

"COME, AND YOU WILL SEE." - JN 1:39A

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, January 16**

- 4:00PM † Michael & Margaret Corazza by Tom & Pat Kelly
 † Beth Barker by Bob Mackin
 † Margaret Boegel by Bob Wolfgang
 † Angeline & Henry Newton by Carmella Hicks

SUNDAY, January 17

- 8:00AM † Gloria Emminger by The Emminger Family
 10:30AM † Donald J. Murray by Margaret Nicotina & Family
 † Andrew Stanislaus Cole by The Cole Family
 † Family members of Osorio Najera by Susana & Antonio Hebert
 † Jamie Joseph Hayes by The Hayes Family

12:30PM (Latin) † Joseph Serafini by Margaret Purcell

MONDAY, January 18

- 7:00AM Mario Osorio (Living) by Susana & Antonio Hebert

WEDNESDAY, January 20

- 7:00AM † Walter R. Meyer by Deb & Andy Phelan

FRIDAY, January 22

- 7:00AM † Dennis Galka by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Abriel

SATURDAY, January 23

- 4:00PM † Ken Olivan by Kathy Olivan
 † John McGill by Barbara O'Grady
 † John Ikenhoffer Jr. by By sister Nancy
 Stephen H. Truesdell (Birthday) (Living) by Family

SUNDAY, January 24

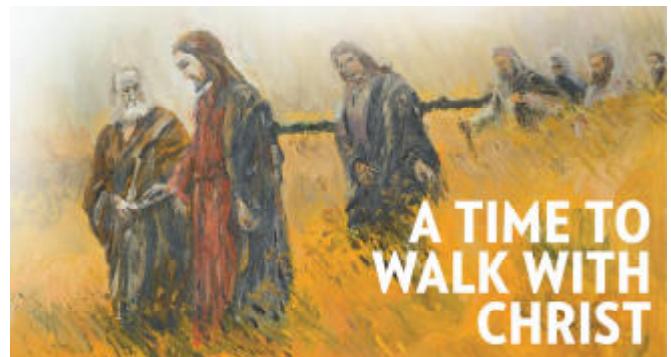
- 8:00AM † Rev. James Lefebvre
 10:30AM † Cynthia Gillette by Kathy Olivan
 † Daphne Joseph Cole by Children & Grandchildren
 12:30PM (Latin) † Holy Souls by Mary Dooley

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held from January 18 to 25 each year. This eight day period begins with the feast of the confession of St. Peter and ends with the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. This year's theme is "Abide in My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit." By finding ways to pray together during this week, we join with all people around the world who are praying, reflecting, studying, and gathering together to celebrate and pray for Christian unity. For more info go to: http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Due to the CoVid Pandemic and the precautions we must take until the pandemic is over PLEASE do not come to the rectory to schedule mass intentions. Instead—please call the parish office or email Holly at holly.hayes@rcda.org to schedule your intentions. If you are in need of a mass card immediately, please call the office so that Holly can have the card ready for you to pick up. Thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.

**DOING SOMETHING FOR GOD**

St. Augustine believed that the only true teacher is God calling to each individual deep in the silence of his or her own heart. It was such a call that Samuel heard in today's first reading. It was also the call that moved Andrew and Peter to give up all they had to follow Christ.

In today's gospel we meet Jesus on the second day of his public life, and he was alone. With the exception of Mary, only John the Baptist knew he was the Messiah, and that only since the baptism scene in the Jordan the day before. Jesus had lived for more than 30 years with few noticing him. He was in the world but the world had not known him. They looked for a Savior and saw Jesus but never really saw him. They heard his words but didn't listen.

John gave Jesus his first two listeners. John had told him: "There is the Lamb of God!" but his two disciples didn't know what he meant. To their credit they were willing to spend time with Jesus to find out. They spent a day and night with him, taking the first steps toward faith in God by listening to him.

Andrew was one of the two men. He became a disciple of Jesus and later an apostle and martyr. There was no earthly advantage in following Jesus. His message challenged humans to a life of sacrifice and virtue. As far as we know, he never cured illnesses of his disciples; he just helped them to endure. Anyone who followed Jesus had much to lose in earthly comforts.

Andrew didn't go away. He was so excited by what he heard from Jesus that he called his brother Peter and told him what he had heard. Peter came to see for himself. Hearing Jesus, he then and there chose to follow him.

We, too, are even now receiving that same call from God to carry him into the world that we face each day. It is hard to respond to that call. We are tempted to think only of ourselves, concerned only about our own safety and pleasure. But then we may hear God's call, a challenge to do more than simply float through life, a challenge to actually do something for God.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for January he asks that we pray for: **For Human Fraternity**
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



INVITE OTHERS HOME TO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you, or someone you know considering the Catholic faith? Or do you have loved ones that maybe have lost faith and you'd like to help them re-gain it and help guide them back to the Catholic Church? Catholics Come Home is a wonderful website that will help answer questions and give insight for you both. Since its founding, Catholics Come Home has helped more than 500,000 people return home to the Church through the working of the Holy Spirit and with the cooperation of supportive Catholics invite others home.

www.catholicscomehome.org

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

The U.S. bishops' annual novena, 9 Days for Life, takes place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com!](http://www.9daysforlife.com/)

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY TODAY

On January 22, 1973 a court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. This decision, Roe v. Wade, is the reason over 1 million abortions have been committed in the U.S. each year. To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that the one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

A Simple Request

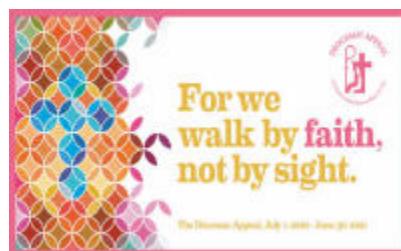
**Please wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when you are in church.
Follow the ushers directions!**

St. Mary's Senior Program

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our "on-line" giving program (located on our parish website: www.histstmarys.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT

What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will

help St. Mary's since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more—please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. Parishioners should have received an appeal request. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$60,264.**

TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2020

Tax statements for 2020 will be mailed out in January. If you wish to receive a tax statement please contact Holly Hayes at 518-462-4254 ext 102 or email her at holly.hayes@rcda.org. Your tax statement will reflect exactly the amount you have indicated on your weekly envelopes. It does not reflect items like candle donations, mass intentions or sacramental stipends which cannot be used for tax purposes.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL— HAS OPENINGS

Blessed Sacrament School has immediate openings available for their 5 day in-person learning for grades Nursery through 8. Full day program 7:15am-3pm.—Aftercare to 5:25 Free breakfast &lunch—financial aid— call 518-438-5854.

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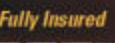
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