




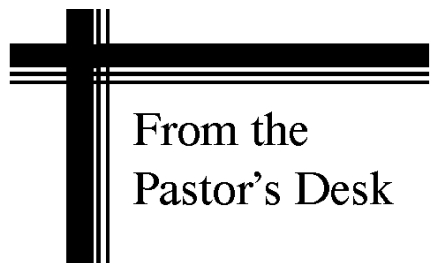
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 01/26/20

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 10:00 AM + Bruder Family @ Good Sam
 5:30 PM @ St. Boniface
 Wednesday 8:15 AM + Dick & Evelyn Wolf
 Thursday 11:15 AM @ St. Boniface
 Friday 8:15 AM + Mike Tasler
 Saturday NO MASS
 Sunday **8:30 AM** + Janice Ries

 <i>Mass</i>  <i>Schedule</i>	<i>Feb 1/2</i>	Saturday	Sunday
	Atkinson, St Joseph	No Mass	8:30am
	St. Boniface, Stuart	6:00pm	10:30am
	St Patrick, O'Neill	5:00pm	9:00am
	St Joseph, Amelia	No Mass	11:00am
	Ss. Peter & Paul, Butte	No Mass	10:30am
	St Mary, Spencer	5:30pm	No Mass
	Assumption, Lynch	No Mass	8:30am
	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> for Ss. Joseph and Boniface: One half hour before each weekend Mass or by appointment		



From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we begin reading from the Gospel of Matthew. During this new liturgical year will be reading the readings from the lectionary for Cycle A. This weekend, in the story of the call of the first disciples [Matt 4:12-23], we see an example of Matthew lengthening the stories that he inherited from Mark. He introduces the story by explaining that Jesus withdrew to Galilee upon learning that John had been arrested. Matthew tells us that this fulfilled Scripture. Mark says no such thing. Also, Matthew tells us that Jesus went to live in Capernaum, as though he might have had a house there. This seems to be a story of a young man striking out on his own after leaving the small town he called home.

The remainder of the story, with the calling of the two sets of brothers, generally follows Mark. But this example demonstrates how Matthew has made the story "better." He gives a rationale for Jesus' withdrawal into Galilee, into Capernaum. And this move actually fulfills Scripture in the eyes of Matthew. As we continue to read from Matthew this liturgical year, we will pay close attention to some unique elements of his theological insight.

Jesus called the disciples near the beginning of his ministry. And he called them two by two, the brothers Simon and Andrew, and James and John. These were fishermen, in some ways the ancient equivalent of today's highly skilled blue-collar workers. They worked with their hands, as even the "mending their nets" indicates. At the invitation of Jesus, they all leave behind their way of life to follow him.

Modern calls to discipleship are rarely so dramatic. But the imagery presented in Matthew speaks to us when we imagine putting away prior commitments that tend to disintegrate in the face of an invitation from Jesus. We may hear the same call to put aside the tedious, monotonous, quotidian activities that mark our lives and enter into a new relationship with him. This relationship will ultimately lead to a putting away of our entire selves, a dying to ourselves, so that we might rise with him. And that is the paschal mystery. At this, the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we hear the call to follow him to the point of forsaking our very selves. In so doing, we will be raised to new life with him.

Pope Francis has consistently challenged the church (all of the baptized) to be a part of the "new evangelization." So often we have good intentions of going out and recruiting new "disciples" but then we seem to get lost in our heads. We over think what Pope Francis (and Pope Emeritus Benedict, and Pope St. John Paul II, and Pope St. Paul VI, and Pope St. John XXIII before him) is asking us to do. The new evangelization begins with simply sharing in a non-threatening way what Jesus has done for us, and how he has and continues to change our lives for the better. Once people begin to know Jesus and cultivate a relationship with him, then they can begin to be "formed" as true disciples. We tend to want to "form" first and then invite. It's much easier to get out of heads if we simply help people let Jesus into their hearts. The first disciples responded to Jesus in this weekend's gospel not because he told them a lot about himself, but rather because he invited them to be his friends.---Fr Starman

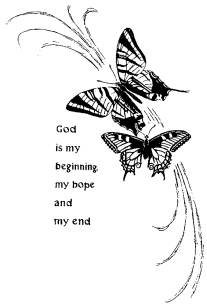


The HARVEST IS GREAT, LABORERS ARE FEW---Taking the vocation crucifix this week—Dennis & Roxanne Ryan. The week of Feb. 2—Karen Thompson.



