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CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

Member of the Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes along with Saint Catherine

MISSION STATEMENT

Proclaim Christ and grow believers through the sacramental life of the church in an inclusive and responsive Catholic community.

I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord and reflected on how God has revealed Himself to us in different ways. The most important thing to remember is that God called the Magi from their comfort zones. When they saw the star, they rose to go and give homage to the newborn King, Jesus, the Messiah. The Magi went to witness, and now we are being called from our comfort zones to witness Jesus to each other.

Last week, on Monday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. It is unusual to celebrate it on a weekday, rather than Sunday. After Jesus was baptized, He began His public ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God: "Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'" Mk.1:14-15. He then called His first disciples to proclaim the good news. Even after being baptized, we are called to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

Today's readings all have a common theme of being called to be a servant of God, to do His will and to point to others to the kingdom. In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells his disciples to follow Jesus: "John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" Jn.1:29-30.

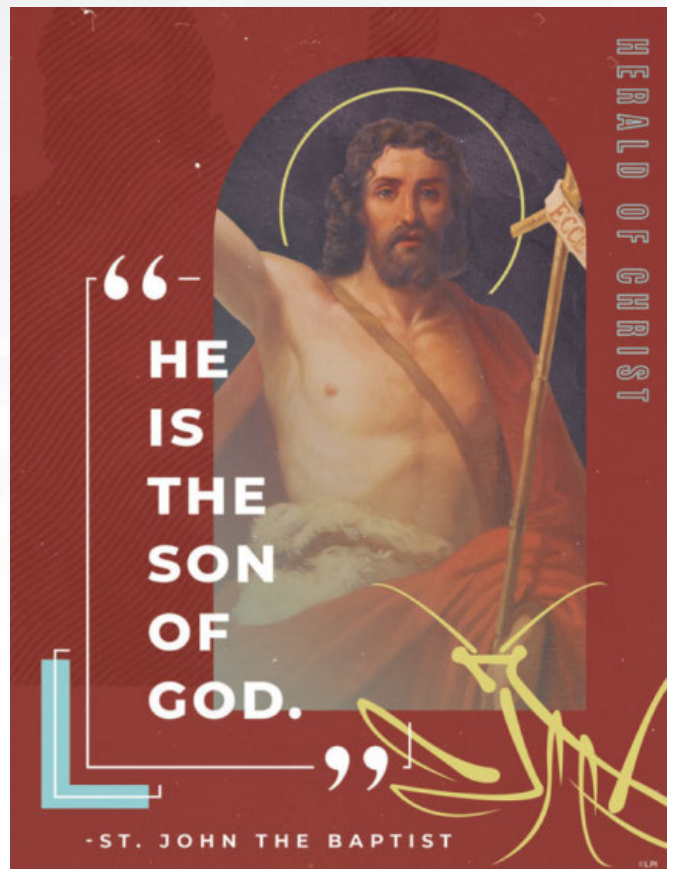
From the beginning, John the Baptist's ministry was to prepare the way for Jesus. As we heard in the Gospel reading on the Baptism of the Lord, John the Baptist felt unworthy to be the one baptizing Jesus. He said: "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jn.3:14. John humbled himself to the point of directing his own disciples to Jesus. He felt unworthy to continue with his ministry because the person he was talking about was already present. John continued to say: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Jn.3.30.

Jesus and John the Baptist came and did the will of God the Father, and they gave themselves fully. Jesus died on the cross, John the Baptist was beheaded because of telling the truth.

St. Paul also had a mission to bring Jesus' Word to others. Paul's mission was to preach to the Gentiles. As we heard from the second reading: "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God." 1 Cor.1:1.

Baptism means to be sent to proclaim the kingdom of God and to point Jesus to others. Let us ask ourselves, how am I pointing Jesus to others through how I live my Christian life? Am I ready to say: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will"? Ps.40:7-8.

Fr. Peter Patrick



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JANUARY 15, 2023 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL PRAYER

Monday, January 16/Weekday

8:30 AM Heb 5:1-10/ Mk 2:18-22/ Mass

Tuesday, January 17/Saint Anthony, Abbott

8:30 AM Heb 6:10-20/ Mk 2:23-28/ Mass @ St. Catherine

Wednesday, January 18/Weekday

8:20 AM Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/ Mk 3:1-6/ School Mass

Thursday, January 19/Weekday

Heb 7:25—8:6/ Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 20/Weekday

8:30 AM Heb 8:6-13/ Mk 3:13-19/ Mass @ St. Catherine

6:30 PM St. Sebastian Feast Day Prayer Service

Saturday, January 21/Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/ Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 22/The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23

8:00 AM Fr. Larry
For Reverend Dennis C. Klemme † by
Colleen Armstrong

9:00 AM Fr. Peter Patrick @ St. Catherine

10:30 AM Fr. Larry

6:00 PM Fr. Peter Patrick

FACING RACISM

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

"We may not all be equally guilty. But we are all equally responsible for building a decent and just society."

—Ruby Bridges

PALLIUM LECTURE

An evening of Catholic culture through music, prayer and conversation: On Tuesday, February 21, Archbishop Jerome Listecki welcomes Monsignor James P. Shea, keynote speaker for the 2023 Pallium Lecture, who will present "Love for the Eucharist in an Apostolic Age." The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will also join us to awaken our hearts as they sing Evening Prayer. The 7 PM event will be held at the Brookfield Conference Center and is free and open to the public. Register today at <https://www.archmil.org/PalliumLecture> for this experience!

