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January 24, 2021 • Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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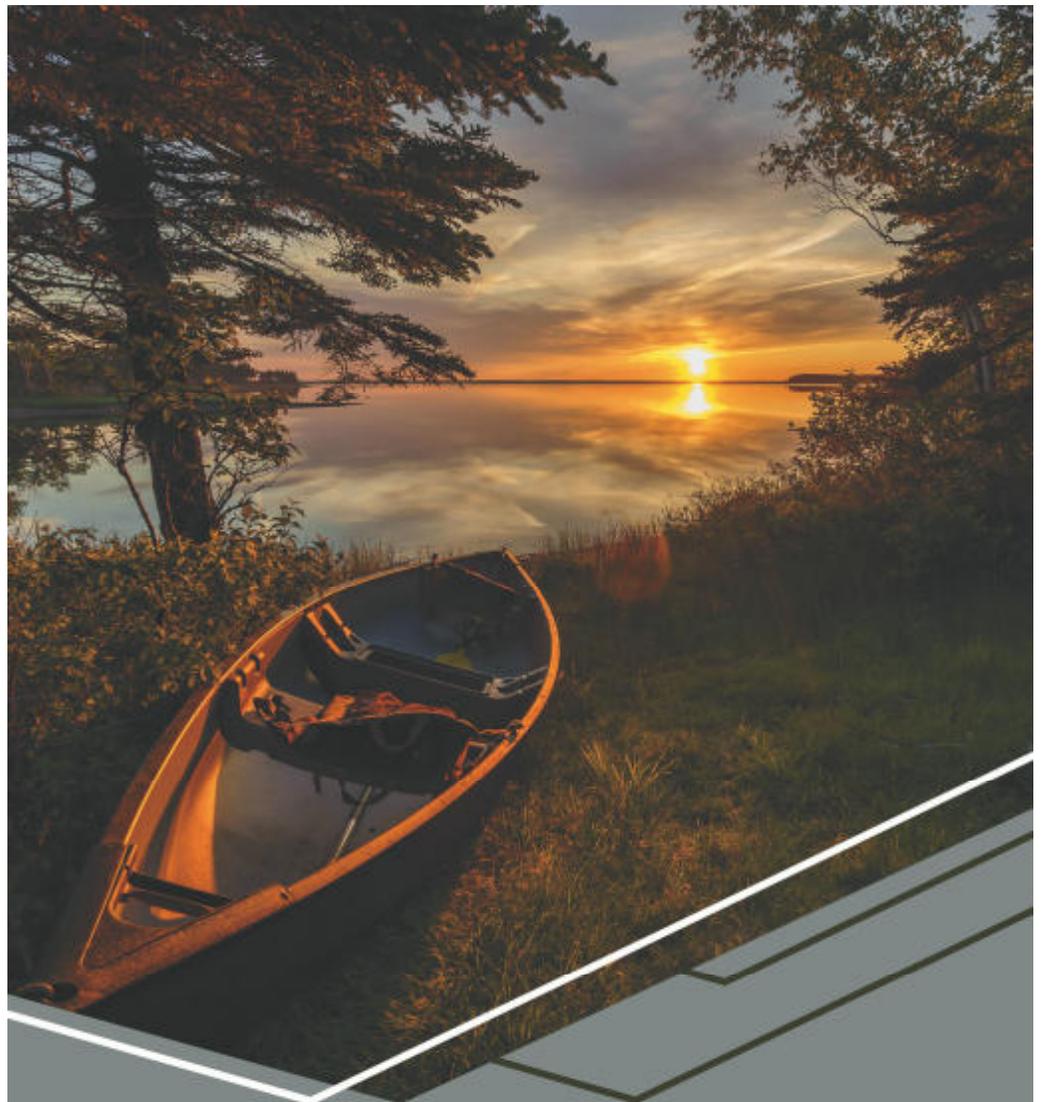
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels Don McEnany
Lavern & Mary Norton

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Phyllis Ross
Wed	8:00 am	Byrnes Family
Thurs	8:00 am	Sadie Byrnes Family
Fri	8:00 am	Don Hartnett
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Mike Fay
Sun	8:00 am	Darrell Erdman
Sun	10:00 am	For the People

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns: Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgen, Rhonda Kalainoff, Maureen Blonigan

Congratulations to

Lavern & Jeanette Brase on their 70th wedding anniversary on Jan. 27. May your marriage continue to bring glory to God & joy to your family & friends.

