January 23, 2022 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Heart of Jesus

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### PASTORAL REFLECTION

There are three assemblies that listen to the Word of God today.

The first assembly was 2,480 years ago. Ezra in our first reading reads from the scroll of the Law, the Torah, and expounds on its application to the people of Israel who have returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon. He called them to be faithful to the law of God.

The second assembly was about 2,000 years ago. Another crowd of Israelites listened to a young rabbi who had come back home and who was not reading from the Torah but from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Luke tells us that it was the custom of Jesus to participate in the synagogue services on the Sabbath. This is what he was doing in our Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The passage that he chose to read from Isaiah speaks of the Servant of the Lord who is chosen to bring strength and encouragement to his people in their difficulties. The servant is described as filled with the Spirit of the Lord and as "anointed." In Jewish tradition, kings and priests were anointed with oil when they entered into their offices.

For years the people were waiting for the coming of the great King, "the Anointed One" or Messiah. In the Greek, this person was called "the Christ."

The people saw the Messiah as the great warrior king who would overthrow their oppressors, the Romans, established independence for Israel, and begin an unending earthly kingdom blessed by God. But Isaiah in the passage Jesus read has a much more radical/spiritual image of the Anointed One. This servant of the Lord is anointed by the Spirit to preach good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed. In other words, the Anointed One is to be a servant of those in bondage.

So this assembly in the synagogue that Sabbath was anxious to hear how this young rabbi would explain this passage. His homily was short, a lot shorter that my homilies are. He just said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." In other words, he told them he was the Anointed One, the Messiah, they had been waiting for. He applied the passage reading to his own life and ministry.

In doing that, Jesus gave us a powerful insight into his own understanding of his mission as the Christ, the Anointed One. All that Jesus did from this time on until his Ascension was simply living out the words of his first homily. It was the practical application of his vocation as the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ. The third assembly is today, January 22/23, 2022. **Cont. on Pg. 3** 

Welcome	e to all those who celebrate with us, whe	ether life long parishioners, ne	w arrivals in the area, or visitors	If you have not regist	tered, or if you have		
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This Week in the Area Faith Community

AFC MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE Amplifier aids available for the hearing impaired are located at the entrances of the church at SM & SA. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

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Mon., January 24 No Mass	
Tues., January 25	
8:30 am SA Margaret Gartner	
Wed., January 26	
8:30 am SM + Milt Lundberg Rosary is offered a	at 4:30 pm
2:30 pm SA Traditions + Larry Amberg on Saturda	y at
Thurs., January 27 St Aloysius C	hurch.
10:30 am SM + Carter Bremseth	
Prepared by Gr. 6	
Fri., January 28	
8:00 am SA Sacr. of Reconciliation	
8:30 am SA Margaret Gartner	
9:00 am SA Rosary	
Sat., January 29	
4:30 pm SA Sacr. of Reconciliation All Masses held in th	
4:30 pm SA Rosary open to parishioners	and public.
5:00 pm SA + Donald Haubrich	
Sun., January 30 Masses at health of	
8:00 am HR Sacr. of Reconciliation are for residents onl	y until further
8:30 am HR For the People notice.	
10:00 am SM Sacr. of Reconciliation	
10:30 am SM For St Mary's Students & Staff	

Calendar of Events January 23-30, 2022						
Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm AFC Confirmation	<b>Monday</b> Nothing scheduled	<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 am Men's Group	Wednesday AFC Faith Form Classes			
Retreat @ SA/JC		Meeting SA/JC				
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
6:30 pm AFC Joint Council Meeting SA/JC	Nothing schedule	Nothing scheduled	<b>10:30 am Catholic Schools Kick</b> Off Mass St Mary's Church 11:30 am CSW Brunch SM/CB 1:00 pm VIRTUS Session SA/JC			

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

Next weekend we begin Catholic Schools Week. We give thanks to everyone who supports the work of St Mary's Catholic School. We thank our principal, teachers, school staff, and administrative staff for their dedication to our school. Hopefully you will join us for our celebrations planned for January 30th and February 5th.

The Knights of Columbus Council 2000 has been a part of our Area Faith Community parishes for many, many years. We have 148 members in our local KC Council: 60 of our members are honorary life members. (Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, are designated as honorary life members.) Please pray for our local KC Council 2000 as we give thanks to the many years of service and dedication these Knights of Columbus members have contributed to the good of our churches. To all of our KC members, I ask that you prayerfully consider taking on a leadership position within our council. Currently we do not have anyone who has stepped up to fill our leadership positions. If you are willing to help, please contact me to discuss how you can help.

