



5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God, you showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019

SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

St. Alphonsus Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, strive to live out Jesus Christ's call to discipleship by worshipping faithfully, serving willingly, and growing spiritually.

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Weekend Mass Schedule... Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Schedule...Monday NO Mass,
Tuesday—7:00 AM, Wednesday—5:30 PM,
Thursday and Friday Noon Mass

Confessions...Saturday 4:30 PM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Devotion:

Friday Adoration: 9:00 AM to Noon

Monthly Adoration: 1st Thursday Noon to 9:00 PM

Rosary: Led by KC Members, 7:30 AM Sundays

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MASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
	Mass time	Mass Intention	Saint of the Day	Readings for the day
Mon, Feb 11	NO MASS		Our Lady of Lourdes	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tue, Feb 12	7:00 AM	Buena Messer †	Weekday	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wed, Feb 13	5:30 PM	Marcy Hassenfritz †	Weekday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thu, Feb 14	12:00 PM	Jim Watson †	Sts. Cyril & Methodius	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Fri, Feb 15	12:00 PM	Jodi Bair †	Weekday	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Sat, Feb 16	5:30 PM	Toby Shanahan †		
Sun, Feb 17	8:00 AM	For Parishioners	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26
	11:00 AM	Kerry Burden †		

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 16 & 17

LECTORS

5:30 PM Bitrus Gwamna
 8:00 AM Ken Feldmann
 11:00 AM Roger Freeman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 PM Team A Mary Ann Messer
 8:00 AM Team B Marlene Donnolly
 11:00 AM Team C Gary Crawford

SERVER

5:30 PM Ajay/Alexis Wagner
 8:00 AM Elaina Holtkamp/Owen Baker
 11:00 AM Katherine Tansey/Linzy Striegel

USHERS

5:30 PM Gary Welcher/Jerry Keeley
 8:00 AM RJ/Chris Dodson
 11:00 AM Bob Walderbach/Bernard Pollmeier

GREETERS

5:30 PM Cathy Lampe/Karen Stevens
 8:00 AM Greg/Lana Moeller
 11:00 AM Greg/Rosemary Peck

Inspiration for the Week

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, "Follow me". What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?", will you reply, "Here I am, send me!"

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Keep in Your Prayers

Our condolences to Tom Watznauer and family and friends on the passing of his father, Ray Watznauer from West Point. May Ray be welcomed into the everlasting life.

February 10th is World Marriage Day.

In honor of all of our married couples, we will have a special blessing at all of our weekend Masses.

Offertory for February 2 & 3

Envelopes.....	3843.00
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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb 10	Mon, Feb 11	Tues, Feb 12	Wed, Feb 13	Thurs, Feb 14	Fri, Feb 15	Sat, Feb 16
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 9:00 am Social Action donuts, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Spaghetti Lunch, Noon, Manning Spanish Mass, 2:00 pm Homebound Ministers-Team 3	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Ladies for Charity, 1:30 Finance Council, 4:30 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Mass, Noon	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Confessions—4:30 -5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday, Feb 17 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am KC Breakfast, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Homebound Ministers—Team 4	NO MASS	Tues, Feb 19 Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am RCIA, 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm	Wed, Feb 20 Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Thurs, Feb 21 Mass, Noon	Fri, Feb 22 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Sat, Feb 23 Confessions—4:30 -5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm

Come Join Us!
Spaghetti Lunch in Manning Hall
after the Noon Mass
on Sunday, February 10th
Fundraiser for the Venturing Crew 1862

Ladies for Charity Meeting on February 12th

Ladies For Charity will meet Feb 12th at 1:30 PM, weather permitting. Annual dues of \$5 are due. Hostesses will be Judy McNeill and Jan Walter.

Venturing Crew News

Our next Crew Committee Meeting is Feb 12 at 7:00 PM- this is for adults interested in supporting the Venturing Crew.

Parish Planning

Next Planning Committee Meeting is March 7th at 5:30 PM in Manning Hall. The success of parish planning will need the involvement of many parishioners. Any parishioner wishing to come is welcome. As committees within this group are formed, parishioners will be recruited as well.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Publish your Events in The Catholic Messenger

Did you know you can publish your parish's activities such as prayer group meetings and faith formation programs in The Catholic Messenger's calendar of events for free? Do you have a great festival, pancake breakfast, prayer group or special program you'd like people throughout the Diocese of Davenport to know about? Tell people about it in The Catholic Messenger!

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St Mary's Church, Riverside
Sunday, Feb 17th

Serving time: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Located in our church basement
 All you can eat pancake breakfast serving:
 Sausage patties, pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice & coffee
 Cost: Adults: \$ 7.00,
 Children: 5-10 \$ 4.00, Children under 5 free.
 Baked goods to purchase & fun raffles.
 All are invited to attend!

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Parish of Sts. Mary & Joseph Sugar Creek-Bryant
 invite all to
 Omelet & Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, February 24th
 at Preston Town Hall, serving 7:00 AM to Noon
 Prices— Adults \$8.00, Children ages 6-12 \$5.00,
 and ages 5 and under are free.

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday, Mass Noon & 6 PM
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 5:30 PM beginning March 8
Friday, March 8	1st KC Fish Fry
Fish Fries on six Fridays during Lent: March 8, 15, 22 & 29 and April 5 & 12	
Sunday, March 17	Bowling Party at the Alleys
Sunday, March 31	Confirmation at St. Alphonsus, 2:30 PM
Friday, April 5	Widow/widowers luncheon
Tuesday, April 16	Seder Meal
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 28	First Communion, 11:00 AM Mass
Week of April 29-May 4	Ladies for Charity Rummage Sale
Sunday, May 19	8:00 AM Senior High Graduation Mass with Breakfast to follow.
Sunday, June 2	Parish Picnic, Mass time TBA
Week of July 22-26	Vacation Bible School

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