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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.

Sunday of the Word

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis,"* published on September 30, 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." You might be wondering why only this Sunday is set aside to celebrate the Word of God, and yet we celebrate the Word of God all other Sundays. The Holy Father is trying to put more emphasis on Scripture and challenge us as Catholics to be more intentional in reading the Scripture. Prophet Hosea says, "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children" (Hosea 4:6). St. Jerome says, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." If we want to have an imitate relationship with Jesus, we have to read the Scriptures.

The question that follows after hearing the word of God is, "How should one respond to the challenge of the breaking good news of God's Kingdom?" St. James says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22)."

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus calling his first disciples. They left everything and followed him to proclaim the kingdom of God, which is the mission of Jesus. When we say, "The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15), "at hand" is intentionally ambiguous, meaning either here or there—or both—because God's kingdom is not a place, but a way of life, what the world could look like and would look like if we were living according to God's gracious saving and loving plan.

Each one of us can say, with Jesus' coming into the world, the loving rule of God has come near, but is not yet here with us. We experience another rule in us that opposes God's, namely the rule of sin/evil. So, again and again, Jesus invites us to abide under the loving rule of God by abandoning all unloving and ungodly ways. The "Kingdom of God" does not refer to a place or a territory but a new quality of life to be lived with God's own values.

God's values must be the rule of our lives, not worldly or selfish values. When we submit to God's loving rule in our lives and accept the gospel's way of life, the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live that way of life. A change in us or a reshaping/reorientation of our lives is essential to experience the nearness of God's Kingdom. Hence, one's proper response to God and his Kingdom coming so near to us is to repent by opening our hearts to Jesus' gospel-way of loving service. Repentance means to change our way of thinking, attitude and choices in life, rejecting sin, selfishness and greed so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of our hearts.

Fr. Peter Patrick



Member of the Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes with Saint Sebastian

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 24, 2021

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 24 9:00 am Mass (Church)
Tuesday, January 26 8:30 am Mass (Church)
9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul (FKCC)
Friday, January 29 8:30 am Mass (Church)
Saturday, January 30 9:00 am Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, January 31 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Catholic Schools Week January 31 - February 7

New Sunday Reflections Author

This Sunday we welcome the new author of our Sunday Reflections, Jon Metz. Jon is our Adult & Young Adult Formation Minister. Thanks to Margaret Lee, our Youth Minister, who has written the Reflections since Ed Duncklee's retirement. These people of faith have offered us opportunities to connect with Scripture, and we are grateful.

They Served the Church of Milwaukee

We express our sympathy to the friends and families of:

Fr. Tom Brundage
Fr. Mike Michalski
Deacon Mike Bowen

May they rest in peace in the arms of their Savior and Lord!

Have You Considered Electronic Funds Transfer?

Many of you have set up electronic funds transfers to pay your regular bills: utilities, specific charitable donations, etc. Consider doing the same for your donations to the parish. Being assured of regular donations helps us plan our budget.

Regular Contributions through 1/3/21	\$94,348
Prior YTD Amount	<u>91,410</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 2,938

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Joey Badora & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)
Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
Acts 22:3-16 /Ps 117:1bc, 2 /Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:30 am John & Pat Miller and Family (Mary Miller)
2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-2c-3, 7-10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29

8:30 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)
Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 /Mk 4:26-34

Sunday, January 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Carl E. Edmund (Mark Edmund)
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 24 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lector - Debbie Servi

Sunday, January 31 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lector - Tony Amoroso

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

This Sunday we hear the gospel of Jesus calling his disciples. Jesus, the carpenter's son, walks by the Sea of Galilee and says to the fishermen casting their nets, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." The gospel writer then tells us that the fishermen immediately dropped their nets and followed him. This is such a familiar reading to us that there is a potential to take this passage for granted; we may forget how significant this moment is.

The most extraordinary part of this passage is the word "immediately." The fishermen did not say, "Can I have a day to think about it?" or "Let me just consult with my family..." They just dropped their nets. In essence they dropped their previous lives. They left their profession, their families, and everything that was comfortable. The trust that the disciples showed in that moment was incredible.

WCd I have so much trust in someone that I had just met? Would you? God, help us to have open minds and hearts to when Jesus is calling us. Help us not be scared to "drop our nets" and follow him. Let us not get caught up in what we think we will lose when our bigger calling comes.

How do we know when God is calling us? Well, that will be different for every person, but I know it requires us to keep our eyes and ears open. Jesus spoke to the disciples on their own terms. Jesus, the carpenter, told the fishermen that he would make them "fishers of people." He used a metaphor that was comfortable and familiar to the disciples. God speaks to us in our own language and reaches out to us in a way we can understand... so stay alert. Watch for the ways God calls you.

January 17, 2021

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 returned to in-class learning this week. There was a clamor for in-person learning in the 7th & 8th grades; students are eager to return! To encourage students to do well, we will hold school-wide competitions involving completion of work and attendance.

Senior Ministry

New Year's resolutions give us some control over what lies ahead. This year, take control. Create the life that will meet your needs and desires for today and for the future. Committing to your desired outcome will give you a feeling of control over the uncertain days to come. Don't be afraid to make the move. *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Many Milwaukee shelters and organizations accept new and gently-used donations. Visit city.milwaukee.gov/recycle/ Reduce-Reuse/Donating for rehoming/reuse options when considering a wide variety of stuff you no longer want or never needed instead of just tossing it out.

Facing Racism

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Improve Your Mental Health

Practicing gratitude has been proven to benefit your mental health. One study reported that keeping a consistent gratitude journal can increase your long-term well-being by more than 10%! It can put things in perspective and help you stay positive and hopeful. That's why we're sharing how Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) can help you stay grateful and optimistic as we navigate a year of stressors. Their tips and resources can help you keep your mental health a priority with ways to implement self-care, practice gratitude year-round and find a healthy balance between your mental well-being and staying informed. Go to: mentalhealthfirstaid.org/

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

Today is Word of God Sunday

We are encouraged to read the scriptures and the Bible. Parishioners' Bibles will be blessed at Mass today.



St. Vincent de Paul and Metcalfe Market Match

This week is your last chance! Throughout the month of January, Metcalf Market (68th & State) is offering an opportunity to receive 5% off your purchase and give the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee a 5% match. Metcalf's "Charity of Choice" program for SVDP ends Sunday. Please support this initiative! 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. Thank you!

Your Centennial Celebration Committee . . .

will be meeting this coming week and will publish updates to inform parishioners of its plans. Stay tuned.

A Virtual "Souper Sunday?"



This is the time of year we would be searching our recipes for soups to bring to our traditional "Souper Sunday." Not to worry! We're offering an alternative "virtual" celebration of hospitality and good food. Please send your favorite soup recipes to bernadettetavel@sbcglobal.net We'll print the recipes for you to make one or more of them to enjoy at home. Then we'll ask you to choose your favorites to include in the "Soups" section of a future *Best Recipes of St. Catherine's* we're considering as part of our centennial celebration.

Book Club . . .

is reading *Oh My Stars* by Lorna Landvik and will meet virtually, Thursday, February 11, at 6 pm. All are welcome to join.

Free Zoom Parkinson's Dance Class

The class is for anyone with Parkinson's who wants to move with the music and dance. Movements can be done in the chair and/or standing. Research: Dancing is shown to help people with Parkinson's improve their ability to walk and enhances their quality of life. Contact carterproductions@sbcglobal.net or 788-2216. Susanne Carter, a trained instructor, has been teaching the Parkinson Dance Class since 2009. danceforpd.org for more information about the program.

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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