Fr Joseph Steibeisser

#### Reflections continued from page 1.....

Today we hear the same words and seek to apply them to our lives. The ministry of Jesus, the work he was sent to do from the Father, is a ministry of serving; and we, as followers of Jesus, are called to serve people in Jesus' name.

Of course, it would be easy for us to sit back and say this is the work for the Church; let the Church do it. But St. Paul in our second reading today reminds us that we are part of the Body of Christ, the Church. And all of us have different roles, different gifts, different functions as members of the Body of Christ.

Does Jesus have eyes today to see the homeless, the hungry, the marginalized in our midst? Yes, our eyes. Does Jesus have feet today to visit the health care residents, the sick, the home bound in our midst? Yes, our feet. Does Jesus have hands today to help the disabled, the unemployed, the immigrant in our midst? Yes, our hands. Does Jesus have ears today to listen to the lonely, the child, the troubled person in our midst? Yes, our ears. Does Jesus have a voice today to defend the poor, the unborn child, the stranger in our midst? Yes, our voice.

Our words and deeds are to be Jesus' spirit and life for all in need today. This is how his mission is fulfilled today in our world. This is how a year acceptable to the Lord becomes a hopeful today in our lives and in the lives we touch.

On Saturday, January 22, we observed the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision Roe v. Wade that allowed abortion for any reason to be the law in our land. A law that goes against the guiding principles of our country found in the Declaration of Independence. A document that states that "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (read all people) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Let us pray that one day the unborn child's right to life will be protected in our country.

Have a good week.

Fr. George Schmit

# <u>AFC PRAYER CHAIN</u>

Do you or someone you know need prayer? Contact Duane or Julie Remer @

507-430-9485 for confidential prayers or if you are interested in serving on our prayer chain.

# AFC PRAYER CORNER

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner until <u>April 1, 2022</u> unless requested to come off earlier. In order for names to be on our prayers corner, the **INDIVIDUAL or a FAMILY MEMBER** must inform the parish office for your parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names on our prayer list without their permission.

#### Please Pray For:

Bailey, Kim SA Carmody, Dana SM Dietz, Krystle SA Dolezal, Joann SM **Johns, Seth HR** Lykken, Chase SM Nelson, Samuel T. SM Rauenhorst, Tom SA Sullivan Family, HR

### SA VIGIL LIGHTS

<u>Vigil Lights for these special in-</u> <u>tentions will burn at the SA Shrine</u> <u>the week of January 22</u>

- 1) Jennifer Beecham
- 2) Margaret Gartner
- 3) Carter Bremseth
- 4) Joe Radermacher
- 5) Tom Miller

#### Candles are \$4.00 Each.

Please place your single intention and money in the collection or bring it to the parish office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday. The candles are lit on Sat. and will burn throughout the week.

# Parish, Area Faith Community and School News

# AFC NEWS



The **Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community** (parishes in Bird Island, Olivia, and Renville) is seeking **a part-time secretary** who is reliable, friendly, organized, has good communication skills, and has proficiency with various computer programs. The position is 25+ hours per week, Monday - Friday and is benefit eligible (health insurance, retirement, PTO, etc). \$13 - \$14/hr based upon experience and qualifications. Contact Sara Anderson at <u>saraa@heartofjesusafc.org</u> if interested. Accepting applications until January 24th or until the position is filled.

Christmas flower corrections: We apologize for any errors in our Christmas flowers inserts.

St Aloysius flowers: Frank Shirek Family, William Frank Family Members by Kathleen Frank; Craten (Bud) and Bernie Knisley by Phil Moudrey & family; Craten Knisely & Bernadine Knisley by Brad & Sue Klinghagen.

*St. Mary's flowers:* Cliff, Lorraine, Doug, Dan, & Larry Oslund by Judy Sheehan; Carsten Homan by Alyssa Homan Family.

# **GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS**

As we celebrated Epiphany on Jan.2, the area CCW invites you to participate in their "**Gifts for Baby Jesus**" service project. Just as the 3 Magi brought gifts for baby Jesus, may we open our hearts to share a gift with other babies. Gifts should be placed in the crib set up in each parish, suggested gifts can be diapers, sleepers, outfits for newborns to 2T, baby socks, baby toiletries, bibs, and baby blankets. These gifts will be donated to Hope Pregnancy Center who helps women in West Central Minnesota.

