



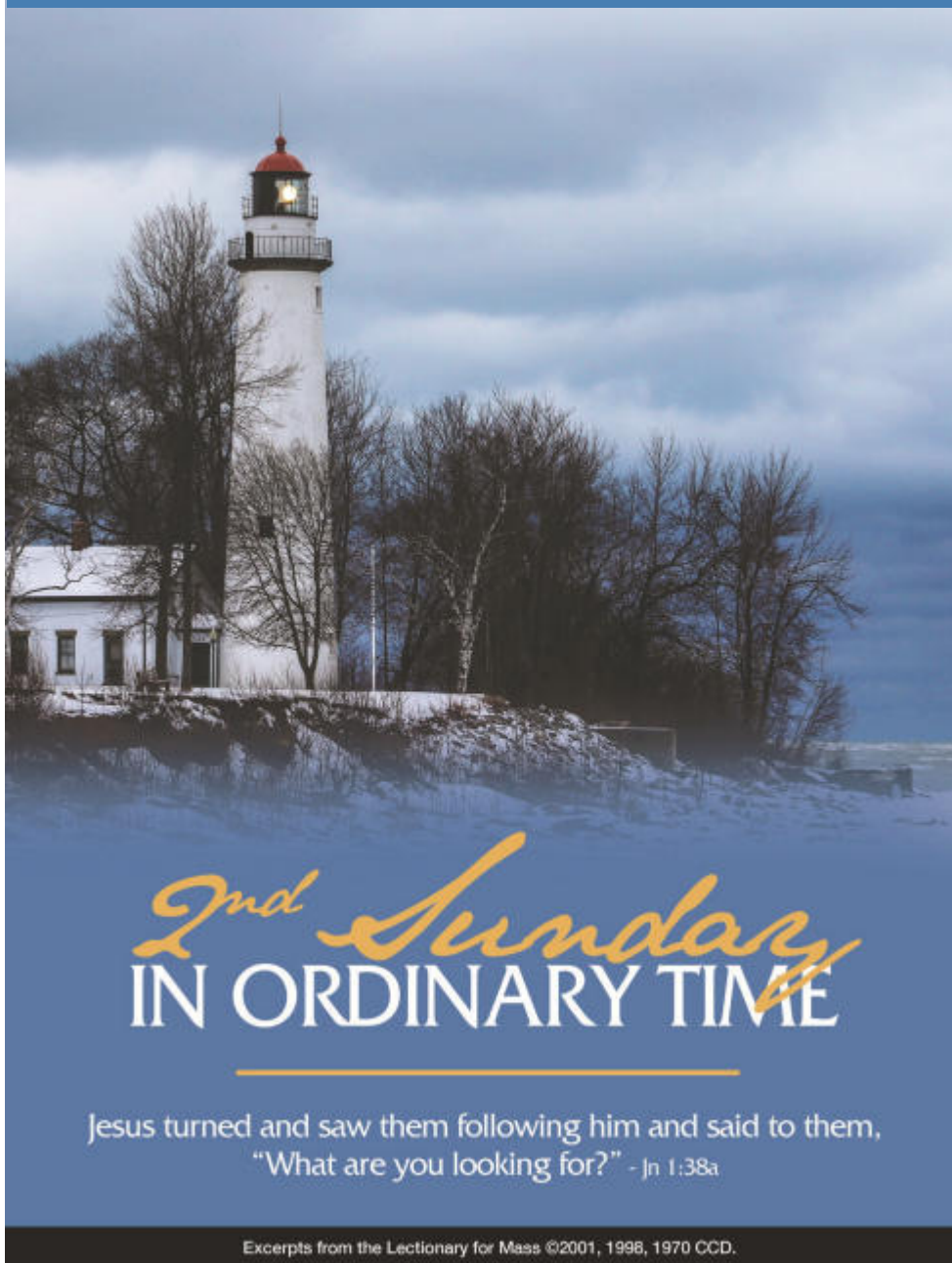
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to *love*,
to *serve* and
to *be hope*

"Your Spiritual home,
where each is called by name."

Sunday, January 17, 2021



2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
"What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a

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See website for current information.

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Call parish office for appointment

Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808 , and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents (must be parishioners) are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808 .

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/ Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Janet Higgins	Mary Cloutier
Judy Schmidt	Peter DePover
Lisa LaFrance	

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Offerings

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (1/5 - 1/11)		
	Online	2,672.00
	In Person/mail	11,886.00
	Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	<u>9,015.00</u>
	TOTAL	23,573.00

YEAR TO DATE: (12/31/20)	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Revenue	\$ 723,531	\$ 684,000
Operating Expenses	<u>617,650</u>	<u>632,057</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ (105,881)	(51,943)

Everyday Stewardship

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

We Need a Carpenter

We are in need of a carpenter. St. Joseph is not available because he is busy raising Jesus.

Our outdoor creche is in poor shape. At a minimum it needs reinforcement at the hinges and the roof. It may be beyond repair, but we need someone who can tell us that.

If you are willing to look at it, please email Jackie Graham at jackieg@stbeagan.org.

The Archbishop is coming soon, very soon

Archbishop Hebda will Preside and Preach at our 9 am Mass on January 24. The Archbishop visits each parish during his time as Archbishop, so he will be with us on January 24.

We will use the same procedure we have in the past months for Mass attendance: signing up on Book A Pew, a limit of 150 people, following all COVID protocols.

Ideally, it would be wonderful to have a reception after Mass to greet the Archbishop; however, due to safety reasons regarding the pandemic we will not be doing that.

We still may find a way to greet him after Mass, so watch the e-bulletin for that information.

Fr. Tim

Uncovering Myths Surrounding Migrants

Our Advent/Christmas theme, "sense of place," cries out to us to remember the immigrants, those who have lost their place of origin and have not yet reached their promised land, their longed for place. They dwell in an in-between place that demands the practice of mercy and listening from us.

