

# OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of the Woods, in communion with ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC Church and under the patronage of Mary, are joined together as a people of God. Our mission is to spread the Gospel and bring people into a relationship with God and one another through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. We live out Christ's mission in the world through evangelization, worship, education, stewardship, and service to the needy.*



**Sunday, February 7**  
 Marshall Bentley.....died 1987  
 David Stier.....died.1997

**Monday, February 8**  
 Samuel Drobot.....died 1982  
 Berneda Toth.....died 1983  
 Einar Wertanen.....died 1990  
 Carmelo Camilleri.....died 2015

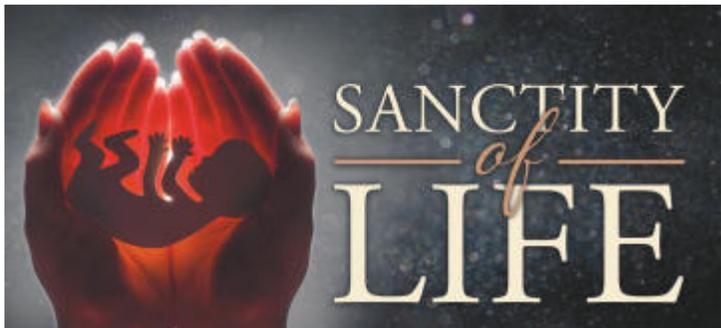
**Tuesday, February 9**  
 Jacob Travis.....died 1992  
 Juliette Rowell.....died 1993  
 William Bernard.....died 2002  
 Felicia Kincius.....died 2018

**Wednesday, February 10**  
 Clarence Limbert.....died 1997  
 Amparo Martinez.....died 2000

**Thursday, February 11**  
 Grace McVeigh.....died 1984  
 Barbara McAughey.....died 2013

**Friday, February 12**  
 John Shovely.....died 1998  
 Louis Des Rosiers.....died 2013

**Saturday, February 13**  
 Genevieve Kapsa.....died 1990  
 Almerinda Gabriela.....died 1992  
 George Paden.....died 1997  
 Lucy Cooper.....died 2000  
 Angeline Pall.....died 2001  
 Edward Pascuzzi.....died 2004



**Prayer to Save a Baby from Abortion**  
*“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.  
 I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have  
 spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.  
 Amen.”*  
 -Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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abortions in the United States since *Roe v. Wade* (1973).  
 Source: [numberofabortions.com](http://numberofabortions.com)



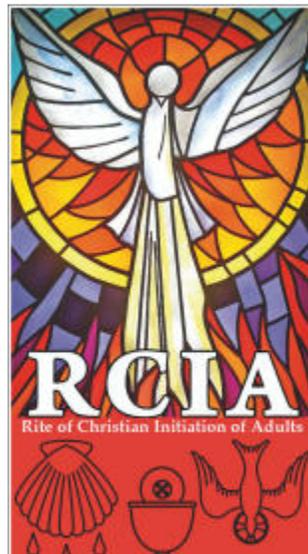
**Prayer List for Service Men & Women**

SSgt. Erika Antanovich (US Air Force)  
 Cpt. Andrew Compean (US Army)  
 Maj. Eric DuChene (US Marine)  
 Jacob Godlewski (US Navy)  
 2nd Lt. Jeremy Gomez (US Air Force)  
 1st Lt. Brandon Marquette (US Marine)  
 O1 Nicholas Rigotti (Naval Reserves)  
 MA2 Adam Strachan (US Navy)  
 Spec. Nicole Kimberlin (US Army)



*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

Paul Adesko	Sebastian Davis	Tom Steed
Mildred Bartkovich	Luree DuChene	Luke Theobald
Bob Bochenek	Jason Dull	Donna Zarbaugh
Mike Brady	Alma Villalobos	
Dan Budz	Duncan	
James M. Butcko	Marian & Dave	
Joyce Butcko	Eplett	
Joseph W. Butcko	Christine Fry	
Joseph M. Butcko	Adaline Kaczor	
Andrew Butcko	Billy Kennedy	
Michele Butcko	Mickey Kent	
Dawn Marie Dick	Michael Kinney	
Patrica Butcko	Judith McBride	
Jerry Callaway	Ernie Riopelle	
Terry Cassette	Jeannine Saylor	
Lisa Colson	Sylvia Steed	



This past week the RCIA candidates discussed ethics, morality and social justice.