# ST. MARY'S NEWS

**Fall Collection:** We have not received any new donations towards the Fall Collection which is **\$65,000**. This collection replaces a parish dinner and festival/bazaar that many parishes have for a major fundraiser. If you have not yet donated to this collection, please help us out in reaching our goal. So far we have received \$49,654.16 towards this collection, which is 76.39% of our goal.

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

**Sunflower washcloths** are available at our AFC office in Olivia and at Bird Island Hardware Store. They sell for \$2 each. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's hot lunch program.

**Gift Cards for purchase:** reminder that the AFC Parish Office in Olivia offers gift cards (SCRIP) for purchase that benefit St Mary's School. We offer many retailers: Amazon, Applebee's, Arby's, B&D Market, Barnes & Noble, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Buffalo Wild Wing's, Burger King, Cabela's, Caribou, Cenex, Claire's, Cub Foods, DQ, Dick's Sporting Good's, Dunham's, Game Stop, Hardee's, ITunes, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Max's Grill, Maurice's, Menard's, Olive Garden, Papa Johns, Papa Murphy's, Starbuck's, Subway, Target, Taco Bell, & Walmart. Every purchase gives back to our school!!

**National Catholic Schools Week** is the week of January 30 - February 5. In conjunction with that significant event, Msgr. Douglas Grams announced that a second collection be taken up at all Masses in the diocese to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm the last weekend in January.

In those Area Faith Communities that have Catholic schools, 75 percent of the proceeds will go directly to that Catholic school. The other 25 percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100 percent of the funds will go into the endowment funds. Please be generous in supporting this collection.

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ST. MARY'S CASH CALENDAR WINNERS						
1/9/2022	Shelby & Eric Gass	\$50.00				
1/10/2022	Tom Seidl	\$25.00				
1/11/2022	Derek Hagen	\$25.00				
1/12/2022	Mike Sheehan	\$25.00				
1/13/2022	Renee Dooner	\$25.00				
1/14/2022	Mark Prokosch	\$25.00				
1/15/2022	Coty LeRud	\$25.00				

# Ministry Schedules for the weekend of January 29/30, 2022

# 5:00 pm Sat., January 29 @ St. Aloysius

Sacristan: Sharon Chandler Minister of the Word: Katie Marks Plate: Father & Margaret Meuhlberg Altar Servers: *Need 1* Music: Ally & MaryElla Ushers: Kevin & Barb Mathiowetz Depositor: Barb Mathiowetz Rosary Leader: Barb Mathiowetz

# 10:30 am Sun., January 30 @ St. Mary's

Minister of the Word: St Mary's Students Plate: Father & St Mary's School Staff Altar Servers: St Mary's School Students Music: St Mary's Students/Lainey Braulick Ushers: St Mary's Students

### 8:30 am Sun., January 30 @ Holy Redeemer

Minister of the Word: Diane Adamski Plate: Father, Alma Gasca Altar Servers: Jack Wertish Music: TBD Ushers: Bill Schafer & Gene Frank

AFC Money Counters: Monday, January 24: Sandy Moorse & AFC parish office staff

# Heart of Jesus AFC Youth Faith Formation News

**Ski trip:** We will be joining an area church for skiing this winter at Mount Kato. We have 1 remaining date: Sunday, February 20th. You are welcome to join in even if you were part of the ski trip on January 16. You just need to sign up and pay in advance. The cost is \$50.00 for the bus, lift ticket, and rental. We will leave at: 12:30 pm and return at 10:30 pm. You can sign up with Michelle Peppel at 320-523-2030 or michellep@heartofjesusafc.org.

**COR Night:** Our next COR Night will take place on Feb. 6 at St. Aloysius. Samantha and Katie Johnson, of Called for More Ministries, will be presenting on dating and marriage. Just in time for Valentine's Day! It was so good to see adults accompanying youth who were all at different places in their faith journey at our last COR Night. Space fills up quickly, so register soon to make sure you get a spot! Go to www.dnu.org/cor-night for more information and to RSVP your group.

# HEART OF JESUS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY <u>ADULT</u> FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Adult Faith Formation "Why be Catholic and Not Just Christian" will be held on Mon., Jan. 24 at 5:30 pm at St Aloysius Jubilee Center. Come and join us for a lite supper followed by discussion and discovery of our rich and beautiful Catholic Faith.

