



JANUARY 24, 2021

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

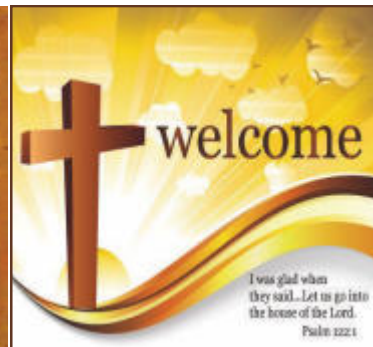
Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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Readings for the Week

Sunday January 24, 2021:
Monday, January 25, 2021
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Thursday, January 28, 2021
Friday, January 29, 2021
Saturday, January 30, 2021
Next Sunday January 31, 2021

Mk 1:14-20
Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Mk 3:31-35
Mk 4:1-20
Mk 4:21-25
Mk 4:26-34
Mk 4:35-41
Mk 1:21-28



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Parish Mission Statement

The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.

Sacramental Information

First Thursday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)
First Friday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)
* Subject to change during holy days.

Confession

Wednesday afternoon 5:00-5:45 pm. If you wish to come at a different time, call to make an appointment.

Marriage

If you wish to get married, please call the office and make an appointment at least six months before your wedding date.

Baptism

Please call the office to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office or Father.

Pregnant? There are alternatives to abortion! If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.



Parish News

P.R.E.P. Corner

P.R.E.P. = Parish Religious Education Program

Our mission: Care, Proclaim, and Serve

We let students and families know that we care. We slow down and listen; we ask questions about their lives and we practice compassion in prayer.

We are Christ's witness to our students and families. We relate our messages of good news and Catholic teachings through real life experiences, stories, memories, and thoughts of our own, our students and our families. We inspire curiosity and questions.

We serve our students, our families, and our parish. We are accountable to forming disciples that love Christ not theologians. We seek opportunities to develop encounters with Christ in everyday life.

We grow continually based on relationships, shared communication, listening, and prayer.

Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) – Cheryl Rife, cheryl.rife@live.com. Assistant-Noelle Reese.

Stay tuned each week for updates in the bulletin!

Liturgy and Worship Committee Members Needed

A Liturgy and Worship Committee is being created. Members, volunteers, and helpers are needed. If you are interested or have questions, contact Noelle Reese at mass or via e-mail (ncrease97@yahoo.com). Meetings would be monthly or every two months after getting started. We will be discussing scheduling, training, church seasons, and how best to worship at mass. Praying for our parish and your interest!

Mass Intentions Jan 23-31, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021

6:00 pm (Elizabeth) † Paul Moran by Mr. and Mrs. McDevitt

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:30 am (Elizabeth) † Clinton Reese by Karla Grube

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30 am (Elizabeth) † Pat Uhl by Bill and Gayle Uhl

6:00 pm (Elizabeth) †Purgatorial Society 2020

Friday, January 29, 2021

8:30 am (Elizabeth) † Marlene Chunes by Tony Chunes

Saturday, January 30, 2021

6:00 pm (Elizabeth) † Maury Berlage by Deb Altfillisch family

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:30 am (Elizabeth) For the people of St. Mary



Each of us is a puzzle piece that makes St. Mary's church family complete.

Would you consider being a lector and proclaim God's word or help with registration/temperature checks or sanitizing? If so please contact the office on Tuesday or Thursday 815-858-3422 between hours of 8:30-3:30

Office Hours and Staff

Office official hours are Tues./Thurs. from 8:30-3:30
Wednesday is by calling for appointment but Fr. Is available for any assistance that is needed at that time. Outside office hours call Norma at 815-238-2317

Liturgical Roles/Safety

Saturday, January 30, 2021 6:00pm(SM)
Lector/Com.....Kathy Ondracek

Recording Names and Temperatures: Toni Mika

Sanitize pews: Toni and Trent

Sunday, January 31, 2021 8:30am (SM)
Lector/Com.....Deb Reese

Recording Names and Temperatures: Reese family

Staff will sanitize after Sunday mass



Please take a moment to pray for the following

Jennifer Sullivan
Ed Ersfeldt
Albrecht family

Rich Gesiorski
Mark Puls

All those in need of your comfort and peace



Saul's Conversion

Please read : Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9, verses 1-19

Saul, later called Paul, was very zealous for his Jewish beliefs, his hatred toward those who believed in Christ (“followers of the way”) was such that he began a persecution campaign against anyone who professed Jesus as Lord. As the Act of the Apostles relate, in Jerusalem he obtained letters to the synagogues in Damascus(!) asking for their cooperation in arrest of any followers of Christ found there. I asked myself why would a Jesus in Jerusalem persecute Christians as far as Damascus? To prevent Christianity from spreading to other major cities? Did Paul want to build up his own reputation as a true Pharisee? Zealous for the Mosaic cities? An attempt to unify the different factions of Judaism by giving them a common enemy? But as Gamaliel, a respected Pharisee pointed out a littler earlier (Acts 5:39) nothing is ever going to stop the work of God in our world. So, as Saul traveled to Damascus, he had a vision of the Risen Christ who confronted him with the truth of the GOOD NEWS.

Sometimes God breaks into a life in a spectacular way, and sometimes a conversion is a quiet experience. The right way to come to faith in Jesus is whatever way God brings you and your life will never again be the same.

God did not waste any part of Paul’s life—his background, his training, his citizenship, his mind, or even his weaknesses. Are you willing to let God do the same for you and with you? You will never know all he can do with you until you allow him to have all that you are!

The Liturgical Feast of Conversion is January 25

Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The LORD is my shepherd = **RELATIONSHIP**
 I shall not be in want = **SUPPLY**
 He makes me lie down in green pastures = **REST**
 He leads me beside quiet waters = **REFRESHMENT**
 He restores my soul = **HEALING**
 He guides me in paths of righteousness = **GUIDANCE**
 For his name's sake = **PURPOSE**
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = **TESTING**
 I will fear no evil = **PROTECTION**
 For you are with me = **FAITHFULNESS**
 Your rod and your staff they comfort me = **DISCIPLINE**
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = **HOPE**
 You anoint my head with oil = **CONSECRATION**
 My cup overflows = **ABUNDANCE**
 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life = **BLESSING**
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD = **SECURITY**
 Forever = **ETERNITY**

Gospel Thoughts of the Week

Let's be bold like the examples in the readings this weekend. Jesus is calling to us right now, today! Let's answer that call by whatever form it comes.

It could be to put down the phone during meals and be present to family. It might be to stop making excuses and help serve at the soup kitchen downtown. Maybe it's to finally confess that really difficult sin that we've been struggling with. Or maybe it's reaching out to a person who looks lonely.

Whatever it is, big or small, let us have the courage to let go of our own plans and simply act by responding to Jesus' call, "Come, follow me" with deep trust in our unfathomably loving God.

Angie Windnagle

Stewardship Report

Date: January 17, 2021

Weekly Offering Collected.....	\$1471.00
Expenditures weekly.....	\$2600.00
Deficit.....	\$1,129.00
Christmas.....	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$5.00
Votive Lights	\$18.00
National Appeal.....	\$190.00

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