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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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January 24, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 24

7:30 Kathy Kiefer
 9:00 Sylvester Offer
 10:45 Members of the parish

Monday, January 25

8:00 James Egelski

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 James Griffin

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 Don Taylor

Thursday, January 28

8:00 Corinne Osborne

Friday, January 29

8:00 Geri Timmerman

Saturday, January 30

4:00 Members of the parish

Sunday, January 31

7:30 Donald Bartylla
 9:00 Marlowe Friedel
 10:45 Clayton Joseph Wright



SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 29

Half day - no lunch

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things are not always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Week’s Activity (January 13 and 14)

Envelopes	\$ 6,722
Offertory change	\$ <u>328</u>
Total	\$ 7,050

Online offertory \$ 8,496

Would you prayerfully consider treating Saint Dennis Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?

Give Your First Fruits Back To God

- 5% to local parish
- 1% Annual Catholic Appeal
- 4% to personal charities

2021 DIOCESE OF MADISON

ANNUAL CATHOLIC

APPEAL BEGINS

The Kingdom of God is at Hand

We ask that God guide us, and give us the ability to put our *faith* in Him to allow us the capacity to love and care for those in our parishes, our Diocese and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs. Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves. Your gift will help enable the Diocese to reach its goal and provide to the ministries supported by the appeal.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

RECYCLE THE WARMTH



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will again be conducting their annual blanket drive. This drive allows Saint Vincent de Paul to provide blankets, sheets and other bedding, without charge, to people in need throughout the

year. Your help is needed to make this assistance possible. Collection bins will be located in the Saint Dennis gathering area on the weekend of Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31. There will also be contribution envelopes available or you can donate at svdmadison.org. Bedding can be purchased and/or donated at any Saint Vincent de Paul store in Dane County. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our neighbors in need.

CARE FOR CREATION

New Year Resolution - Consumer Actions

“Respect for life ... extends also to the rest of creation.” - Saint Pope John Paul II



Auto Maintenance

Burning fuel for our vehicles pollutes the air and contributes to global warming. Reduce waste and save money by properly maintaining your car. According to the EPA, keeping your tires properly inflated, your car properly tuned and using the proper grade of motor oil can improve your car’s fuel economy by 8 percent or more. Consolidating trips will further reduce fuel expense and emissions.

The Care for Creation team invites you to make a resolution to join the Catholic Climate Covenant and take the Saint Francis Pledge to Care for Creation. The following is a link to the pledge and information about the Catholic Climate Covenant: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/st-francis-pledge>.

FATHER RANDY WRITES . . .

Jesus' invitation "come after me and I will make you fishers of men" intrigues me.

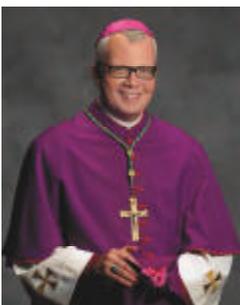
I marvel that he did not say, "follow me and I will make you more holy, more prayerful, more disciplined or more religious." Rather, Jesus is interested in forming followers who are living their life in such a way that their very lives are attractive and appealing to others.

The first step in this process of becoming "fishers of men" is to be conscious that you were once a fish. Namely, someone caught you and brought you, taught you or witnessed to this unconditional love of your heavenly Father. In its simplest terms we are embraced by the mystery of God's unconditional love rather than our love for God. Call to mind some of the people that have 'caught' you and brought you to Christ.

The second step is that fish follow. As followers, we follow Jesus and his teachings. We strive to understand and embrace the journey of life not from our own self-centered perspectives but rather see ourselves as called by God to be witnesses or instruments of His mercy, forgiveness, generosity and service to others. As followers, we desire to grow in our personal relationship with Jesus.

The next natural process in following Jesus is to respond with "followers fish." Be on the lookout for simple ways to witness, invite and speak about how your faith in Jesus has made a difference in your life. Be bold in your prayer asking who the Lord wants you to bring closer in friendship with Him. Pray for the gift of wisdom and the courage to bring others to Jesus.

Remember, we were all fish once,
fish follow and followers fish!



Welcome to Bishop Hying
We welcome Bishop Hying to
Saint Dennis at the 9:00 a.m.
Mass this Sunday. We are
grateful to have you with us.