FAMILY MATTERS: HOW ABUSE WOUNDS THE LOVED ONES OF VICTIM-SURVIVORS

Awake Milwaukee, a grassroots Catholic organization, invites Catholics who want to participate in healing from the abuse crisis to join us for our next virtual Courageous Conversation on Thursday, January 19, at 7 PM on Zoom. This event will feature the family members of survivors of clergy sexual abuse who now work for change and healing within the Church. A follow-up discussion will take place on Thursday, January 26, at 7 PM on Zoom.

Please RSVP at awakemilwaukee.org/courageous-conversations to participate live or to receive the event recording via email.

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 16

9:30-11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group (AF)

6:30-7:30 PM Human Concerns Committee (AF)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:15-10:15 AM Adult Formation (St. C)

6:30-8:00 PM RCIA (AF)

6:30-8:30 PM Men's Club (MP)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30-7:00 PM Finance Council (PHD)

7:00-8:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul (MP)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00-9:00 PM Wash. Heights Board (MP)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM-NOON Cabaret Rehearsal (CH)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00-10:15 AM Middle School Faith Formation (AF)

9:00-10:15 AM Grade School Faith Formation (S)

Noon-3:00 PM Cabaret Rehearsal (CH)

4:00-5:30 PM High School Faith Formation (AF)

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR JANUARY 15, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

by: Jon Metz

I have recently been enjoying the miniseries "The Chosen." Two different groups in our parish cluster have been getting together to watch it. At St Sebastian, we have been gathering Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Adult Faith Formation Room, and at St Catherine we have been meeting Tuesday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Community Center. Both groups have enjoyed the opportunity to imagine the time and place 2000 years ago when Jesus and His disciples walked the earth. There are so many details that come alive watching a dramatic interpretation like this. For instance, watching the disciples sleep in tents, gather by candle light, and walk far distances, really reminds me of the humanity and reality of those who lived so long ago. Jesus too, is portrayed in a way that is so compassionate but also challenging. It has been an engaging experience so far.

Today's Gospel focuses on the baptism of Jesus. This is a familiar reading that we just looked at in Advent, but I am seeing it with new eyes. After watching "The Chosen," I am trying to imagine the setting of the baptism.... the gathering crowd.... the cold water... the sense of hope... In the Jesuit tradition, this is called "Ignatian Imagination." Putting ourselves in the story. Trying to see what it feels like to walk in the shoes of the disciples. It can be a powerful tool to help make a 2000-year-old story more relevant to us here and now. I would encourage you to incorporate this method into your prayer experience. You may find it enriching. Also, any and everyone is welcome to watch "The Chosen" any time you are able to join us.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Quote of the Week

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Intercession for Life

For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God’s love and the dignity of every human life.



SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Which left over holiday items can be recycled?

- Greeting cards and wrapping paper can be recycled as long as they are free of ribbons, foil, and other non-paper items.
- Cardboard gift boxes and packaging can be flattened and recycled, or save them to re-use or for storage.
- Gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons and bows are NOT recyclable. Re-use them next year and save money and room in the landfill.



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/kzuurpa8> for more information.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Regular Contributions Last Week, 1-8-23..... \$ 12,653
Fiscal Year to Date, Week 28 of 52 \$ 388,531
 Compared to Same Period Last Year..... \$ 406,845
 Surplus (Deficit)..... \$ (18,314)

Building Improvement Fund Collected Since July 1 \$50,795
 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>



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ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 9 AM to noon. Tour our K3-8th grade classrooms and meet our teachers and staff. Learn why the State of Wisconsin rates Sebs as a 5-STAR School that “Significantly Exceeds Expectations.”

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Come see what makes St. Sebastian Catholic School uniquely special!

ST. SEBS HOME AUCTION!

Get your tickets now at <https://bit.ly/sebs-auction2023> for the St. Sebastian 2023 Parish & School Auction on February 18, from 6 to 10 PM (with Mass at 5:30 PM) in the gymnasium and cafeteria.

Saint Sebastian is not just a parish, it is not just a school. It is where we as parishioners gather as friends and community. Moreover, it is still HOME for so many alumni and past parishioners. This year, we gather together, and welcome all alumni HOME, back to Saint Sebastian. Invite your adult children who have graduated, your neighbors who have moved elsewhere, graduates who want to get that Saint Sebastian vibe once again.

Get your tickets now and bring your Sebs friends back HOME with you!

Early bird tickets are \$40 individual / \$80 couple (until Feb. 1)
 Heavy appetizers, beer, wine and signature cocktails included.

FEAST OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

Friday, January 20, 6:30 PM Prayer Service in Church. 7:00 PM Gathering at O'Brien's Pub (4928 W Vliet St.)

On behalf of the parish, all members of the St. Sebastian Community are invited to a social event to celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Sebastian. Light appetizers and beer will be served.

Wine or Gift Card Donation: Please consider bringing a gift card or bottle of wine to be used for the upcoming St. Sebastian “Home” Auction on February 18.



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