Last January we here at St. Thomas Becket donated funds to Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, a refuge for migrants crossing the border. We also wrote messages of hope for them, which were translated before they were sent.

The reasons for a migrant's journey vary, the suffering varies, the responses to immigrants vary. Often myths get told and retold about migrants. Yet does not the Gospel call us to one response: love? By watching the following video, **US Immigrants Bust Myths About Immigrants** (<https://youtu.be/zftZl1M1S2Y?t=1>), may we open our hearts to a deeper wisdom about and acceptance of immigrants.

As we explored our sense of place during Advent, we may have uncovered stories of our past and why certain places evoke the power of love. May this video call us to imagine a variety of Gospel responses to the grace of immigrants and their presence in our lives.

Marriage Encounter



2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Commit to 2021 being the year you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Beginning Wednesday, February 24, and continuing each Wednesday of Lent, I will offer a Word and Communion Service at NOON. A Word and Communion Service is not Mass; it is a prayer service that involves: Prayer, Scriptures of the day, shared Prayers of the Faithful and Communion. The Service will be 15-20 minutes, and we will follow all COVID protocols as we do for Sunday Mass.

The number of attendees will be limited to 12, which will require you to reserve a spot by going to Book A Pew on our website. I ask that you not sign up for all the weeks at one time; this will allow others the opportunity to attend. If you find that on Wednesday morning there are open spots, you can sign up.

The day of the week, time of day and limit of 12 came from the results of the survey that was taken a few months ago. People expressed a desire to receive communion; however, they did not feel comfortable with a large number and being in a closed in space longer than 20 minutes.

After Lent we will evaluate the Word and Communion Service option to see how we will go forward.

Stewardship Message

Some people who enter our lives change it forever.

Be that person.

Don't be a stranger Stay Connected

Best way to find out what is happening with the community is by visiting STB's web page at

www.stbeagan.org

Current events are located at the home page under "What's Happening".

Get updates via text

To make sure you get all updates about last minute cancellations and announcements, schedule changes, etc., sign up to receive text updates and select the **STB PARISH UPDATES** list and other lists you might be interested in.

1. Text "stbeagan" to 84576
2. Click the link that is sent back to you in a reply
3. Enter your first name, last name and email (after clicking link)
4. Then you will see a list of available groups/lists to join.

Get involved

The best way to be part of this wonderful Community is by joining a ministry. Look under "Our Parish" and click the "Get Involved" link.

Councils

The leadership of the Parish is represented by 6 Councils: Worship, Fun and Fellowship, Faith in Action, Life Stages Spirituality Caring and Parishioner Engagement. Each have their own ministries and are formed by parishioners willing to volunteer for a 3 year term.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to parishioner, Scott Faust, and his family on the death of his mom, Edna Earle Faust, who passed away on Sunday, January 10. She suffered from dementia and unfortunately was exposed to Covid 19 at the nursing home, which ultimately took her life.

*Please remember Edna in your prayers.
May God grant eternal rest and give comfort to the family
at their time of loss. Amen*

The Chosen

The following series has been recommended for your watching; it is a free app. The series is entitled "The Chosen." Go to www.thechosen.tv/app. Season one covers the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the apostles' lives before and after Jesus entered their lives. Season two is currently being filmed. You can download to your phone and cast to your TV or download to a computer.

Do you have a green thumb?

People are needed to water the plants in the church. You would be on a monthly schedule with a partner for roughly three to four months a year of your choosing.

Email Jackie at jackieg@stbeagan.org for information or to volunteer.

Gospel Meditation

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

InterFaith Creation Care South Metro (ICCSM)



would like to invite you to a **CLIMATE REALITY/En-ROADS Discussion** of reimagining the future for God's Creation. This is a presentation using ZOOM, the web-based video conferencing tool. It is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 7pm. The ZOOM link will be provided by registering at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-the-future-for-gods-creation-tickets-131063886613>.

The event will include a **Climate Reality** presentation showing the environmental destruction impacts we are experiencing today, how we got to this point, and what the future may hold. Following that, participants will use **En-ROADS** to imagine together what our future could be. **En-ROADS** is a "choose your ending" simulation that uses some of the best available science to compute and present the results of choices in energy, food production, land-use and consumer behavior that society can make today.

Bill Middlecamp is our presenter and is one of over 20,000 trained **Climate Reality** Leaders from more than 150 countries and is a trained **En-ROADS** facilitator. Bill has a BS degree in Meteorology, an MS degree in Computer Science, and is a commissioned United Methodist Earthkeeper. For over a decade, Bill has participated in organizing and delivering presentations on environmental issues related to health, economics, science and solutions to the harmful changes we are seeing.

InterFaith Creation Care South Metro (ICCSM) is an organization of creation care stewards from sixteen faith communities in the south metro, including yours, seeking a faith-based approach to responsible care for the planet. Visit our website at <http://iccsmtc.blogspot.com/> for more information.

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42

Sharing the Gospel

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

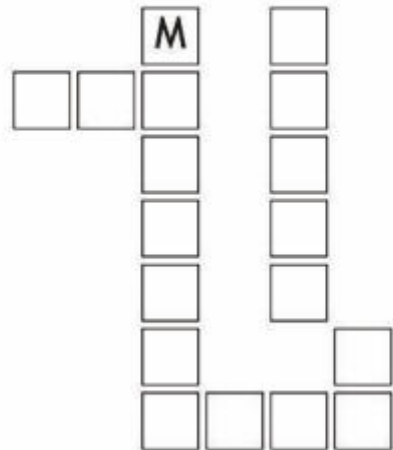
Prayer

Jesus,
help me tell my family and friends about you.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



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