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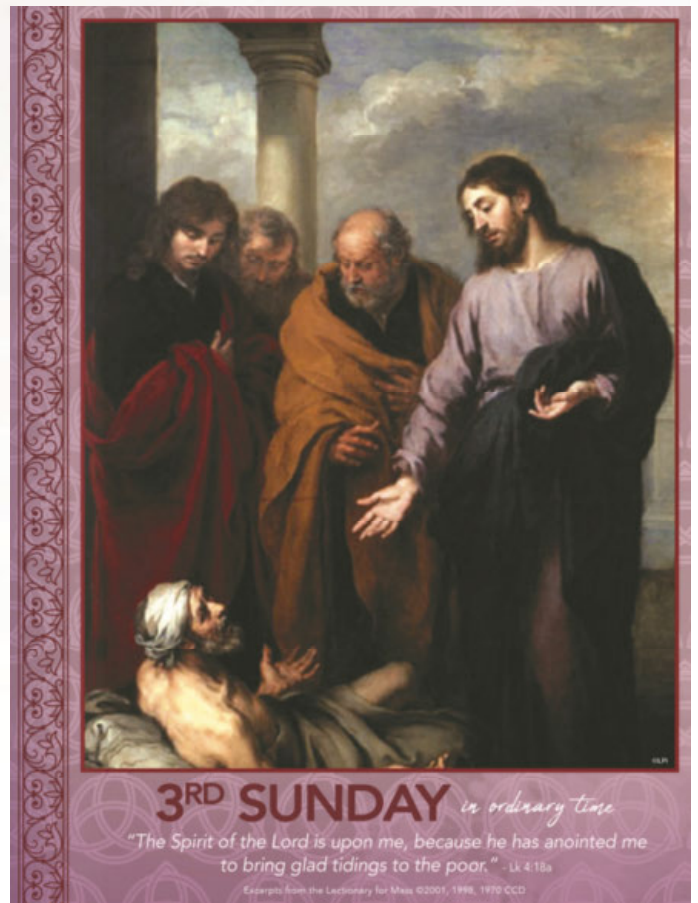
According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church is not the building, but rather the people: "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people.... All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ... the New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit." (CCC. 781).

Last Sunday in the second reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians, we heard Paul say, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Cor. 12:4-6. They are all meant for common good. In today's reading, Paul continues to say, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." 1 Cor. 12:12. This is exactly how the Church is supposed to be. We need each other, but for us to form that unity, we need to be formed.

In today's first reading from the book of Nehemiah, Nehemiah called for a general assembly of the children of Israel after returning from exile in Babylon. The intention was to give them instructions for God's covenant and to rebuild their nation, and to fear God. They were all attentive and reverent to the word of God. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus went to His hometown, entered the synagogue and read the scroll. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captive and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Lk. 4:18-19. He taught them as Nehemiah did in the first reading.

In the time of Jesus, there were two places of worship in Israel: The Temple and the synagogue. Synagogues were in every village, but the sole Temple was only in Jerusalem. Synagogues were places of instruction in the word of God. The Temple was a place for sacrifice. Today, we are blessed to have both instruction and sacrifice in one place, at Mass. The first part of the Mass is the Word of God, and the second part is the sacrifice. As the Body of Christ, let us always be attentive to his word and live it.

Fr. Peter Patrick



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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JANUARY 23, 2022 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL PRAYER

Monday, January 24/Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Mk 3:22-30/ Mass

Tuesday, January 25/The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30 AM Acts 22:3-16/ Mk 16:15-18/ Mass @ St. Catherine

Wednesday, January 26/Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:20 AM 2 Tm 1:1-8/ Mk 4:1-20/ A/S Mass
5:30 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, January 27/Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/ Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28/Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34/ Mass @ St. Catherine

Saturday, January 29/Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30/The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/ Lk 4:21-30

8:00 AM Fr. Larry
9:00 AM Fr. Peter Patrick @ St. Catherine
10:30 AM Fr. Larry
6:00 PM Fr. Peter Patrick

FAITH JOURNEYS

BAPTISMS

Grace Caroline Lawnicki
Katherine Fitzpatrick Lawnicki
Margaret Mae Lawnicki

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us on Wednesday January 26, at 5:30 PM for a Holy Hour for Life with Adoration.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during Adoration.

FACING RACISM

As part of our parish's effort to identify and confront racism in our midst, we offer this reflection.

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COLLECTION

The parish will continue to collect old Christmas lights through February 13. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this good deed. The wires will be recycled and we will have earned money for a worthy charitable cause.

SCHOOL FOUNDATION MEETING

There will be a virtual School Foundation meeting on Friday, February 4. For more information, contact John Conforti at (414) 476 4414.

