

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 27

9:00 a.m...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, January 28

5:30 p.m...Betty Cain (St. John's)

Wednesday, January 29

12:00noon...Tom Petre (St. John's)

Thursday, January 30

5:30 p.m...All Souls (St. Mary's)

Friday, January 31

12:00noon...Living & Deceased of Oswalt Family (St. John's)

Saturday, February 1

5:00 p.m...Christy Robinson (St. John's)

Sunday, February 2

8:30 a.m...Agnes Bowen (St. John's)
10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY:

PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.

February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, patron saint of throat ailments. Fr. Paul will have a general blessing of the throats at Mass next weekend. If anyone wishes an individual blessing, he will have individual throat blessings with the candles following Mass.

RCIA/GIFTS NEWS

It's a new year and a new name for our parish RCIA. *Growing In Faith Together*, we will continue to meet to study the Gospels and how they relate to our lives as Catholic Christians. We welcome you to come on Wednesdays. If you need childcare, please contact Diana in the school office, 348-3889. As we continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6-7:15/7:30pm, we are *growing in faith together, GIFTS*.

At this point, we do not have inquirers nor catechumens or candidates for Easter Sacraments, however, anyone interested in the Catholic faith is welcome to come at any time. If you know of someone who has expressed interest in Catholicism, or is searching for a church, bring him/her to Wednesday evening GIFTS. This could be a Catholic who has left the church or someone from another faith tradition. **All are welcome!**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Jan. 19: \$882.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$4,795.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Votive: \$111.00

Religious Retirement: \$140.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The readings this Sunday remind me of this paradox — that within some of the darkest parts of our history, the light of Christ has shone even more brilliantly. Tertullian observed the same when he said that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church." Some of the most trying times in the history of the Church brought about the greatest saints who were willing to die for the faith. Those lights in the darkness allowed the Church to flourish. This reminds us that no matter how dark the world seems to get around us, the light of Christ shines even brighter, leading his people to healing and hope.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 27: [St. Angela Merici, virgin & religious founder] 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10; Mk 3: 22-30

Jan. 28: [St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church] 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3: 31-35

Jan. 29: 2 Sm 7: 4-17; Mk 4: 1-20

Jan. 30: 2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29; Mk 4: 21-25

Jan. 31: [St. John Bosco, priest] 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4: 26-34

Feb. 1: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41

Feb. 2: [The Presentation of the Lord] Mal 3: 1-4l
Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40

Bless you and Thank you for your generous donation to our Project Friend Food Pantry.

Linda Bowdell

DESTINATION JESUS – HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

All high school students are invited and encouraged to attend DESTINATION JESUS retreat to be held February 14-16 at Guerin Catholic High School. Registrations are still being accepted until January 27 with \$75 registration fee. (Scholarships are available). We are partnering with Holy Family and St. Paul's in Marion for this event. Contact Jessica Kitterman or the office for more details. Registrations were mailed or are available in the office.

So far 28 students are signed up between our 4 parishes: St. Mary's, St. John's, St. Paul's and Holy Family. Be part of this crowd, sign up today!

NEW AD SHEETS—THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

You may have noticed last week, we have new advertising sheets in the bulletin. Please be sure to check out our sponsors and take a minute to thank them as their sponsorship helps defray the cost of our weekly bulletins.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 28, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 29, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Saturday 1, Reconciliation 1pm at St. John's

Blessing of Throats at Mass

Sunday 2, Blessing of Throats at each Mass

Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 3 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

LECTIO EUCHARIST DVD SERIES-SECOND SHOWING

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will run Jan. 12-Mar. 15 on the Sundays when Rel. Ed meets 9:30-10:30am in the school basement. Everyone is invited to attend! If you missed one of the episodes during the fall/winter, you have an opportunity to see it this time. If you haven't seen the series yet, come! Or, perhaps you want to see it again, come! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

This week's DVD:

2. In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice

Next week's DVD:

3. Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2019 giving statement of contributions, please contact Diana at 765-348-3889 or stmaryjohn@att.net to request a statement.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 1 & 2

Saturday, 5p.m...Bryson Michael & Helen Whitesell

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Brianna & Bethany Elkins

NEW-TO-YOU

WINTER HOURS: We will be open on Saturdays only 11am-2pm during January and February.

Regular Hours resume March 5.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[IS 8:23-9:3](#); [PS 27:1,4, 13-14](#); [1 COR 1:10-13,17](#); [MT 4:12-23](#) or [4:12-17](#)

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do. Rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what

His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us.



What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and bring His good news to all we meet at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home — in other words to live as His good stewards.

And, there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.

BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME

After Christmas break and illness, the Tuesday morning Bible Study ladies will resume weekly meetings beginning this Tuesday at 9am. Welcome back! All ladies are invited to attend.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for peace throughout the world beginning in our own hearts, shared with our family, friends, and neighbors.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

As we celebrate the feast of St. Paul this Saturday, Jan. 25, and the end of the Week of Christian Unity, let us try the 8-day challenge found in *The Good News Letter* to work toward Christian Unity not just during the Octave, but each and every day.

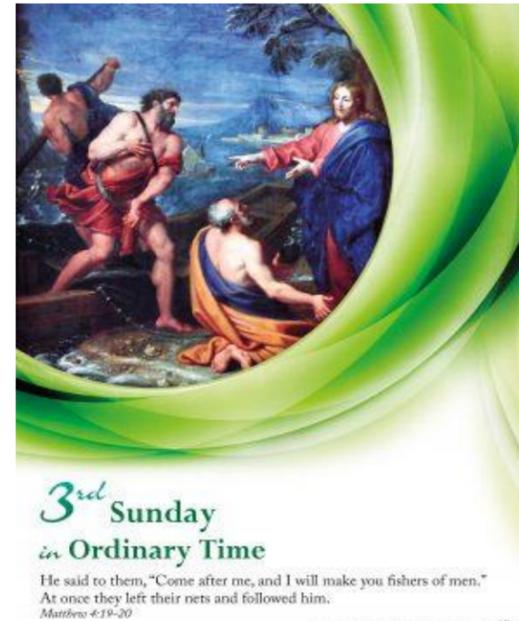
CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? TUNE IN ...

If you have the opportunity, tune in to the Catholic television channel EWTN. It can be full of great opportunities to witness daily Mass, pray the rosary, or just learn more about our faith. Especially during these winter months, if you become homebound or know someone who is, tune in to EWTN to enhance your day.

*"The right to life is the first among all human rights."
--Pope Francis*

Family Connection

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life. As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, by appointment
St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Paul is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.