Emma Lou Gunther, Darrin Wedige, Gianna Slaymaker, Lois Tunender, Nathan Boyle, Garrett Scholz, Marilyn Morrison, Blakely Bouska, Miranda iJames, John Gilg, Phil Fritz, John Mathis, Jerry Schaaf, Michelle Bulau.

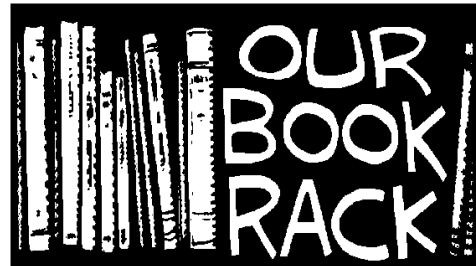
Good Sam. & Prairie Winds---Feb. 2---Joe & Patti Skrdla



As A Parish... we offer condolences to the Ryan family with the passing of Mary Ryan, mother of Dennis Ryan. May perpetual light shine on Mary and all whom the Lord has called to eternal life.

The Parish Carnival... will be held in conjunction with CSW! The event is planned for **Friday, January 31** @ the community center with food being served from 5:30—7pm and games played from 6:30—8. Games will be \$5 per player, ages 2 & under are free. The carnival committee is seeking volunteers to help with running the carnival games as well as monetary donations to purchase raffle items. Please contact Lindsey Nemetz, 402.925.2457 or Kylie Troidl, 402.340.1576 to volunteer, donate or ????? *'Food for the Poor'* collection will be taken up **next weekend** at Mass to help the needy in foreign countries.

Catholic Schools Week



Plan To Check Out... the Book Fair at the elementary school. It will be open each weekday from 3:30—4pm and following Mass on Sun., Jan. 26 (today!) and Feb. 2.

Join Fellow Parishioners... next Sunday for a breakfast @ the KC Hall to wrap up Catholic Schools Week.

New CDs... from Lighthouse Catholic Media have been placed in the Koisk in the back of church. **Changed Forever—The Sacrament of Baptism---Fr. Mike Schmitz...** is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the sacrament of Baptism. **Check out this CD!!!** Suggested fee is \$3.00 per CD.

Lamb of God...Make Me New Again! Our parish's young people celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Jan.15. Congrats to: Gabriel Arturto Arrizon, Brody Borer, Jameson Dvorak, Bentley Farewell, Olive Flannery, Kamryn Hilkemeier, Ryder Hoffman, Jack Janzing, Maddox Kerkman, Kole Kreitel, AnaLeah Monasterio, Jasiel Monasterio, Paislynn Myers, Lainey Skrdla, & Taylor Slaymaker.



PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

EVENTS

- **Jan. 26 through Feb. 2**—Catholic Schools Week...**BOOK FAIR @ SJ ELEM.**
- **Tue., Jan. 28**—Avanti, 6:30pm @ KC Hall
- **Wed., Jan. 29**—Adoration, 9am—3pm
- **Wed., Jan. 29**—CCD
- **Fri., Jan. 31**—Parish Carnival
- **Sat., Feb. 1**—Fish fry/silent auction to benefit Stuart, St. Boniface Cemetery @ Legion Club, 5--8:30
- **Feb. 2**—"Food for the Poor" collection
- **Feb. 8/9**—4-IN-1 collection
- **Sun., Feb. 2**—Pancake breakfast @ KC Hall

LITURGICAL MINISTERS...FEB 2

MASS TIMES	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMHCs		C&L Nemetz, CSholes, DLiewer, ABorer
LECTORS		SJ School
GIFT BEARERS		SJ School
ORGANIST		Terri Vrooman
SERVERS		SJ School Students
<u>FEB USHERS</u>		Brendan Borer Chris Skrdla Tim Borer Joe Skrdla

THE LORD'S PORTION---01.19.20

Adult envelopes	1,946.00
Loose cash	133.00
Loose checks	135.00
Midweek deposit	25.00
Online donations	<u>445.00</u>
TOTAL	2,684.00
Budget...Sunday	3,561.58
	-877.58
Initial Offering	25.00
Seminary	295.00

WE WILL NEVER CHANGE THE WORLD BY JUST ATTENDING CHURCH; WE NEED TO BE THE CHURCH