This coming week we will be learning about Mary and how important she is in our lives as well as what do we mean when we say we are People of God.

The Rite of Election will be on Sunday, February 21st at the 9:00 Mass. This is a change from the date given last week.

## From Our Hood in the Woods

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Nearly every movie you watch about sports or coaching ends with one. A talk from the coach that gets all of the athletes fired up and ready to go. The storyline usually follows the same pattern; the team starts disjointed or troubled, a hard nose coach changes the culture, the team makes it to a big match and faces adversity, and it helps everyone through it. Whether it is on the professional level or a school level, a sporting moment or the debate team, a musical competition or a myriad of various school activities: many people who do not coach, might even consider its power almost magical!

Vince Lombardi, the famous football coach gave many during his career including: *"You don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time ... I've never known a man worth his salt who deep down in his heart didn't appreciate the grind and the discipline."*

It was in the movie, *Hoosiers* where Coach Norman Dale (played by Gene Hackman) gives one: *"Focus on the fundamentals that we've gone over time and time again ... If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be, I don't care what the scoreboard says at the end of the game. In my book, we're gonna be winners!"*

The infamous Knute Rockney had one: *"Don't forget, today is the day that we are going to win."*

Many of us, *ourselves*, might have experienced more than one of these in our own lives. *THE GREAT PEP TALK* before a game, match, sporting event or some school activity where a coach or teacher tries to get us "revved up."

As I look to each of our readings today, at first glance, none of the readings seem to be A GREAT PEP TALK from our God about our lives or our faith journeys!

In the first reading, we hear from the prophet Job words like *"Is not person's life on earth a drudgery? So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me...Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again."* I don't know about you, but that certainly does not initially in any way, shape or form "REV UP" my spiritual life!

But if we truly listen, we can hear God, as though being a coach, giving a PEP TALK through people like Archbishop Fulton Sheen by putting the Book of Job in perspective when he shares *"Suffering love alone can bring us to our senses and the real meaning of life."* Or Simone Weil, the late French philosopher and Christian mystic explaining: *"Giving the gift of self – this involves suffering – because one cannot love another except at one's own expense."* We are reminded that pain and suffering is a part of everyone's life in this 'vale of tears'; to some degree or other we are all exposed to it and have to face up to the question of it. The more one loves, the more open we allow ourselves to become to suffering. As one spiritual writer remarks: "That something ugly (pain and suffering) can be made beautiful (sacrificial offerings) for the saving of souls." St. John Bosco advises us: *"Do not waste your suffering."* *How will we then respond to the suffering we find in each of our lives? WE HEAR GOD SAY: SUFFERING IS NOT IN VAIN!*

And where is the PEP TALK about following Jesus when we hear Paul in 1 Corinthians say: *"If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"* It sounds more like a script for "Debbie Downer." But the PEP TALK arrives later in the reading when Paul says to you and me: *"To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it."* THE PEP TALK QUESTION: *"What are we doing in our lives for the sake of the Gospel?"* As Archbishop Vigneron writes in his pastoral *"The Power of the Word of God"* that recently came out: *"But the good news is that if we have been unreceptive soil up to now, it is always possible to change and become good soil! For those who receive the word and hold it fast in an honest and good heart, God's word is abundantly fruitful."*

Then we arrive in our gospel of Mark today where we hear Simon and other disciples of Jesus say: *"Everyone is looking for you."* And what did Jesus tell them? *"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."* It most probably was not a PEP TALK that Jesus' disciples recognized or understood at the moment. We have, each of us, a purpose from God. *What has been the purpose in my life lately?*

