



ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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How Did You Come To Know God?

If I would ask you, "How did you come to know God?" you would likely find it a very simple question to answer. It was through your parents. The next question would be, "Who has been your role model or who has been encouraging you to attend Mass?" Some will say their parents, grandparents, and others will say their friends. We need each other as we continue to discern our vocation as Christians.

Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith that children receive in the parish. (CCC. 2226)

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of our Lord – a time to renew our baptism promises. After we are baptized, what is next? We are called to be witnesses of Jesus through our words and deeds every day of our lives. Our Christian vocation involves hearing God’s call through human testimony, following Jesus, seeking him, finding him and bringing others to him by sharing that experience with them.

Though today is not Vocation Sunday, the readings point us in that direction. In the first reading from 1st Samuel, we hear the calling of Samuel, and in the Gospel, Jesus calling the disciples. The first reading attunes our ears and sharpens our insight for a deeper appreciation of today’s Gospel. Today’s Old Testament passage, therefore, casts Eli in the role of John the Baptist, as Eli helps his young disciple Samuel to discern that the Lord is calling Samuel to a personal encounter, just as John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward a personal encounter with Jesus. The episode offers modern disciples both challenge and comfort. On one hand, the Lord’s call is insistent and at first—for Samuel, and how often for us—both confusing and disorienting. But that call is also comfortingly personal: the God who calls, knows Samuel and us by name! Samuel’s response is every disciple’s perfect prayer: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

All of us gathered here need to be Eli, John and Andrew; all three helped others to discern their call to follow God. Parents, I would ask you to encourage your children to consider priesthood and religious life. I am here today because of the encouragement I got from my parents, although they did not know what God was calling me to be. We went to Mass as a family and attended prayer meetings. Being in the Church, my pastor noticed my vocation to the priesthood, to which at first I was very resistant, but after giving it a chance, here I am now. Let us continue praying for an increase of vocations in the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Fr. Peter Patrick

Here to Stay, Here to Serve!

We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond. Living the Gospel, we welcome, learn, serve and celebrate.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 17, 2021

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The Week Ahead

January 18-25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, January 17 9:00 am Mass (Church)
Monday, January 18 7:00 pm Reflection and Discussion
 Re: Martin Luther King (V)
Tuesday, January 19 8:30 am Mass (Church)
Friday, January 22 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 12:00 pm Diocesan Mass for
 Respect Life (Christ King)
Saturday, January 23 9:00 am Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, January 24 9:00 am Mass (Church)

In Sympathy

We pray for the repose of the souls of two priests who died recently and served within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

Rev. John Leo Simon and
 Rev. Steve Malkiewicz OFM

May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Opportunity To Feed Your Soul With Music

Mary Utschig is offering to play harp for parishioners who are homebound via Zoom or FaceTime. There is no charge, but you will need to have your own computer or smartphone to access the communication platforms. Contact Mary at pmutschig@sbcglobal.net.

Fiscal Year to Date, Week 26 / 52	\$ 93,608
Prior YTD Amount	<u>88,111</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 5,497

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Gerry Narus (Ralph & Jane Kornburger)
 Health of Andy Smith (St. Vincent de Paul)
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2,-10/1 Cor 6:13c-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King Day

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 /Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19

8:30 am Reconciliation In Our Country
 Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes

Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22 Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 am Respect Life
 Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Joey Badora & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 17 - Fr. Larry

Lector - Bernadette Davel

Sunday, January 24 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lector - Debbie Servi

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

First Reading- The Lord calls Samuel

In Samuel, God's calling assures us that God does not quit on us. He keeps calling. A young Samuel resorts to his seeking wisdom from his mentor, Eli. We often may need help from others to discern God's call, and when we actively cooperate with God, we yield astounding results.

- What is God calling you to do?
- Who or what has helped you to hear God's Word?
- How are you cultivating your relationship with God?

Second Reading from Corinthians

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Paul addresses the question of how to live as faithful disciples in a pagan world.

- What does *living faithful* mean to you?

Gospel Reading from John

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers. We learn how Jesus' first followers were gathered. Part of John's ministry was to lead people to Jesus. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus, and Andrew brought his brother. We are called by Jesus to share our good news about him with others. That's what being a disciple means.

- In what ways do you bring your faith to others?
- How can you grow in your call to witness our faith in the world?

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

Students will have special assignments about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life in preparation for the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday. Saint Catherine staff will continue Sustaining the Mission work on Tuesday morning and then work on professional development during the afternoon. Wednesday, Saint Catherine welcomes back a limited number of students for in-person learning.

Senior Ministry

Is this the year to tackle some aspect of your life that needs a change? More exercise? A better diet? Maybe you want to spend more time in prayer or pay more attention to the important people in your life. You may be considering a bigger change like retirement or different living arrangements. Many people find that as they enter the third age of life, their previous ways of living are no longer the best for them. Perhaps the house that took care of you and your family for so many years is no longer meeting your needs. You may want to find a place to live that is easier to maintain and better provides for your physical, social and intellectual needs. *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Which leftover Christmas items can be recycled? Greeting cards and wrapping paper, as long as they are free from ribbons, foil and other non-paper items. Cardboard boxes and packing; flatten them (or save for future use). DO NOT RECYCLE tissue paper, gift bags, ribbons and bows (reuse and save money). More at: city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/city/DPW/divisions/operations/images/HolidayRecyclingTips.pdf

Facing Racism

"The ultimate logic of racism is genocide, and if one says that one is not good enough to have a job that is a solid quality job, if one is not good enough to have access to public accommodations, if one is not good enough to have the right to vote, if one is not good enough to live next door to him, if one is not good enough to marry his daughter because of his race. Then at that moment, that person is saying that that person who is not good to do all of this is not fit to exist or to live. And that is the ultimate logic of racism." *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Respect for Life Masses - Friday, January 22

Due to COVID-19, Archbishop Listecki has asked that Masses be said across the Archdiocese, rather than holding one diocesan-wide Mass. This way, social distancing and other precautionary guidelines will be observed. He has asked each deanery to celebrate a Respect Life Mass at a designated location. The Mass in our deanery will be held at Christ King Parish at Noon, on Friday, January 22. Bishop Jeff Haines will preside. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul and Metcalfe Market

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee is blessed to be featured as Metcalfe Market's Charity of Choice at their Wauwatosa (68th & State) location. By participating, you will receive 5% off your purchase and SVDP will receive a 5% match. Go to www.svdpmilw.org to get access to your very own "partner coupon." You can also go to the back of January's calendar for a copy of the coupon. This opportunity is available for the month of January. Thank you for your shopping!

Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity at Christmas was heart-warming. The St. Vincent de-Paul Society thanks you for filling the Christmas shoe boxes and for your generous monetary donations. Many people will be gifted because of you.

Centennial Celebration Committee

Fourteen parish members have offered to serve on the Centennial Committee. The first meeting will be next week.

Word of God Sunday

Sunday, January 24, is Word of God Sunday. We are encouraged to read the scriptures and the Bible. Parishioners, Fr. Peter Patrick encourages you to bring your bibles to church on January 24 to have them blessed.



Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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