THIS WEEK

C=Church CH=Church Hall PH=Parish House S=School
TL=Teacher's Lounge G=Gym MP=Multi-Purpose Room
AF=Adult Formation Room St.C=St. Catherine MGC=Mother of Good Counsel

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30-11:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group (PHD)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00-8:30 PM Bible Study (CH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00-9:00 PM Young Adult Group (AF)

7:00-9:00 PM Men's Club (CH)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

7:45-10:30 AM SVdP Meal Program (CH)

9:30-11:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group (PHD)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR JANUARY 23, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

by: Jon Metz

Our second reading today is the familiar letter of St Paul to the Corinthians in which Paul describes the Body of Christ. We typically read this letter and think about our interconnectedness. We all have a part to play in the larger picture. A foot cannot do what a hand does etc. This is of course an important message about our unity and how working together really brings the Body of Christ to fruition, but today this reading hit me differently coming off the heels of MLK day.

I had a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a rich conversation that our Facing Racism group held exploring the themes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. This conversation was life giving and challenging. It is difficult to realize that a letter written 60 years ago has as much relevance now as it did back then. The group talk about how far we have to go as a Church, as a nation, as individuals, but it was also a hopeful conversation. We were all able to identify moments of hope that continue to motivate us.

One of the most prominent themes from the letter is “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” As I look back at today's reading from Corinthians, I am struck by the correlation that where ever the Body of Christ is suffering so does the whole Body suffer. King's words echo the words of scripture. We are all intimately connected. We all have a responsibility to one another, motivated by our faith and rooted in the dignity of the human person created in the image of God. Today let us take in the call from Paul and Dr. King to recognize our connection and to lift up those in need.

- How have you responded to the idea “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”?
- Do you look at your neighbor as an extension of the “Body of Christ?” When is that a challenge?

THANK YOU FROM ST. CATHERINE PARISH

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$1000 to St. Catherine's food pantry. The money enables us to continue our ministry to the neighborhood. We also appreciate the food that has been collected and brought to our church by Donna Peterson and Jenny Ruggini and her family.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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2022 SCHOOL REGISTRATION FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

St. Sebastian School Open House & Registration Fair for both new and returning families will be held Sunday, January 30, at St. Sebastian School, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

During this time, you can register for the following school year and return your registration paperwork. Tours will take place for new families. Ms. Grams will share a state of the school address to update all community members on both school accomplishments and goals yet to achieve at 10 AM in the gymnasium.

JESUIT RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

- **WHEN?** Thursday, February 24, for 7 PM dinner until after 11 AM Mass and lunch on Sunday, February 27.
- **WHERE?** The Jesuit Retreat House (4800 Fahrwald Road, Oshkosh 54902, (920) 231-9060.)
- **WHO?** Men who want to have a few days away to reflect on their good fortune and pray.
- **WHAT?** We plan to have a Fr. Doug Leonhardt S.J. lead us through the Spiritual Exercises during 8 conferences spread out within the retreat schedule.
- **HOW?** The Retreat House is following all CDC guidelines. It is a safe place.

You can register by mailing or calling in a \$75 deposit to hold your room. Please do not let money be the reason you do not attend. There are ways around it. Contact Danny for more information. You can also register online at the website www.jesuitretreathouse.org. Dress is casual and comfortable. Consider bringing a dad, son, brother or friend along with you. Only sinners are welcome!

Please feel free to call or email Danny Carlin with any questions or concerns: (414) 218 8039 or dcarlin3028@gmail.com

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

A cold day is the perfect day to check for air leaks at home. Can you feel a temperature difference near door and window openings, or the wall outlets? Make note of the draftiest places so you can re-insulate them to save energy and lower your heating bill. Read about more sustainably-minded activities during the cold weather at <https://tinyurl.com/sebs-snow>



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Regular Contributions Last Week, 1-8-22.....\$ 9,305
Fiscal Year to Date, Week 28 of 52.....\$ 406,845
Compared to Same Period Last Year.....\$ 412,533
Surplus (Deficit).....\$ (5,688)

Building Improvement Fund Collected Since July 1.....\$ 30,665
Your gifts are at work during this time of uncertainty. You allow our parish to carry out our mission and emerge solidly from this crisis.

Thank you!

ONLINE DONATIONS:

- Parish Tithing – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayParish>
- Parish Building Improvement Fund – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayBuild>
- School Foundation – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayFound>



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ST. SEBASTIAN JOY AUCTION 2022

Saturday, February 26, from 7 to 11 pm in the school gym and cafeteria

Tickets on sale now at <http://bit.ly/sebs-auction2022>

The last few years we have suffered from too large a degree of heaviness. Let's enter 2022 in the Sebs community with hope, love, appreciation and JOY. We have a new pastor whose positive attitude is more contagious than Omicron, so let's embrace this gift and celebrate all that we have in our community. This year's Auction is dedicated toward that goal, to enJOY each other, to laugh, to celebrate and to praise the great people in our parish, and the great things our parish does, from Jon Metz's podcasts to the school's ability to maintain great academics through a global pandemic.

Despite the COVID spike, with hopes of a steep decline, we still intend to have an in-person auction, but understand people's health concerns are paramount, so we are also offering a virtual option. This year, in honor of the JOY our parish brings to us, we are hoping for MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION, so please buy your tickets now, whether registering in-person or virtually at <http://bit.ly/sebs-auction2022>. We are also seeking silent and live auction donations. Please fill out and submit a donation form under the "donate an item" tab on the website.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Quote of the Week

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

Intercession for Life

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace.



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