God gives us the PEP TALK here when we hear Matthew Kelly respond: *"Peace is not the absence of pain or pressure. Nor is it the absence of activity... This peace I speak of is a certainty in my heart and mind that I am using my life for a worthy*

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*Dianne Ring passed away on 1/31/21. Her Mass of Resurrection was held on February 6, 2021 with Fr. Robert Johnson SVD presiding.*



**Monday, February 8**

**9:00am †Fr. Walter Mattiato, MCCJ**  
*(14th anniversary of death)*  
req.by a family friend

**Tuesday, February 9**

**9:00am †Steve Zack**  
*(3rd anniversary of death)*  
req.by his sister Peggy

**Thursday, February 11**

**9:00am †Maria Nam Thi Vu**  
req.by Dan Nguyen and family

**Friday, February 12**

**10:00am For the special intentions of Divine Word College**

**Saturday, February 13**

**4:00pm †Mary Fendt**  
req.by her family  
**†Lorraine Reno**  
req.by Annette and Tony Nappo

**Sunday, February 14**

**9:00am †Rozalia and Geofil Frys**  
req.by the Korzen family  
**†Gerard Jakubiak**  
req.by his Richard and Barbara Truskowski

**11:00am †Lorraine Reno**

req.by Thomas Mallon  
**†Robert A. Theobald**  
req.by OLOW Faith Formation



**What's Happening at Our Parish?**

Sunday	Mass (with live stream), 9 AM Mass (with live stream), 11 AM
Monday	Mass, 9 AM SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM RCIA (Zoom), 3 PM Youth Faith Formation, 6 PM Fr. Bob's Weekly Address Video
Tuesday	Mass, 9 AM Youth Faith Formation, 6 PM Prayer Group (Zoom), 7 PM
Wednesday	SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM Rosary (Social Hall entry), 6:30 PM K of C Meeting, 7:30 PM
Thursday	Mass, 9 AM Lunch with the Philippians, 12:10 PM OLCW Meeting (Zoom), 6:30 PM
Friday	Mass, 9 AM
Saturday	Individual Confession, 3 PM Mass, 4 PM

**Observances**

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday:	
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

**Readings for the Week**

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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purpose."

I leave you with A PEP TALKED based on two questions the Benedictine, Joan Chittister asks in her book, *"The Time Is Now: A Call To Uncommon Courage"* (p. 127) *"The need to be who I know myself to be is of the essence of human development. By choosing the kind of approval and inclusion that requires the damping of the message, the vocation of the messenger dies incognito. And with it goes the full spiritual development of the prophet him/herself. Rejection is the ultimate punishment: it cuts the prophet's birthright off at the root. Identity becomes a basic issue. Who am I if what called me, named me, marked me, is no longer the aim and the measure of my existence? Who am I then?"*

WE CAN DO IT – STAY FOCUSED – WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER! And as we come to the challenging days of February, God gives us A PEP TALK: Hip, hip **HORRAY!**

In the Word,  
Fr. Bob

**Discernment Group**

Thursday, February 18, 2021  
7:00 - 8:30pm

Please contact our office for more info:  
[detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/](http://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/)

**PARISH Support**

**January 30 & 31**

Envelopes: .....	\$4,478.00
Loose: .....	\$782.00
Electronic:.....	\$2,381.00
Total:.....	\$7,641.31
Budget:.....	\$9,202.00
Over(+)/Short(-).....	-\$1,560.69

## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Source: *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

The Catholic Church will hold its annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on February 2, 2021 and in parishes over the weekend of February 6-7. This event is a special time for individual parishes and the greater Church to celebrate the gift of consecrated life and pray for men and women discerning a consecrated vocation.

