

January 21, 2018

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



God's Forgiveness Always Offered

This is the time of fulfillment ...

Repent, and believe in the gospel!

In order to launch his mission of repentance and belief, Jesus called his first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Their immediate response to the call teaches us what it means to repent and believe in the gospel. It is turning around and re-orienting one's whole attitude toward God. This results in a personal attachment to Jesus, following him in his way - a way that will lead to the Cross and to the Resurrection.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Barbara & Larry Prause in memory of Justine & Victor Prause.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 27
4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer
Sunday, January 28
8:00 a.m. Paul Vrazel

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment	\$ 7,670.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 7,395.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 275.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Betty Patalik

Anonymous Donor

Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

HELP US MAKE IT!

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL - JANUARY 25

On January 25 the Church celebrates the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a conversion story par excellence. Through Paul's tireless preaching and writing, Christ became known throughout the Roman world. Read the accounts of St. Paul's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16 and 9:1-22. He welcomed many helpers, such as Timothy and Titus, whose feast we celebrate on January 26.



This week reflect on your own ongoing conversion and those who have mentored you along the way.

WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT FEBRUARY 15-18, 2018

On behalf of the Holy Rosary A.C.T.S. Retreat Team, you are invited to spend a weekend with God. Come February 15-18 and allow the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to wrap themselves around you for a weekend of prayer and blessing. Applications are available from any team member or directors. Please consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground. Additionally, there will be a prayer poster at the back of the church if you would like to sign up to pray for the retreatants and team members. Please consider signing up and praying for the ladies who will be going, as these posters will be brought to the retreat, so retreatants know they are being prayed for! - Stacy Oeding, Retreat Director

For more information contact Kathleen Svatek.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank all the ladies of the parish that had baked all the good cookies and cakes. Trouble was they didn't last too long. Ha! Ha!

Thanks again,

Karlene O'Brien



Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1,402 people toured the Church on registered tours between October to December 2017.

REFLECTION

Considering Our Vocation

Ordinary Time is ushered in with a meditation on the call to discipleship. This call is not reserved for a select few. It accompanies our baptismal commitment and is issued to all Christians.

Discipleship is not something we take upon ourselves. It is an invitation from God. It might come to us in the form of an inner call, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Or our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naiveté of childhood, in the vigor of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls us. We could be called during some religious event, while we are in the embrace of our family, or when we are out with our friends. The ordinariness of the occasion can sometimes deceive us into misjudging the significance of the event. But if we are attentive to the promptings of our heart we will be given the insight needed to recognize what is really happening: we are being called by God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 21 – Marcus Jasek
– Mary Ann Lev
January 24 – Eugene Chaloupka
January 25 – Kermit Kurtz
January 26 – Virginia Olsovsky

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Ramiro Ramos & Mary Poche
For a Solution to My Legal Problems
For Tia Mary Cantu - For Better Health
For Ruben Velasquez – For Better Health
For The Repose of The Soul of Jim Schneider
For Healing of Brother & Son-in-law's Depression
For The Well Being of My Grandson and His Mother & Father, All My Family
For Frances Juarez, Veronica Juarez, Gus Rodriguez, Diana R. Juarez, Yolanda B. Navarro
For My Brother & His Wife, My Daughter & Her Husband – For Mental, Physical & Spiritual Health
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA



Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries; trains catechists and supports the Church's work with the poor.

Please be generous.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - January 22

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.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 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.
– US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Prayer

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pro-Life Eucharistic Procession Today, 1:30 p.m., Shiner. Participants for the Annual pro-life procession will gather at Wellhausen Park. At 2:00 p.m. they will walk to Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner while praying the rosary. The service will conclude with Benediction.

** If weather is bad (cold, rainy, etc) everything will be in the church.*

- Submitted by Kathleen Svatek
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