Baptisms - Lent: In observance of Lent, we will **not** be scheduling baptisms Feb 16-Apr 2. Please contact the office as soon as possible, if you want to schedule a baptism before Lent. Thank you! Contact #319-352-2493 ext 13 or Gerri@StMarysFamily.com

Blessing of Candles and

Throats: Fr Wathier will bless liturgical candles **Tues, Feb 2** at the 5:30pm Mass. If you have candles from home you would like blessed, Father can bless these as well. On **Wed, Feb 3** at the 8am Mass Father will perform a contact-free blessing of throats in honor of St Blaise.

Just for fun... From a passenger ship one can see a bearded man on a small island, who is shouting & desperately waving his hands. "Who is that?" Ole asks the captain. "I have no idea." replies the captain, "He goes mad every time we pass."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

I've been ordained a priest for 36 years; and most days I'm deeply grateful for the call to priesthood I've received. That being said, even after all this time, when I look back, I'm still surprised by the winding road that's brought me to where I am today.

When I was finishing high school and it was time to think about life after graduation, I didn't have a lot of clarity about what I wanted to do. I'd always liked and done well at science and math; and my girlfriend at the time was planning to enroll at a large state school. So I thought I'd be all right if I followed her, and took chemistry and calculus classes. One of the guidance counselors at my high school, a woman religious, had taken an interest in me; and she very much advocated that I consider Loras College. She was quite persistent in making the case that, while there were strong science and math programs there, there was also much to learn from what the college could offer in theology, philosophy, and the humanities. In hindsight, I think she was slyly paving the way for me to consider priesthood, although she didn't ever explicitly mention the topic.

After much fudging and mudging, I decided to attend Loras College, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I was completely entranced by my coursework and was also caught by the learning, culture, and holiness of my professors, a good number of whom were priests. They had mastery of their academic disciplines and in their teaching conveyed "the world is charged with the grandeur of God." I graduated from Loras in 3 years and went on to Loyola University in Chicago for a Ph.D. program in psychology.

I finished a master's degree in psychology, which helped me realize it was the human thirst for God and meaning, and theology, that was pulling me. At the same time, I was doing volunteer work at a Catholic Worker House and was drawn to the writings of Dorothy Day and her call to service and seeing Christ in each person. The idea began to pick at me that perhaps I was being called to ordained ministry. Then came a weekend visit to a friend's hometown in rural Minnesota. The pastor of the small parish had become ill and there was no priest available for weekend Masses. It began to dawn on me there was a need for priests and the ministry priests could provide. I didn't have a vision or hear the voice of an angel; but had the inkling of a call, which I recognized I needed to pursue.

Our readings this weekend ask us to keep in mind our call is important. And our response is needed. In baptism, Jesus calls each of us to follow him; and we spend our whole lives following. We follow Jesus because he wants to strengthen us, console us, build us up, love us. That is the Good News. God calls each one of us. For some it is through giving yourself to another in marriage. For others it is through living a single life that frees you up to work for others and to deepen your personal relationship with God. For still others, it is through a priestly or religious life where we share ourselves with all of God's children and guide them into relationship with him through our words and actions. Our vocation stories are varied and personal, but the underlying truth to all vocation stories is that they are what should lead us to a relationship with God. What matters in the end is if we have lived like those who have been counted among those who answered the call.