Instituted by St. Pope John Paul II in 1997, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which commemorates through the blessing and lighting of candles that Christ is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations invites the faithful to renew their gratitude to Christ for the gift of consecrated life. "The faithful witness of religious and other consecrated men and women living out their vocation is powerful. By their prayers and apostolates, those in consecrated life provide for us an example of Christ's merciful love, and especially during these uncertain and difficult times, they point us to the reality that Christ is our ultimate goal."

As it does every year, the CCLV Committee commissioned the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) to conduct a survey of the religious Profession Class of 2020. The survey polled women and men religious who professed perpetual vows in 2020 in a religious congregation, province, or monastery based in the United States. CARA received a response from 549 of 747 major superiors for an overall response rate of 73% among religious institutes. Of the 172 identified men and women religious who professed perpetual vows in 2020, 55 sisters and nuns and 57 brothers and priests responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 65%.

Some of the major findings of the report are:

- On average, responding religious report that they were 19 years old when they first considered a vocation to religious life.
- The average age of responding religious of the Profession Class of 2019 is 38. Half of the responding religious are age 34 or younger. The youngest is 24 and the oldest is 71.
- Three-fourths of responding religious (76%) were born in the United States. Of those born outside the United States, the most common country of origin is Vietnam.

For more information or to read the whole report, visit:  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/world-day-prayer-consecrated-life-be-celebrated-february-2-2021>

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### 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.

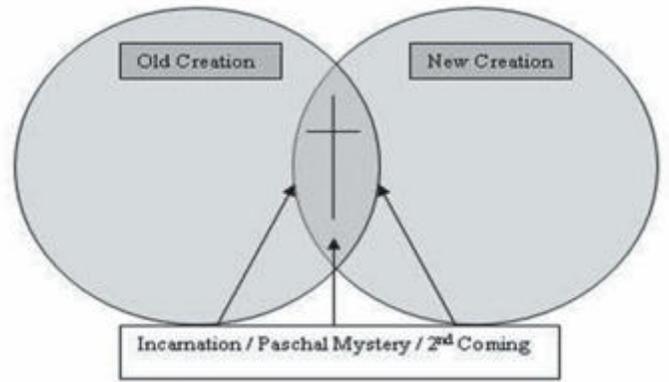
## "FOLLOW ME - What did Jesus mean?"

### WHAT HAPPENED IN SESSION III LAST WEEK?

In Part I of Session III - Dr. Pitre helps us understand, what he calls, some of the most difficult passages from Sacred Scripture to understand, from Luke chapter 9. Looking at these same passages, from a Biblical Worldview, helps us understand God's message about the "Cost of Discipleship."



In Part II of Session III – We learned about the relationship between Discipleship and the "Mystery of the Cross." The Conditions, the Paradox and the Spiritual Costs of Discipleship from Matthew 16:21-27 - "If any man would come after me."



There are messages here, what does it say to you? Join us at the next presentation to find out. It's amazing how together we can all grow in the knowledge of our faith through Adult Faith Formation.



## Donation of Goods for Lennon Pregnancy Center

*Submitted by Mark Theobald, Christian Service - Pro-Life Lead*

We are approaching the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, February 17. It will be emphasized that **almsgiving** is one of the three expected practices in the Lenten season.

One potential opportunity for giving goods is to donate items that can be used by mothers of recently born children up to the age of two years. I spoke with Katherine Lennon of the Lennon Pregnancy Center who shared a list of their current needs:

- ✂ Diapers - Newborn and larger sizes 4,5,6
- ✂ Pull-up training diapers
- ✂ Any type of clothing boy and girl Size 2T-5T
- ✂ Newborn clothing

We will have large boxes setup in the gathering area the weekends of February 13/14 and 20/21 to collect goods. I have always said that Our Lady of the Woods parishioners have been generous in the past and your love and light have overcome darkness in the world. These goods will support many mothers who have Chosen Life.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation - please visit <https://support-lennoncenter.org/donate/> and give what you can.

