

January 23 2022 *The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Lk 4:18s

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Call the office (378-4431 ext. 2) to register full or part-time.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary
Monday: *No Mass*
Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9am—St. Mary's
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 AM - St Pius
Saturday: St. Anthony 4 PM



Mass Intentions Week of
01/16/22—01/22/22

† John Cosgrove

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Building Fund.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

The Bishops have requested this prayer be recited for the Synod of 2021-2023. This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do no let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Jan. 23, 2022: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time by Mary M. McGlone

What if you were asked to choose a word, an image, or a passage of Scripture to summarize who you are and want to be? What might you choose? High school seniors sometimes choose the phrase they want under their picture in the year-book. Their grandparents might complete this exercise by planning their funerals. Others make identity statements with tattoos. Reciting the creed, singing and praying are also expressions of our identity.

Jesus chose the context of a Sabbath liturgy to describe himself and his mission to his hometown folk. As Luke tells the story, this happened after Jesus had begun his public life. Before he went to the synagogue in Nazareth, he had been baptized, spent time in the desert, and was getting a reputation in Galilee as a preacher and healer. One wonders what he and others expected as he stood before his neighbors, now not the craftsman son of Joseph, but a public preacher whose reputation got back home before he did.

Until that moment, one of the few unusual things that his neighbors noted about Jesus was that he had never married. John the Baptist or the Essenes could have been his models for celibacy, but Jesus didn't adopt John's austere lifestyle or the separated, communal life of the Essenes. Biblical scholar José Antonio Pagola suggests that Jesus remained celibate because his passion for the reign of God required all his emotional energy.

Historical data suggests that Jesus was close to 30 years of age when he began his public ministry. That was about an average lifespan in his time, indicating that he was at least middle-aged when he began this phase of his vocation. His family and friends must have wondered what had happened, what caused the conversion that led him to the mission he announced in the synagogue at Nazareth.

Jesus' announcement, short as it was, gives us the interpretative key to the rest of his life. The first line sets the tone for everything that would come: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

Perhaps more than other evangelists, Luke emphasizes the Spirit's movement in Jesus and in the life of the people. We have already heard of the Spirit's involvement with Jesus' conception and birth. The Spirit descended on Jesus at the baptism and led him to the desert. Throughout his life, every one of Jesus' actions and decisions flowed from what he believed the Spirit was leading him to do.

By quoting Isaiah and identifying with the anointed one, Jesus might have been referring to expectations about a coming Messiah. What we should note is that Jesus does not simply say he has been anointed, but that he was anointed for the purpose of bringing glad tidings to the poor. From the beginning, he avoids being proclaimed as the Messiah and describes his mission as being sent to bring glad tidings to the poor. This theme, begun by his mother in her Magnificat, remained a core characteristic of the Gospel. The Spirit of God leads Jesus to minister to the poor, and to call his followers to do the same. This will be his definition of what it means to be Messiah.

Jesus chose this passage from Isaiah to explain who he was called to be and what he intended to do. He would carry it out in relationships with people from all strata of society, by healing, preaching, forgiving, teaching and calling others to follow him. He did not demand that all his followers become impoverished or itinerant preachers. He did demand that they put others first, stop vying for first place and serve people on the margins and he knew they could do so in a variety of ways.

This brings us to Paul's famous passage about the body of Christ. Neither Paul nor Jesus expected that all who would be Christian should be and act or even worship in the same way. In fact, Paul emphasizes the vital importance of diversity. As he says, each is a part of the body of Christ, gifted by the Spirit to bring something unique to the world. This applies to individuals as well as communities and cultures.

Today's liturgy invites us first to contemplate Jesus in his own discernment and acceptance of his vocation — his developing identity. Then, aware that every vocation grows and changes, we are invited to ask the Spirit to continue to reveal our path to us. Doing that will lead us to recognize the gifts we have been given and how to use them. In the end, in different languages and through different activities, each of us who follow Christ are invited to live the truth that, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]



Announcements and Upcoming Events

01/11/22	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	\$1455	\$141	\$2111
Loose Change	\$39	\$52	\$10
Fuel	\$30	\$100	
Building Fund	\$33	\$34	\$42
Solemnity of Mary	\$15		
Christmas	\$130		
Haiti			
First Offering	\$45		\$5
Total	\$1747	\$327	\$2168
Electronic Donations (December)	\$710	\$320	\$1204.14
CSA Goals (2021/22)	\$10,655	\$6,460	\$14,026
CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21)	\$4530	\$5965	\$6795
% of Goal	43%	92%	48%

- ◆ St. Mary's is looking for nominations or volunteers for two Parish Counsel members. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in filling these positions. If you know of someone who you would like to nominate or if you feel called to this position please contact the parish office!
- ◆ If you are interested in being a Reader/Lector please contact Fr. Kinney at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- ◆ If you are interested in helping count the collections from weekend masses on Tuesday mornings at 9am at St. Pius, please call Cheri, the office bookkeeper.
- ◆ Fr. Kinney is looking for several volunteers to join the Liturgy Committee. If you would like to serve in this position please contact Fr. Kinney.
- ◆ A Zoom Synod gathering will be offered for parishioners who are out of the area for the winter. It will be on Thursday, February 10th from 6-9PM. Information will be mailed out regarding the gathering and how to register for the event.
- ◆ A Synod gathering "In Person" will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 9-12PM at St. Pius. Please invite family, friends or neighbors who may be interested in returning to the church or becoming members. All parishioners are greatly encouraged to attend!
- ◆ Volunteers are needed for the Zoom session and "In Person" session of the Synod. Facilitators and scribes are needed. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Andrew Trautman at: quantum.winter@gmail.com
- ◆ Men and Women's Retreat Info: The Diocese of Superior is hosting Men's and Women's conferences in February at the Heartwood Center in Trego. For information or registration go to: <https://catholicdos.org/women-ministry> or <https://catholicdos.org/mens-ministry>
The men's retreat is February 5-6 and the women's retreat is February 19-20.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd. Sunday of Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: St. Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: St. Angela Merici

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf.

Religious Education Schedule for January

St Mary's Classes:

January 30

St. Pius Classes:

January 30

St. Pius Atrium: Due to cancelled classes and illnesses these past few months the Atrium will be offered on January 16 and the 23 after Mass for any child in the atrium that would like to make up sessions. The added sessions are not obligatory for attendance.

For more information on events and activities,
Little Flowers or

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd check out our website at:
<https://www.stsplusmaryanthony.com/>

Synod on Synodality

What is a Synod? A synod is a gathering, traditionally of bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the same direction. Unlike past synods, this one isn't about addressing a particular issue but about becoming who God calls us to be as a Church, all of us together, amidst the reality of today's world!

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Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or home-bound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

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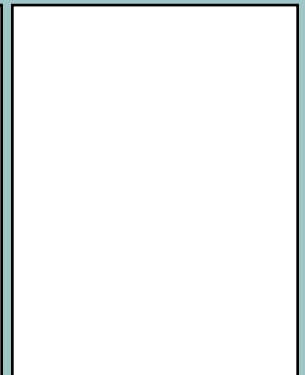
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