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JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

December 2021

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$63,915.00
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$49,141.00
Amount Over/(Under) Budget:	\$14,774.00
Number of Sundays:	4

FY22 YTD (July '21 - December '21)

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$309,597.00
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$319,424.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget:	\$(9,827.00)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.



PARISH GUIDE BOOK

Due to printing issues we are now preparing the 2022 Parish Guide Book for publication. If you are the head of an organization or ministry and would like to make change in the description of your organization/ministry in the guidebook or have a change of address or family information, please contact Carmela Garza at cgarza@stmargaretstl.org or call the Rectory (314-776-0363) to update your information. Please make note that we **will include phone numbers and email information** in the 2022 Guide Book publication. **Deadline to submit this information Monday, January 31, 2022.**



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

At the beginning of a New Year, many people make resolutions. Since I'm out of town, I'm using this space to share an article from America: The Jesuit Review of Faith and Culture by Molly Cahill and Ashley McKinless. They poured over Pope Francis' recent teachings and writings to write this article entitled, "Volunteer, stop judging, and get off Twitter: 8 New Year's Resolutions Inspired by Pope Francis". Today, the first four. Enjoy!

1. Volunteer for a local charity or non-profit. In 2022, maybe you would like to give back in a meaningful way by volunteering at an organization that does good work in your community. But where do you start? And how do you choose where to give your time? Pope Francis has some ideas, taking a page from someone who knows a thing or two about selflessness: St. Joseph. In the first of a series of catechesis on St. Joseph, Pope Francis said, "Today, Joseph teaches us this: 'Do not look so much at the things that the world praises, look into the corners, look in the shadows, look at the peripheries, at what the world does not want.' He reminds each of us to consider important what others discard." Let us ask ourselves: Who is forgotten or ignored? What resources do I have to share that might help someone else? How can I reorient my thinking so I am more concerned with what matters to God than what matters to earthly society? With these questions guiding our discernment, maybe we can make time in our busy and chaotic lives this year not simply to volunteer but to become what Pope Francis calls St. Joseph: masters of the essential.
2. Stop judging others. Judging and gossiping about those around us is, as Pope Francis said in his audience on Nov. 3, so easy to do that we often fall into it without thinking. The pope offered a challenging alternative, to instead "take a look at yourself." With this shift in perspective, Pope Francis suggests we might discover something important: "It is good to ask ourselves what drives us to correct a brother or a sister, and if we are not in some way co-responsible for their mistake." Instead of nitpicking our neighbors, we can be honest with ourselves about our own shortcomings, making space for compassion instead of criticism.
3. Take Scripture to heart. Becoming more familiar with the Bible in the new year is a great goal, but be careful: Without the right approach, you might find yourself annoying Pope Francis. In his audience on Jan. 27, the pope admitted, "It irritates me a little when I hear Christians who recite verses from the Bible like parrots." Of course, the pope was not discouraging Catholics from reading and knowing the Bible. Quite the opposite! Pope Francis was expressing frustration with an approach to Scripture that focuses simply on rote memorization rather than on personal encounter. His words reminded us that sacred Scripture is alive, that it speaks to us on an individual basis. Even though biblical stories are thousands of years old, we can recognize ourselves intimately in the characters and scenarios. So please, read and study the Bible this year. But know what Pope Francis says you're signing up for: "The Word of God, infused with the Holy Spirit, when it is received with an open heart, does not leave things as they were before: never."
4. Take one concrete step to become more environmentally conscious. (And start now) This year, world leaders gathered in Glasgow to discuss climate change at COP26. While Pope Francis was unable to be there in person, he did share a message. And let's just say this: He did not hold back. If you want to do your part to protect the planet, here is the big takeaway from the pope's words: You should start now. Francis wrote to the conference with a tone of great urgency, recommending courses of action for both leaders and civilians. If there are lifestyle changes you have wanted to make to be more environmentally conscious, now is the time to get around to them. If there are things you think political leaders could be doing to protect all of us from the climate crisis, make them known—through your voice and your vote. As the pope said, "there is no time to waste." Francis' message also offered spiritual advice for a world struggling with the effects of climate change. "We need both hope and courage," he wrote. "Humanity possesses the wherewithal to effect this change, which calls for a genuine conversion, individual as well as communitarian, and a decisive will to set out on this path."

Next week: The final four resolutions from Pope Francis!



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TODAY & TOMORROW

CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



BY PETER FISHER HESED

The Gospel reading for today starts with the opening lines of the Gospel according to Luke. Since we are going to spend much of the year ahead in Saint Luke's book club, we ought to pause a moment to take in the Prologue to his remarkable account.

In the Prologue, Luke states his purpose: "to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us." Although he himself was not an eyewitness, Luke's work is grounded in the testimony of the companions of Jesus, meticulously investigated and organized for "Theophilus." Was this a prominent Greek personage? Or perhaps an "Everyman," a personification of one who "Loves God?" Is Theophilus perhaps us?

Like Luke's 1st Century Gentile audience – like the Evangelist himself, in fact, – we have learned about Jesus and received our faith because it was handed down to us by others. This is the work done today by families, by Catholic Schools and catechists, by publishing and media, and small group faith sharing. This is the work that continues to be fulfilled among us, through respect and reverence, by truth-telling, and responding to others' needs. Like Luke, we must decide what we are going to do with what we have received.

That theme carries us next to Chapter 4 of the Gospel. Jesus has been teaching in the synagogues of Galilee and has been warmly received. In his home town of Nazareth he stands up to read. The words of the prophet Isaiah come to life as Jesus reads them:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry powerfully suggests how the Holy Spirit moves within the life and mind of a young believer. The recognition that God has a mission for one to pursue can be powerful, frightening, defining. Surely every person has reflected at some point, "what shall I be when I grow up?"

Do we ever really stop asking that question? God continues to give each of us something new, every year, every season, every day. A new insight, or a new experience. A new challenge. New sorrow or joy. What will I do with what I have been given? Can I pass it along to "One who Loves God?"

The Word of God is active and alive among us. May it be fulfilled in our hearing!

LIVING JUSTICE



The St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Living Justice Ministry is monthly newsletter that provides updates on meetings and events, links to great social justice resources, suggestions for taking action, prayers and reflections, and more!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 24

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Frischauf +

Tuesday, January 25

6:30 a.m. Robert Lenze

8:15 a.m. Jack Stirnemann +

Wednesday, January 26

6:30 a.m. Jane Cannon

Thursday, January 27

6:30 a.m. Mary Brake

Friday, January 28

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

8:15 a.m. William Churchill +

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. Bill Thieret +

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Eugene Buckley +

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, January 26

Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - Chapel

Thursday, January 27

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Church

Sunday, January 30

Pray the Rosary, 7:30 a.m. - Church

CHOIR & MUSICAL YOUTH GROUP



If you are a youth and interested in joining the St. Margaret of Scotland Choir & Musical Youth Group ministry or would like more information about this group, please contact Elise Ibendahl at elisemarie75@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29 & 30

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
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Children's Corner

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

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BOY SCOUT NEWS

E-RECYCLING

Did you receive new electronic devices for Christmas? Do you have any old ones? What will you do with them? Don't throw them out! Boy Scout Troop 110 will once again be holding an e-recycling event on **Saturday, March 5, 2022**. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.



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