Thank you so much on behalf of the Lennon Center

## Reflections On Scripture

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

We hear how Job struggled. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the “gospel” (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

### GOSPEL READING

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being’s lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don’t make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus’ hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God’s healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God’s creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



### RISE AND BE NOT AFRAID

The 2020 CSA Appeal is under way! We are asking for your generous contributions again this year.

**Our goal is \$59,300.**

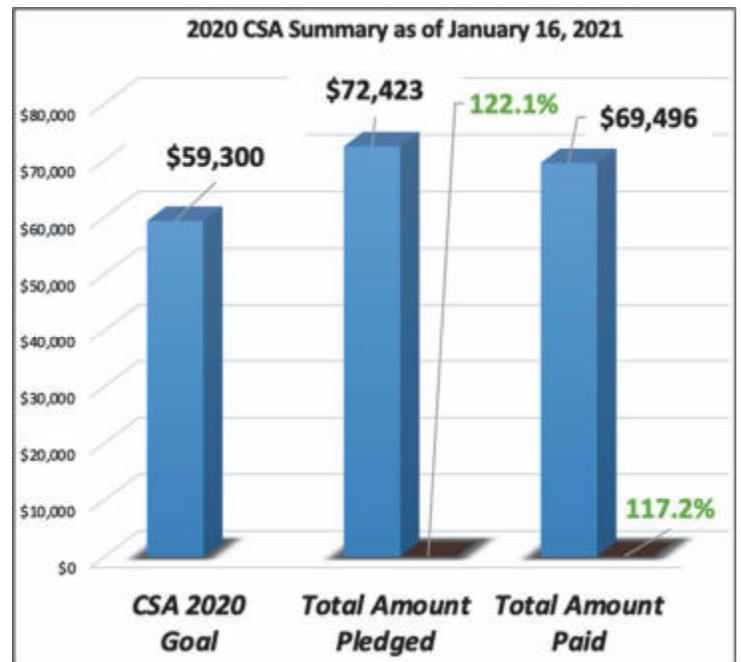
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P.O. Box 44077  
Detroit, MI 48244-9935

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OR give you CREDIT CARD or BANK EFT by calling  
888-381-8695 (M-F between 10:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Please do not send checks to Our Lady of the Woods.



### 2020 CSA Families

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES:**

**833 +1 SINCE LAST UPDATE**

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH PLEDGES:**

**252 (30.3%) +13 SINCE LAST UPDATE**

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITHOUT PLEDGES:**

**581 (69.7%)**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 2020/2021

### STRUCTURE

Adult Faith Formation centers around *THREE FAITH SURGE MOMENTS* on our parish calendar within the academic year of 2020-2021.



### WHAT IS A FAITH SURGE?

SHORT PERIODS OF TIME...CONCENTRATED EFFORT...REACHABLE AND OBTAINABLE GOALS WITHIN DEFINITIVE MOMENTS WHICH FOSTER GROWTH IN OUR FAITH!!!

The **SECOND FAITH SURGE** is from  
the second week in January, 2021 until Ash Wednesday, 2/17/21.

### WHY DO WE NEED THEM IN OUR PARISH?

The Church and its adult faithful have a mission in and to the world: to share the message of Christ to renew and to transform the social and temporal order. This dual calling to evangelization and justice is integral to the identity of the lay faithful; all are called to it in baptism. Accordingly, faith formation seeks to help each adult believer become "more willing and able to be a Christian disciple in the world." As salt of the earth and light for the world (cf. Mt 5:13-16), adult disciples give witness to God's love and caring will so that, in the power of the Spirit, they renew the face of the earth.

—excerpted from *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*:

A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

### WHY ME?

"Evangelizing is the Church's mission. It is not the mission of only a few, but it is mine, yours and ours... We must all be evangelizers, especially with our life!" (Pope Francis, May 22, 2013) Thus, the role of adults in the evangelizing mission of the church is critical. As Catholics we are called to respond to this mission. However, to fulfill it, most of us need to renew and deepen our understanding or our faith. Through formation, we acquire the knowledge and the confidence to fulfill the Church's mission. (Paulina Espinosa, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation, Diocese of San Bernardino, CA)

Choose one, or choose as many as you think you are interested in or can manage...**BUT CHOOSE SOMETHING TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH.** NOTE: Some sessions may go beyond the designated dates due to the length of the course. Some programs will be taped and placed on the social media site of our Parish. PLEASE REMEMBER this is also a TENTATIVE schedule depending on the COVID-19 situation.

