)	Kathy Cole
			Steve & Stephanie Graca wedding anniversary	Deb Auclair
			For those living with mental illness	Mental Health Ministry
Tue, Feb 11	8 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Rev. John Lenahan	John & Carol Harrison
Wed, Feb 12	8 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Betty Stephenitch	Harry & Dottie Adams
			✠ Thomas Colvin	Doug & Colleen Goehler
Thu, Feb 13	8 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Frank Kervran	the family
			✠ Jerome Kotas	Ron & Geri Tuscany
Fri, Feb 14	8 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Chrissy Leaeno	Marge Post
			✠ Thias Nulty	Pat Lotker
Sat, Feb 15	4 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Ted Pergantis	Ginny Pergantis
			✠ Robert Ciszewski	Marilee Jones
Sun, Feb 16	7 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Herbert LaMee	Susanna & Paul Orzech
	9 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Wayne Scheible	Knights of Columbus Council
	11 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Maria Eugenia Quintero	Esperanza Aquino
	5 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Daniel Sanchez	Socorro Sanchez

### Today's Readings:

**First Reading:** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

**Second Reading:** Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

**Psalm:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

### Readings for the week of February 9, 2025\*

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10



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# Spiritual



## Prayers for Our Parishioners

Lawrence Breving	Gary DeVault	Julie Halvas	Robert Perry	Ty Vallinoto
Gloria Carbajal	Leslie Fore	Linda Howard	William Pylkka	Nicole Vallinoto
Diane Clark	Ronald Fuhrmann	David W. Maloney	Robert Shelby	Genna Vallinoto
Kayla Cunningham	Anita Garcia	Sr. Jean Mariani	Linda Slivinski	Bernie Vertnik
Mimi Cuono	Fr. Pat Grile	Molly Minke	Bob Stamer	

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## Priest Shortage

### Question:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

### Answer:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of

family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail. ©LPi

## Stewardship

### World Marriage Day – This Weekend Sunday February 9th

The Vocation Ministry joins the nation in honoring married couples, especially in our parish. While we often pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, it is equally important to pray for those who enter into the vocation of married life .

Today, February 9th is **World Marriage Day**, and February 9th–15th is **National Marriage Week**. This is a fitting time for special prayers for married couples, especially as we celebrate Valentine's Day. ✚

## The Catch *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the

captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us. ©LPi †

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)?

While reading the Bulletin, I noticed an activity listed as O.C.I.A., a term I was unfamiliar with. Curious if it might be a misprint, I inquired and was informed that it is correct. Wanting to know more, I did some research and here's what I learned:

In November 2021, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decided to change the name from R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). This change was made to better reflect the "order" of the various "rites" involved in the process. The original Latin name, *Ordo Initiationis Christianae*

*Adultorum*, aligns with this new terminology, making O.C.I.A. a more accurate translation.



The stages of O.C.I.A., known as "the Rites," include the following: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification, Initiation, and Enlightenment. However, not everyone is required to complete the full process.

If you know someone who is considering initiation into the Catholic Church, they are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 520-825-9611 for more information. - *Contributed by GyGy Somogyi* †

## Join the Friday Faith Fellowship

Join us for Friday Faith Fellowship starting Friday, February 7, 2025, immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. We'll be watching Season 1 of *The Chosen*, a widely acclaimed series that brings the life of Jesus and his disciples to the screen in a fresh and inspiring way. It's Bible study without the

homework! Enjoy fellowship, snacks, and meaningful discussion as we deepen our faith and grow together in community. All are welcome—come and bring a friend. †



# Outreach

## Save the Date: BINGO Night

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus February 18th at 5 PM in the Parish Hall

Get your tickets for \$30! Includes a Pasta Fiesta dinner and a three-pack of cards for six games (limited seating). At-the-door price: \$35.



- Winning games: Up to a \$100 gift card. 50/25-25 drawing.
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks available.
- Tickets are available after Masses and in the parish office. †



Dear Fr. Huy and Sophie,

I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for allowing Immaculate Heart School to sell raffle tickets at all five Masses this past weekend. Your support has made an incredible impact – we collected \$6,000 in total, nearly double last year's amount of \$3,453. This will make a significant difference for our school community.