**RCIA:** Are you someone who is wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith? Maybe you have been feeling a tug on your heart to become Catholic. We begin the journey of RCIA for people just like you to explore the richness of the Catholic faith. For more information please contact Michelle Peppel at the parish office (523-2030) or contact her via email at michellep@heartofjesusafc.org.

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Stewardship January 8/9, 2022						
	Holy Redeemer	Holy Redeemer St. Aloysius				
Adult	\$ 1,313.00	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 1,412.00			
Plate	\$ 57.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 74.00			
Total	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 1,486.00			
Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,739.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,091.88</u>	<u>\$ 5,342.02</u>			
Difference	\$ (369.00)	\$ (1,761.88)	\$ (3,856.02)			
YTD Collection	\$ 50,737.48	\$ 125,110.85	\$ 188,782.50			
YTD Budget	\$ 50,431.00	\$ 118,664.52	\$ 154,918.58			
YTD Difference	\$ 306.48	\$ 6,446.33	\$ 33,863.92			
DMA Goal * 2021-22'	\$ 5,809.80	\$ 17,071.86	\$ 22,792.28			
Cash received	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 12,438.65	\$ 16,595.00			
Cash pledged	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 12,753.65	\$ 16,820.00			

\*Diocesan Ministry Appeal: Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

# Sunday Offering Considerations

During these uncertain times, we need to ask all of our parishioners, if you are able, please continue your financial support of your parish to help us make up for our loss of Sunday offering. Your Adult Sunday Offerings are vital to the core ministries of our parishes. During this time, please consider one of these options one for your stewardship of treasure:

- online at <u>www.heartofjesusafc.org</u> to make a recurring or one time donation. You will have complete control over your contribution amount and frequency of payments.
- an electronic contribution through ACH (Automatic Clearing House) for an amount to be transferred from your checking or savings account on the 1st and/or the 15th of every month. The ACH form can be found on the Area Faith Community website at <u>www.heartofjesusafc.org</u>
- special collections are available with online donations at <u>www.heartofjesusafc.org</u> or ACH donations with the form found on the website.
- mail your donation to your parish office.
- And as always, thank you for your investment and continued support of our parishes. We need your support to continue to do God's work.





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# Diocesan News & Area Community News

**Sexual Abuse Victim Notice:** Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

Toda persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un miembro del clero u otra persona en el ministerio de la Iglesia debe reportar dicha mala conducta a las autoridades policiales inmediatamente, independientemente de cuando haya sucedido, si aún no ha sido reportado. Un listado de todas las entidades policiales y los servicios de protección al menor dentro de los quince condados de la Diócesis de New Ulm se encuentra en nuestra página de internet, https:// www.dnu.org/report-abuse.

También se exhorta a las víctimas y sobrevivientes de abuso por parte del clero ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de asistencia para víctimas o el delegado del Obispo en cuestiones sobre el mal comportamiento sexual 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, o al 507-233-5313 para consejería u otra ayuda de sanación.

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St. Anastasia church (460 Lake Street SW, Hutchinson) is hosting **Chris Stefanick** "**Get Ready to Reboot**" on April 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm. General admission \$39 per person, group rate (minimum of 4+ tickets) \$30 per person.

**9 Days for Life:** Life begins at conception and deserves to be protected. Sign up to pray with thousands of Catholics from Wed., Jan. 19 - Thurs., Jan. 27. You can receive the novena daily for the 9 days, as an email or a text message. Go to www.dnu.org/familylife, and click on 9 Days for Life to register for the novena. Let us join as one Church to pray that the sanctity of human life will be protected.

Diocese of New Ulm Catholic Charities offers individual, family, and marriage counseling. 1-866-670-5163. All calls are confidential. Se habla Español



Café Juan Anna-San Lucas Mission Coffee Coffee is available at the AFC church office.

\$10 per bag– ground & whole bean available.

Bulletin Notice Deadline: All items for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by Thursday, 10 days prior, by 12:00pm.

**Registration:** We welcome you to one of our communities in our Area Faith Community and invite you to register in one of our parishes. Stop by or call the parish office.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule baptism preparation class and baptism.

**Matrimony:** All Catholics need to call the pastoral leader at the parish office at least 6 months before getting married, even if the wedding is going to be in a non-Catholic church.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the parish office if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is ill, or faces serious surgery and wishes to be anointed.

**Quinceañera (15th Birthday) Celebrations:** Contact the parish office at least 6 months before desired date to complete application, attend Sunday Mass regularly, be part of a Faith Formation program, and attend a required retreat.



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