

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

In our Nation January 22 has been designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

Holy Hour

will continue this year, but note **the time change**
It will now be from 3:00-4:00 on Sunday’s.

The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Fargo is sponsoring a Discernment Weekend at Maryvale Convent in Valley City for guys 16 years and older who are open to a vocation to the priesthood.

There is no cost for the weekend, but pre-registration is required at www.fargodiocese.org/vdw <<http://www.fargodiocese.org/vdw>>

Thank you to all who helped set up and take down the Christmas decorations!
Many hands make light work!
(special thank you to Warren for his heavy lifting)
And thank you to all those who donated for the beautiful poinsettias !

Mon 1/18	OLP	No Mass	
Tue 1/19	OLP	9:00am	Clyde Swaby Family
Wed. 1/20	OLP	9:00am	+Providencia Garcia Carrion
Thur 1/21	OLP	9:00:am	+Providencia Carrion Gregoria Garcia
Fri 1/22	OLP	9:00am	Joseph Garcia Luftig
Sat 1/23	OLP	5:00pm	+Fr. John Steltz
Sun 1/24	OLP	10:30am	for the people

St. Agnes 8:30AM Holy Souls

OLP STEWARDSHIP 1/10

Adult envelopes	\$2445.00
Plate	\$ 25.00
Votive	\$ 22.11
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 23.00
Bldg Fund	\$ 50.00
Total	\$2565.11

OLP prayer chain information

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ST. AGNES PARISH



St Agnes feast day: Thursday January 21st

Thank you to all those who decorated the church for Christmas and took everything down!
And thank you to all those who donated for the beautiful poinsettias !

This weeks trivia question:

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? Hint: (CUPWKFF)

Last week's Trivia answer :

The Mass is divided into two parts. What are they?

Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist

St. Agnes Stewardship 1/10

Adult envelope	\$490.00
Initial offering	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 500.00

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So [Eli] said to Samuel,
"Go to sleep, and if
you are called, reply,
"Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening."

1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ★ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21

*St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22

*Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children*

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24

*Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20