Even more meaningful was the opportunity for the students to participate in the Mass, and all the Ministers treating the students with welcome arms and kindness.

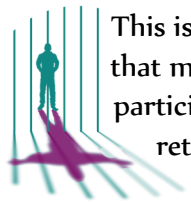
We deeply appreciate your continued partnership and support of Immaculate Heart School. I've attached some photos.

Thank you both for this wonderful collaboration between Santa Catalina and our school.

--Michelle York Pieterse



## Prison Ministry Offers Residents Encounter Retreat at Whetstone - Part 2



This is the second article about prison ministry that many Santa Catalina parishioners are participating in. At the end of the January retreat each brother-in-Christ was asked to share how the retreat affected them.

Here are some of their comments:

- This meant a lot to me. God is with me wherever I am. I was not sure I could ever experience love here, but I found love this weekend in this facility.
- I had to come to prison so that God could tell me what I need to do (to give back to others).
- I had a lot of preconceived notions about Catholics that were changed during this weekend.
- After this retreat, I feel that everything is going to be okay especially surrounded by fellow Christian companions. God is working through the Holy Spirit.
- I am leaving soon. Thank you for this retreat. I can carry this with me for the rest of my life.
- I have been in prison 20 years and only had 1 visit. The rest of the world views us as castaways, but the love shared by the people who came in for this weekend was amazing.
- This REC has been awesome and I have 34 days before release and this has put me on the right path. I have experienced a lot of pain and was on the wrong path.
- Next year I am being released. I am afraid, but it feels comfortable now because I have the armor of God.
- The world turns it's back on us. They see us as lesser people. Initially my family turned against me and every person who I helped did too. I have seen the face of Christ in all the volunteers here.
- I just walked over to get my insulin shot and I noticed as I walked no one talked or looked at each other. For me this is going to change because you can't tell someone about Jesus Christ if you can't even say hello as you walk past them.
- I've been trying to get my head cleared by going to AA and since October I've been to over 200 meetings. I appreciate the volunteers caring so much (he sobbed). This will definitely help me get closer to God. I'm going to implement all that I've learned (blows his nose) to become a better man and to go to treatment and become the man God wants me to be.
- We are spiritual athletes. We need to find a passion. Everyone talks about getting into the end zone, but the end zone is really the beginning zone where life begins. Our job is just to work at it so we can get the first down as Eli said to Samuel, "Here I am Lord", so Coach put me in!

If you are interested in learning more about prison ministry, contact [SAJM@santacatalinaparish.com](mailto:SAJM@santacatalinaparish.com)

We are going to have a one-day event on June 13, 2025. This is the Friday before Father's Day. We will sponsor Get on the Bus AZ as we take children of incarcerated men to Whetstone prison for an afternoon of pizza, Father's Day cards and visiting. †

## CTSO tuition assistance applications in Narthex

If you would like to help a family member or close friend who attends a Catholic grade school or high school in the Diocese of Tucson, please pick up an application for tuition assistance from CTSO in the Narthex after Mass. And please consider participating in the CTSO tuition assistance program if you aren't

doing so already!

A member of your Knights of

Columbus will be available on the patio after Mass to answer any questions you have. †



# Outreach

## Save the Date: The Dignity of Human Life Ministry

The Dignity of Human Life Ministry will be presenting the Spiritual Adoption Program again on March 1 & 2, 2025.

You can “spiritually adopt” a child who is in danger of abortion and pray for your adopted child

throughout the nine months. At the end of the 9 months, the Ministry will conduct a baby shower and all the gifts collected will be donated to local woman’s centers to help needy families. †



## Knights of Columbus Breakfast



NOTE: PANCAKES NOT SHOWN ACTUAL SIZE

**Sunday, February 16th after 7am & 9am Masses**

In the parish center. Pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns, sausages, biscuits and gravy, Coffee and Juice. †



