

St Francis of Assisi Church & St Philip Benizi Mission

January 17, 2021

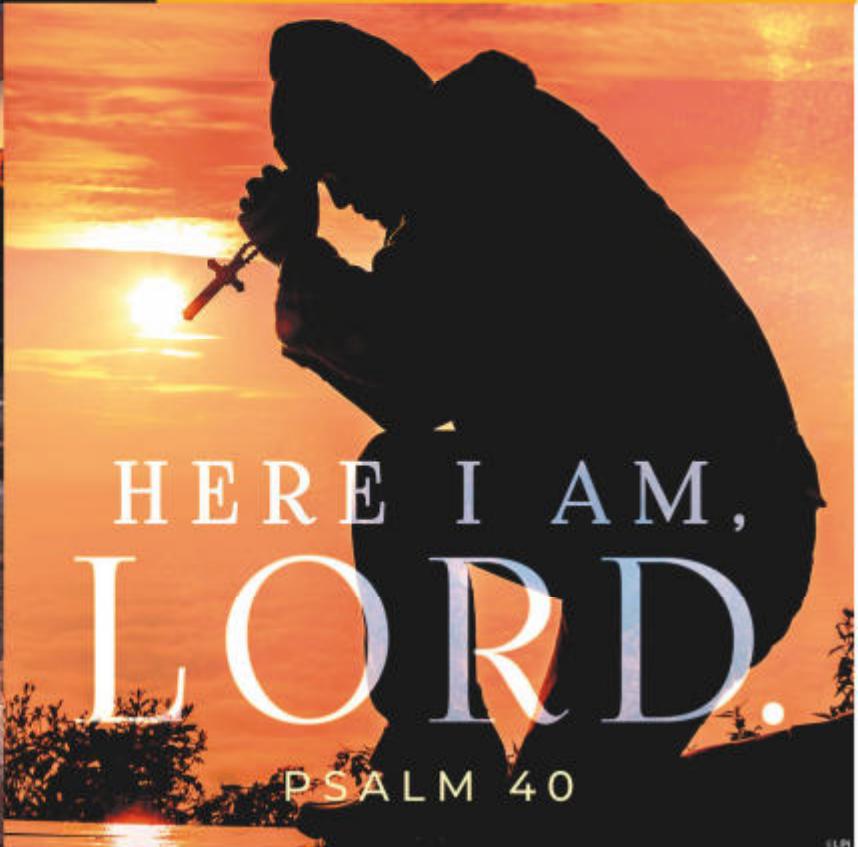
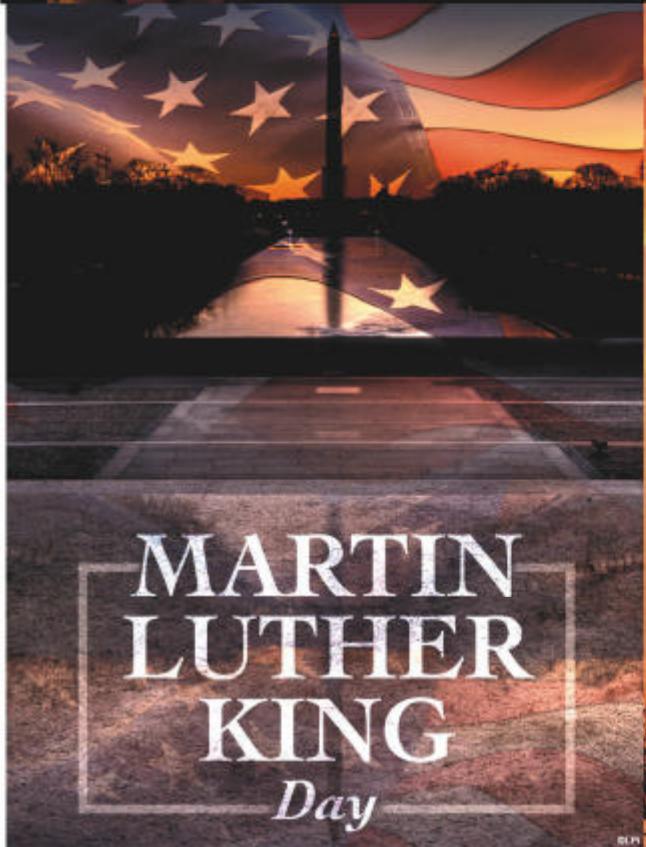