- Fr Doug Wathier

GLORY TO GOD:

Priest: Glory to God in the highest, & on earth peace to people of good will

W: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

M: we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

All: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,

M: you take away the sins of the world,

W: have mercy on us;

M: you take away the sins of the world,

W: receive our prayer;

M: you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

W: have mercy on us.

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting; Steve Angrisano



1. O God, you are my God,
and I will always praise you.
In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high.

2. Through the day you walk with me;
all the night your love surrounds me.
To the glory of your name I lift my hands,
I sing your praise.

3. I will never be afraid,
for I will not be abandoned.
Even when the road grows long and
weary your love will rescue me.

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COMMUNION: (Refrain) O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have
found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.

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SONGS FOR JAN 23-24 Entrance: All Are Welcome (Haugen); Prep. Of the Gifts:
Eye Has Not Seen Communion: Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come;
Sending: They'll Know We Are Christians

During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are
approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ.
Please leave your masks on until the minister passes by.

Super Bowl Brunch Fundraiser: Sun, Feb 7, 7:30-11:30am, Boyd
Building, Shell Rock by Boy Scout Troop #1051. Free will offering,
carry-outs available. Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs,
hashbrowns, sausage links, pancakes & drinks.



Reading I Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:
“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and
announce to it the message that I will tell you.”
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the LORD’S bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it
took 3 days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city, and
had gone but a single day’s walk announcing,
“40 days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,”
when the people of Nineveh believed God; they
proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and
small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned
from their evil way, he repented of the evil that
he had threatened to do to them; he did not
carry it out.

Reading II 1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running
out. From now on, let those having wives act as
not having them, those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as
not owning, those using the world as not using it
fully. For the world in its present form is passing
away.

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of
God: “This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw
Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets
into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men.”

Then they abandoned their nets and followed
him. He walked along a little farther
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his
brother John. They too were in a boat mending
their nets. Then he called them.

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly offertory budget \$8,913

Gifts Jan 9-15, 2021:

Offering Gifts..... \$4,560
On-Line Offering \$610
Christmas Offering \$340
Food Pantry Monetary Gifts ... \$201
Holy Day Offering \$46
Retired Religious Collection \$100
Loose Offering \$47

Fiscal Yr July 2020 - Jan 15, 2021:

Offertory Received \$268,403
Budget Yr-to-Date \$249,577

Overage + \$18,826

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (up)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- I have a new email, phone # or address**
- Candle Memorial \$10** - Include name of person & month preferred.
- Mass Intention \$5** donation

Return in collection box or office.

Calendar: Jan 25-Feb 1

Tues: Exodus, 8pm, room A

Wed: EDGE (5-8th), 6pm, virtual

Scholarship for High School

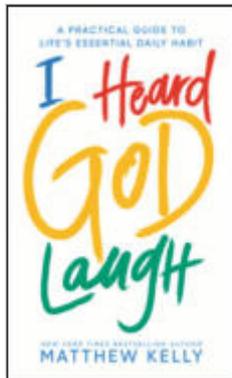
Seniors... The Knights of Columbus are again offering a scholarship of \$500 for up to 3 applicants. Apply on our parish webpage by **Mar 10** at: StMarysFamily.com/knights-of-columbus

St Mary delivering Food Backpacks to WSR Schools in February!

St Mary will deliver kid-friendly food provided by the Food Bank to just inside the WSR schools' doors (no need to enter the school to ensure social distancing). Meet in our hall at **9am Thursdays of Feb** to help children over the weekends, who are on free & reduced lunches.



Looking Ahead to LENT!



Book Study

Matthew Kelly tells us we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul.

Pick up your copy of *I Heard God Laugh* and sign up now for our **Lent book study** to tend your soul! Small groups will meet weekly through Lent to pray and discuss this book together.

Sign up information can be found on our church website and in the church hall.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17

Masses: 7am and 6:30pm

Service: Noon

We will have no-contact distribution of ashes at all Masses/service.

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-1 John Chapter 4

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