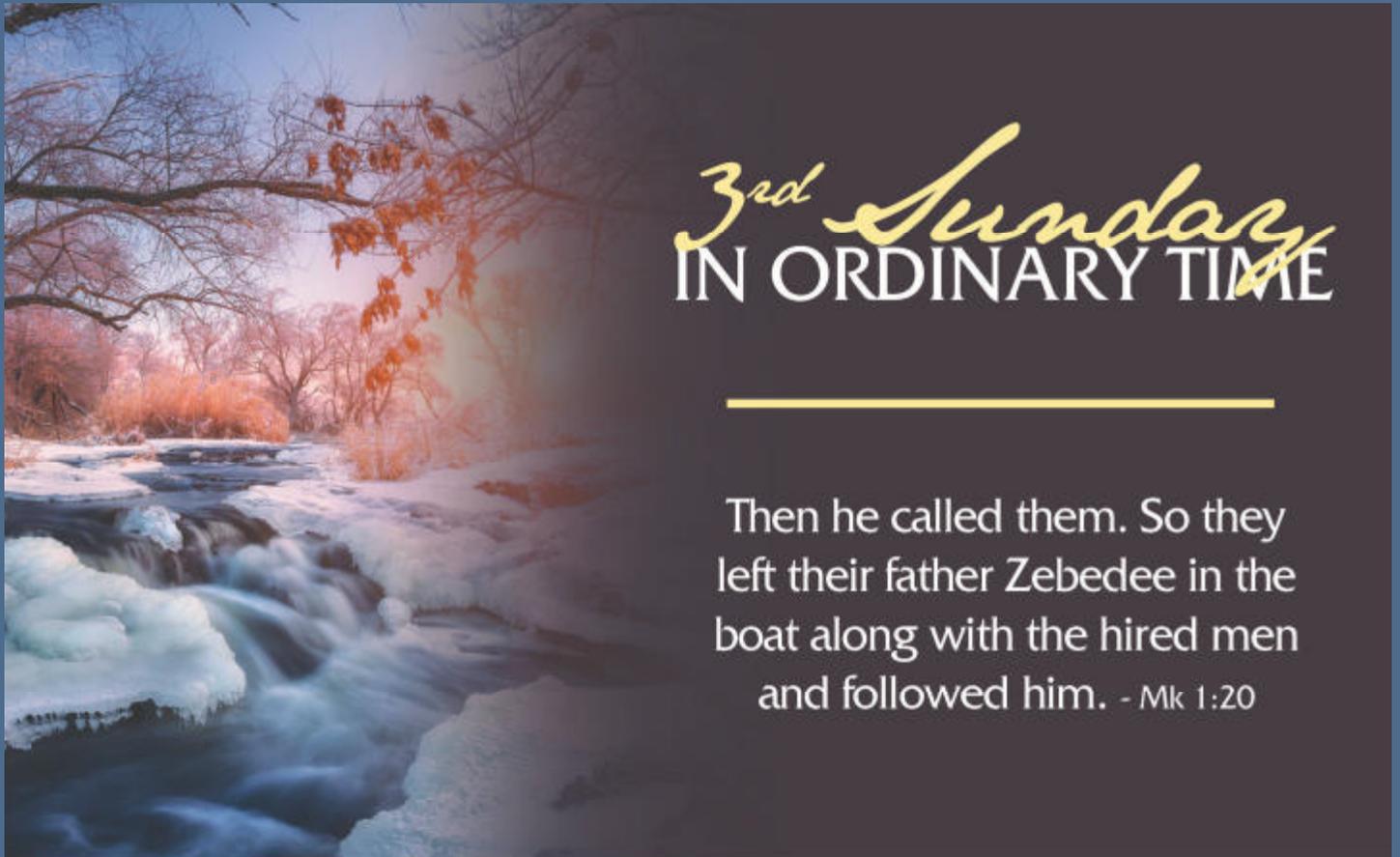


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3rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

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Reconciliation

Saturday:.....4:00 PM –4:40 PM

or by appointment

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil5:00 PM

Sunday:.....9:30 AM

Tuesday5:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday.....8:00 AM

Friday.....5:00 PM

Gabriel's Book Store.....525-7542

Baptisms, Weddings & RCIA

Contact the parish office via email or call 525-1902 to arrange.

Weddings must be scheduled at least 6 mos. prior to date.

Parish News

From the desk of Sonya Morris

This month during our faith formation classes the students have been talking about the Holy Spirit and how He prepares us for Jesus. As we have seen time and time again, God is the one who calls us to first enter into a relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit is the one who moves us to respond to God's call. Think of the Blessed Virgin Mary when she said yes to God, she opened her heart completely to Him and became the spouse of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who moved her to proclaim one of the most beautiful of Christian prayers, the Magnificat, when she says, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Her soul reflects God to all others because she has opened her heart to Him so completely that she does not have room for anything that is not of God in her soul. So, it is with us. The Holy Spirit must fill our hearts if we are to pray. He is the one who moves us to pray. He is the one who transforms our attitude of the heart so that our hearts are not closed – absorbed with our desires and needs so there is no room for God and the needs of others.