Peace, Father Randy

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

I thank God for His goodness, that He gives us angels for companions. Oh, how little people reflect on the fact that they always have beside them such a guest, and at the same time a witness to everything! Remember, sinners, that you likewise have a witness to all your deeds." (Diary, 630)

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Did you pick up the book *The Search* at Christmas time? Want to join friends and explore it more?



We are starting a small group on Zoom called *The Search* on Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. beginning January 28 for seven weeks. It is open to teens through adults. We will get to know one another, watch the award-winning video series, and discuss. It follows the same book we gave out at Christmas, but it is not necessary to have the book to attend the group. You can see a one minute trailer video on our website: stdennisparish.org.

To get more information and to join our group send an email to Melanie Pfeil at mpfeil@stdennisparish.org.

"Each one of us Christians is a branch of the one vine which is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ."

- 1-21-2021

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. We do it for God and that is why we try to do it as beautifully as possible."

WHY DID I ACT THAT WAY?

"Repent and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There is not a human being alive who has not acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrongdoing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 30 minutes prior to the 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Mass or by appointment.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just was not feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts.

Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Are you in the post-holiday doldrums? Go out of your way to do something nice for your spouse, or for a person in need. Love chases away gloom!



READINGS

Week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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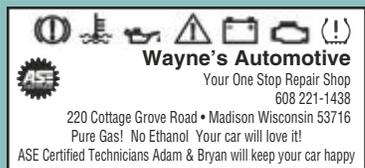
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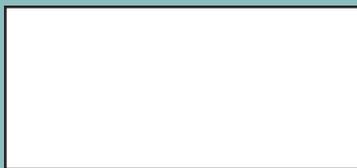
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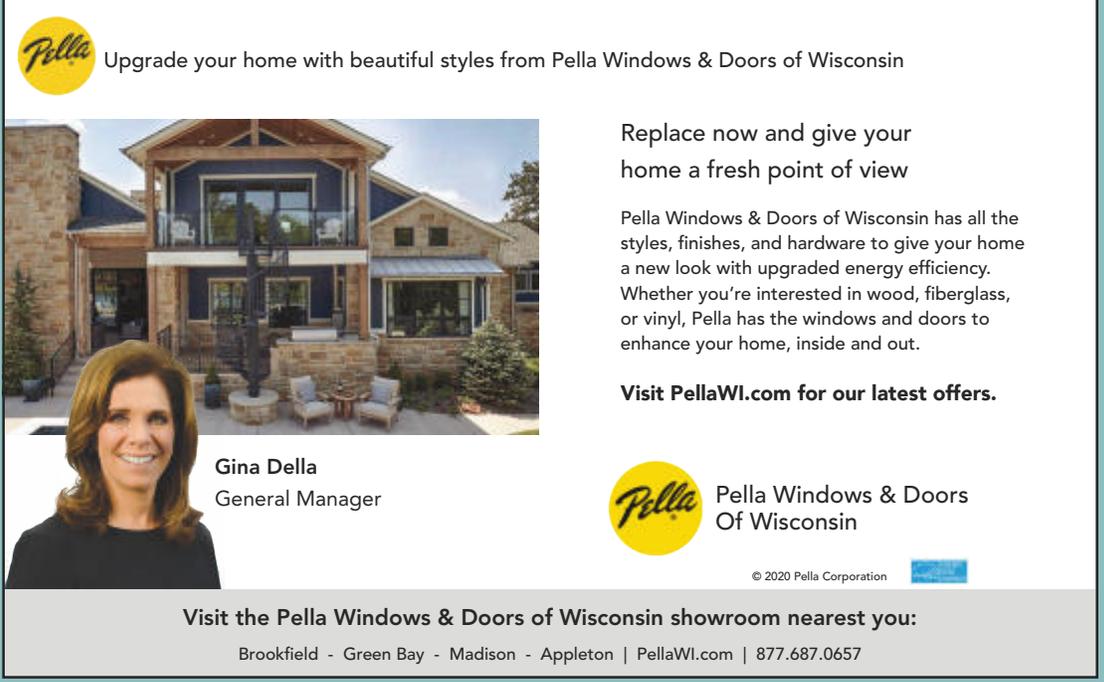
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