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**January 23, 2022** 

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#### **Readings for the week**

**Sunday:** 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: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20,

21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

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

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

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

**Friday:** 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

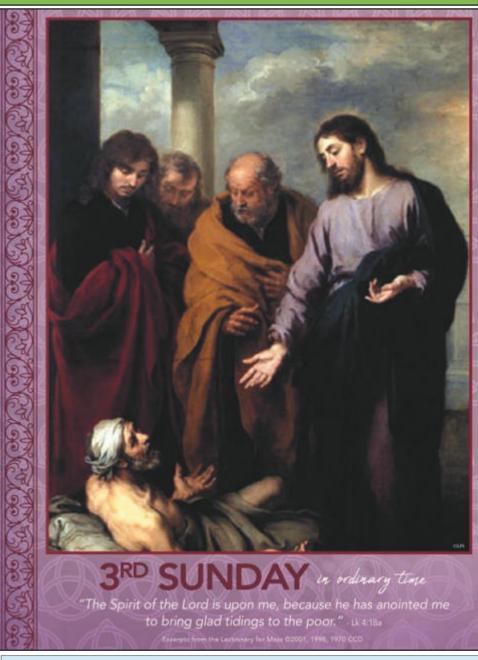
**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21 -30

### Stay in touch with us! Website:

http://www.stchristophersnchili.org

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Go on line to: <a href="https://stchristopherschurchnort.flocknote.com/">https://stchristopherschurchnort.flocknote.com/</a>



**Mass Schedule:** Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 AM Monday, Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time) Saturday at 4:30 PM Sunday at 10:00 AM

#### As we pray this week:

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts.. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

**The next session of Discovering Christ** is scheduled for January 23 after the 10:00 Mass.

After weeks of hard work, we are happy to announce that our website is back! Head to www.stchristophersnchili.org to see our updated website.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

With more children able to be vaccinated, we're hoping to begin Children's Liturgy of the Word sometime in the spring.

There is a great need for volunteers to lead this ministry. All books, directions, materials and training will be provided and no experience is necessary. The diocese requires anyone working with children to complete CASE training. Please contact Mary at 594-1400 or Lori at lori.murtaugh@dor.org if you can offer your time and talents to the children of the parish! Thank you!

**The February issue of Living With Christ** is available in the front entrance of the church for anyone who has a subscription.

Attention Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans, and Collection Counters: It's that time of year again when the diocese asks you to sign a COLLECTION PROCEDURES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHEET. However, things have been simplified this year. You are asked to take a copy of the procedures with you and simply fill out the one sheet taped to the table outside the sacristy. You can do this as soon as you are in church; you do not need to wait to be scheduled to serve. Thank you for your cooperation.

'Tis the season. . . of inclement weather! Any cancellations we may have due to inclement weather will be found on WROC channel 8 and 13Wham.com. Posts will also be made on Flocknotes and Facebook.

The office will be closed on Friday, January 28.

**Important information will be coming your way** in the next few weeks. PLEASE be sure we have your updated contact information.

#### **Eucharia Ministry News**

The Eucharia Ministry will meet in the church hall from 10 to noon on Monday, January 24. All are welcome! If you cannot join us but want to craft along please do! We are ALWAYS in need of hats and scarves of all sizes and colors, as well as lap blankets for people going through chemotherapy or dialysis. Please reach out to Joanna Aguglia (594-9378) or Sheila Beers (764-9189) for more information.

#### The Card Ministry Needs You — Again!!

Once again, the Card Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to make St. Patrick's Day cards for our March distribution. No prior experience necessary, just a creative spirit. Since we now have some "experienced" card makers, we would probably only have to meet once. As before, all supplies will be provided but if you have any ideas for cards, they are certainly welcome. I'm thinking about meeting in the afternoon of February 8, 9, or 10. If interested text Lisa at (585) 298-6273 or email me at equernsey@rochester.rr.com. Looking forward to another fun afternoon.

#### A New Year -- A New Opportunity

Many older folks in our community have given up their keys and no longer drive. Yet, they still need to get to medical appointments, go shopping, do their banking, have their hair cut. Can You Help? If you have a couple of hours a week, or even a couple of hours a month, consider being a volunteer driver. You can select your geographic area and the times you wish to drive. You will be provided with training, and supplemental accident and liability insurance. Call Sr. Anne Guerin at 244-8400, ext. 142, or email her at aguerin@lifespan-roch.org and she will help you get started. Why wait?

**The Human Services Ministries Team** thanks all of you who contributed to Christmas Cradles this year. We were able to deliver 214 items from our parish to Bethany House. Bethany House provides tangible supplies and emotional support to disenfranchised women facing homelessness, domestic violence, incarceration, addiction, and mental and physical illness. They are located at 1111 Joseph Avenue, Rochester. Thank You!

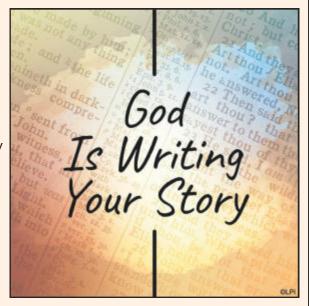
**CMA Information:** As of Jan. 13, 2022, we have 175 donors, with \$36, 231.44 pledged. This brings us to 57.06% of our goal. Thank you for your support in this appeal.

As more and more parish committees/groups return, we remind all members they must have

**SAFE training and a completed background check as required by the diocese prior to serving**. Please contact Mary during regular business hours with any questions/concerns.

## SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL 2022-2023 REGISTRATION COME JOIN OUR FAMILY!

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year for students entering Pre-K through Grade 5 opens on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 9:30 AM. For a modest \$150.00 registration fee per family, secure a spot for the beginning of a life-long call to faith, knowledge, and service. Please contact the School Office at 585-247-5650 with any questions or to schedule a tour. Registration packets will also be posted on the school website at spxdcs@dor.org. Come see what sets us apart from the rest!



#### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, January 22

4:30 PM- Jean Elliot by Barb & Tom Staccone

#### Sunday, January 23

10:00 AM- Bernie Lynch by Clare & Sam Utter

#### Monday, January 24 NO DAILY MASS

#### Tuesday, January 25

9:00 AM- Bernie Lynch by Mike & Winnie Carletta

#### Wednesday, January 26

9:00 AM- For The Parishioners of St. Christopher's

## Thursday, January 27 NO COMMUNION SERVICE

## Friday, January 28 NO COMMUNION SERVICE

#### Saturday, January 29

4:30 PM- Alen Boudrias by Theresa Aubrey

#### Sunday, January 30

10:00 AM- Chris McCabe by Dee, Joanna, Kay and Sheila

#### Prayer Ministry

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

#### Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Linda & Robert Springer Richard Welch Pat Schryver Beulah Reihle Valerie Brescia **Bob Early** Dominick Fantauzzo Fr. Bob Gaudio Roz Fadden Dino Pezzimenti Robert Eich Jason Powarzynski Scotty Strachan Ronald Bianchi Mary Rose Bianchi Tony Baker Jane Zaepfel Bill Yanklowski

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

#### Parish Staff

#### Parochial Administrator – Father Michael Upson

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615-8893 Eric.Traugott@dor.org

#### **Building & Grounds-**

594-1400

#### Parish Council Chair- Georgeanne Hogan

705-3044 ghogan2@rochester.rr.com

#### **Finance Committee Chair- Tom Staccone**

889-3784

#### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

**Baptism:** Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

**Marriage:** Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

#### First Reconciliation, First Communion &

**Confirmation:** Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1441 ext. 110

**Anointing of The Sick:** Please contact the Church

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