### SECOND FAITH SURGE: JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021

- ✚ "FOLLOW ME - What did Jesus mean?" A journey through Scripture experiencing the Lord together and helping one another grow in the understanding of what Jesus calls us to when He invites us to "FOLLOW ME." Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening sessions starting January 12th & 13th ending February 2nd & 3rd. Coordinated by Thom Shanaver and Members of the Evangelization Committee. Register now by emailing Thom Shanaver at [DiscoveringChrist@olow.org](mailto:DiscoveringChrist@olow.org) Subject Line "Follow Me". (Based on the number of participants interested multiple sessions will be offered.)
- ✚ "A WALK THROUGH THE CHURCH" with Pat Butler Have you ever wondered what are the names of some of the items in the church or their history? Walk with me to discover what you may have known but forgotten. Or did not know at all. After the 4 pm Mass on January 16th, 2021 and after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on January 17th, 2021.
- ✚ "Thursday Lunches with the Philippians" from 12:10 - 12:50 pm, January 7 - February 11, 2021. "If you have an hour for lunch maybe you would be willing to participate from 12:10 - 12:50 pm. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is dramatic and inspiring, calling for Christian unity. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model from Paul's life. Please email Claudette Wagner at [cwagner@olow.org](mailto:cwagner@olow.org) to register.
- ✚ "THE WHY COURSE" Led by Fr. Bob. Series includes three engaging, thought provoking 25 minute episodes looking at some of the most important and intriguing questions human beings have ever asked, and explores one of the three vital questions the course is built on: "Why God?", "Why Christ?" and "Why the Church?" The beautifully shot film uses some of the world's most beautiful art and nature scenes to produce an exciting and entertaining presentation featuring Catholic leaders, priests and teachers. The second episode "Why Christ" will be offered twice in January: Friday, January 8th from 11 am until 12 noon and on Friday, January 15th from 3 pm until 4 pm in the social hall (up to 15 people, socially distanced with masks and hand sanitizer and wipes available). Please register by January 5th for the January 8th class, and register by January 12th for the January 15th class.

## St. Vincent dePaul Shopping List

*Submitted by: Marlene Lassen*

The SVdP Food Panty would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our food pantry. We have noticed a slight increase in families using our pantry lately.



If you are interested in donating food, a few items we are constantly in need of are:

- Canned Sloppy Joe's 15oz
- Canned Chili 15oz
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Spaghetti O's or Ravioli's 15oz
- Canned Kidney Beans 15oz
- Canned Diced Tomatoes 15oz
- Instant Potatoes.

Thank you again for your generosity!



### Parish Support Options

In the last couple of weeks, I have been party to a number of conversations regarding lower costs at the parish, specifically around envelope distribution. One suggestion that had a lot of support was reminding the faithful of the options available in supporting the parish.

- ✂ **Envelopes** Offertory envelopes is the most popular method that people use to support the financial needs of the parish. Registered families are automatically enrolled to receive envelopes unless they specifically tell the office not to send them.
- ✂ **"Bill" Pay** A number of families have setup Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church as a payee in their online bill pay at their bank. The bank then cuts a check and mails it to the parish office at an internal that you select.
- ✂ **Online Contributions** A growing number of families opt to use the online contribution system from our website or the parish app. This provides a safe, secure online environment to register a credit/debit card or a bank account.

If you decide that the **bill pay** or the **online contribution** is right for you, then contact the Parish Office to have your envelopes stopped and reduce the cost to the parish. I hope this information helps!

God bless,  
Jason

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

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