Sometimes, it seems that God asks us to do the impossible. Jesus says, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Of course, it is impossible for us to do what Jesus said by ourselves. How can we hope to imitate the perfection of God? It is the Holy Spirit who is our hope. God's very Spirit lives in us, and because of this we can hope to have a relationship with God that helps make us into being holy and pleasing to God.

We receive the Holy Spirit for the first time in the Sacrament of Baptism. This is the first time the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts. We continue to receive the Holy Spirit every time we receive one of the seven Sacraments. Therefore, it is so important to nurture our relationships with the Holy Spirit by receiving the Eucharist at Mass, going to confession, and praying to Him. Remember the Holy Spirit is the one who gives us heavenly life and grace. Without Him, we would not even be able to pray.

Faith Formation continues this week with our middle school and high school students. Middle school meets at St. John's and high school meets at the Cathedral. Class runs from 7 Pm – 8:30 PM.
God Bless, Sonya Morris

Collection for Latin America

For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have participated in the Collection for the Church in Latin America as a concrete expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the region. This year the needs of the Church in Latin America are even greater in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Your contribution to the collection on the weekend of January 30-31, is a chance for you to support religious education, evangelization, and the formation of priests and religious sisters and brothers throughout the Americas.

Share the Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Part time Maintenance Person

St. Michael's is looking for a person to be responsible for the maintenance and overseeing the operation of the Church & Professional Building. Church– checking & replacing air filters and light maintenance. Pro bldg.-would be light maintenance along with vacuuming hall, cleaning of bathrooms, removal of garbage & recycling. Some shoveling involved. Flexible schedule, parishioner preferred. If interested or you have questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



Readings for the week of

Jan. 24th

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 1:69-70, 71-75
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

**Proclaiming the Gospel in
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Gospel Meditation -January 24, 2021 / 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.



We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite

heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



Happy Winter

Gabriel's Book Store

Due to covid people have been cleaning out their homes and donating many, many books. Come see our varied inventory of used and old books, music, audio books, DVDs and large variety of children's books and so much more! Most of our inventory is gently used. Hours of the store typically are:

- Tuesday 2pm-5pm
- Wednesday 12pm-4pm,
- Thursday 10am-5pm
- Friday 10am -2pm
- Saturday 10am-5pm.



All our clerks for the store are volunteers so please remember to thank them next time you are in!



Sunday- ONLINE MASS at 9:30



OR IN PERSON

Due to covid we ask you to contact the parish office by Thursday's at 4:00 PM if you plan to attend either Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

Thank you!

Stella Maris News

Kindergarten Round Ups February 25

Take the first step to giving your child the gift of Catholic education! Join us for a 45 minute session to learn all about the Kindergarten experience at Stella Maris Academy! Due to COVID-19, our annual Kindergarten Round Ups will take place throughout the day on Feb. 25th with small groups or via Zoom. Go to www.stellamaris.academy/admissions to register for the Round Up. For questions, please contact Sarah Pennings, Admissions Director, at 218-623-6253 or sarah.pennings@stellamaris.academy.

Catholic United Financial Raffle to support

SMA Jan. 15–Feb. 28

Starting Jan. 15, students from **Stella Maris Academy** will be selling \$5 raffle tickets to win a 2021 Ford EcoSport (or \$20,000 in cash), or other great prizes totaling \$40,000 in value. Every penny of every ticket sold stays at Stella Maris Academy, thanks to the Raffle's sole sponsor Catholic United Financial! Drawing will be held on March 11. Please contact a Sentinel student, or your school office to purchase raffle tickets and support Stella Maris Academy!

Holy Rosary Campus [\(218\)-623-6253](tel:218-623-6253)

St. James Campus [\(218\) 624-1511](tel:218-624-1511)

St. John's Campus [\(218\) 724-9392](tel:218-724-9392)



Weekly Financial Update

Total Budget– Offertory.....\$293,500.

Envelope & Plate Weekly Goal.....\$5,644.

**this includes Holy Days*

Collection on January 17.....\$2,578.

Electronic Giving.....\$1,559.

Fiscal year offertory needed.....\$163,676.

Fiscal year offertory collected.....\$148,787.

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Maintenance Fund YTD.....\$8,432.

Please consider adding St. Michael's Parish to your will.

Online Giving and Financial Contributions:

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have generously continued to support the parish during covid. We are thankful for your generosity. Your financial contributions help us to continue the necessary day to day operations and outreach.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23

5:00 PM Mass +Kiki Morisseau

Sunday, January 24

9:30 AM Mass +Bill Abernathy

Tuesday, January 26

5:00 PM Mass Parishioners

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 AM Mass +Fr. James Pillar, OMI

Thursday, January 28

8:00 AM Mass +Fr. Myles Cyr, OMI

Friday, January 29

5:00 PM Mass +Marion Haugen

Saturday, January 30

5:00 PM Mass Parishioners

Sunday, January 31

9:30 AM Mass +William Hogan

There are openings for Mass Intentions

Please call the parish office if you'd like to schedule an intention. Mass stipend donations are \$10. Thank you!!



Please keep in your prayers

Parishioner, Renee Krenelka who died on January 13th. May she and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace.

With Sympathy

To parishioners Rob & Marcy Engelson on the death of Rob's father, Ed. May he and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace.

Prayer Chain Requests

There is a prayer box located in the front church entry along with paper and pen to write out your request, or you can call or email the office. Thank you.

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