2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Parish Events

Saturday, January 16

4pm Confession

4pm Rosary Makers

5:30pm Mass at St. Francis

Sunday, January 17

7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis

10am - K-5th Faith Formation

11 am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

Monday, January 18

NO Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 19

11:40am Rosary in Chapel

12:10pm Mass

Wednesday, January 20

8:30am Rosary in Chapel

9am Mass

5:30pm Accountability Group

6pm JH/HS Youth Ministry Class

6:30pm RCIA

7pm Quantum Group

Thursday, January 21

8:30am Rosary in Chapel

9am Mass at St. Francis

Friday, January 22

8:30am Rosary in Chapel

9am Mass at St. Francis

9:30 Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, January 23

4pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis

Sunday, January 24

7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis

10am K-5th RE Classes

11am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF

UNBORN CHILDREN

(JANUARY 22, 2021)

The Catholic bishops of the United States have designated January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, directs:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 16 5:30pm Mass: For Lynn Hellman by Jim & Jean Swanz

Sun Jan 17 7:30am Mass: For Community of the Parish
9am Mass: For Steven Bachmeier by Hilda Bachmeier

11am Mass: For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tues Jan 19 12:10pm Mass: For Bill Neustrom by Rita Neustrom

Wed Jan 20 9am Mass: For The deceased "Ladies of St. Francis"

Thurs Jan 21 9am Mass: For Repentance, Conversion & Salvation of all Souls

Fri Jan 22 9am Mass: For An End to Abortion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/16 Nancy Foisy

1/17 Carl Erickson

1/18 Mary Ellen Eilers, Austin Gray, Lanell Rostad

1/19 William Pellant, Ray McNeal, Bob Faber,
Robert Crossman

1/20 Erik Neff, Jaxon Nielsen, Leslie Dethlefsen

1/22 Terry Lewis

Happy Birthday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/16 Chay & Katie McWilliam 28 yrs

1/20 Tim & Anita Driscoll 47 yrs

Paul & Caralee McGuire 14 yrs

1/21 Bruce & Karen Stout Suenram 37 yrs

If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please call or come to the parish office and fill out/update a registration form because we want to celebrate with you - we want to remember and give thanks!

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Applications are available at the parish office.

Parish Scholarships are awarded to students active in a Catholic Parish within the Diocese of Helena, in memory of the deceased priests of the diocese. This

\$1,000 scholarship is applicable toward full-time tuition at Carroll College for the upcoming academic year. Only one newly accepted student per parish may receive the scholarship each year. In some cases, individual parishes may match or add to the award. Students must be accepted for admission to be eligible for this award.

Contact Carroll College Financial Aid Office at 406-447-5425

* ATTENTION *

Please be alert to scams – always, but especially this time of year. They can come by text, email, or any means of communication – and often sound legitimate!



Common scenario – Parishioner receives message supposedly from his/her pastor requesting gift cards/toys/other items/money for person in a jam/money for poor family/etc. etc. etc./especially now, the Christmas/New Year heartstrings story.

You are Advised to not respond.

You may wish to Notify the local police.

Thank you

Community Meals continue on Friday's at St. Francis

St. Francis parish will be hosting **FREE** Community Dinners on **Friday evenings** as part of a coalition of churches to feed those in need.

Dinners will be served drive-thru style from **5:00 to 6:00pm**.



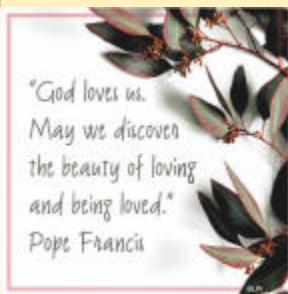
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God.

The voice leads us to the Person behind it.



The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening © LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory. Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call. In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.
Tracy Earl Welliver, MT ©LPI

End of Mass

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPI



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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-3pm; Friday 9am-12noon

Sacraments

Baptism: By appt. Baptismal preparation sessions offered to parents and sponsors as announced. Parents must be registered with our parish.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4pm in the Church or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six months preparation. If you are planning a wedding, always check with the pastor before setting a date.

Confirmation: Preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is integrated into High School Youth Program. Youth are expected to attend starting in the 9th grade. The sacrament is celebrated for 10th through 12th graders who have received a minimum of two years catechesis and other Confirmation Classes in addition to other requirements.

1st Penance & 1st Eucharist: For 2nd grade as scheduled in the year. The child must be enrolled in Religious Education Class & a registered family member of our parish.

Sacrament of the Sick: As needed in each sickness, call and let us know.

Prayer Chain: Judy Giggar 363-2784 or judy.giggar@gmail.com, Ginny Rose at 360-7779 or casadersas@msn.com, or Joyce Faucher at 361-8298 or daddsgirl913@yahoo.com



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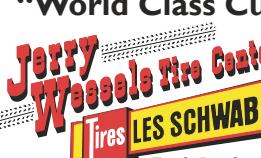
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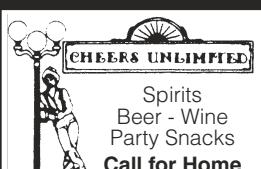
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