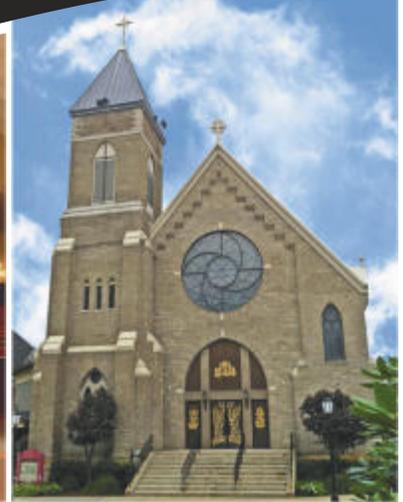
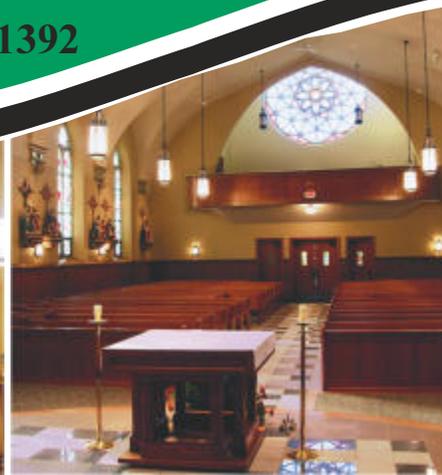
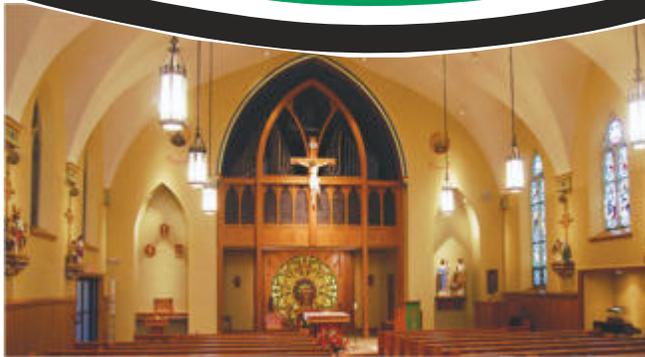


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgies: 7:30 a.m. (Monday–Friday)

Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call the Rectory office for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Preparation required.

Call the Parish Priest for details.

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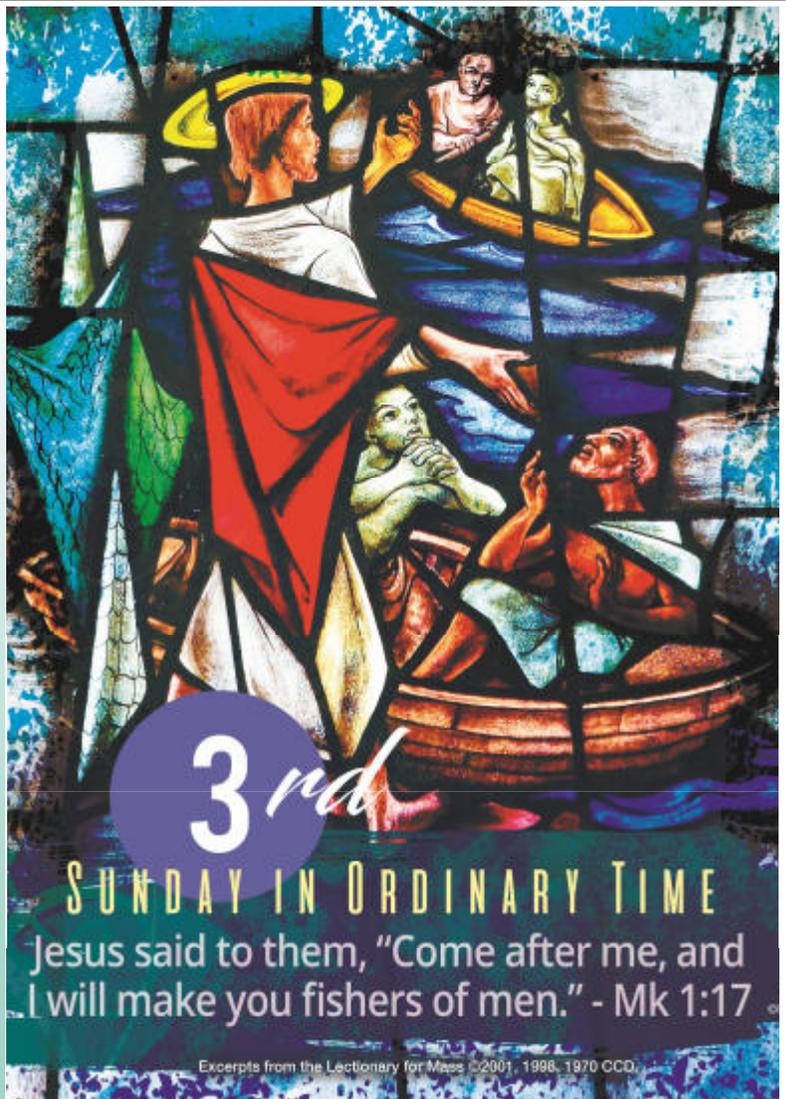
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Call anytime for emergencies.

R.C.I.A. (*Becoming Catholic*)

Adult formation process.

Call the Rectory Office for information.



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 26-Ss. Timothy & Titus

7:00 PM Dick Hannold by Pat & John Mosier

Wednesday, January 27

7:30 AM Rolick Family by Rose Shine

Thursday, January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 AM Betty Tigani by Angie & John McCandless

Friday, January 29

7:30 AM George Barron by Cynthia & Dan Songer

Saturday, January 30

5:00 PM In Honor of Bonnie & Paul Drost
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, January 31-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St Callistus

10:30 AM Lois Kilbert by Ambrose & Hutchins Families

Scripture Readings for Week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk
16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
[3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-
25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk
4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-
35/Mk 1:21-28

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This special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Erie Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Thank you for your support to help spread the Gospel message. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



End of Year Contribution Statements

If you need a Contribution Statement for 2020, please contact Bev at the Rectory Office, 837-6694 or email her at secretary@stcallistuskane.org and a statement will be prepared and mailed out to you.

2020 Catholic Service Appeal Update

Final payment for your 2020 CSA pledges are due by January 31, 2021. Our current report to date shows that 159 pledges that total \$68,498 and \$68,282 has been paid to date. Thank you for all your support. The 2021 CSA will begin with Promotion Sunday on February 7 and Commitment Sunday, February 14. Our new CSA Assessment for 2021 is \$43,705. More details will follow.

GIFT Website

Don't forget to check out the Elementary GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) website.

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

Elementary families ~ please share some photos of your child's finished projects from the GIFT bag. You can email them to Michele_stcallrep@stcallistuskane.org or you can share them on FACEBOOK with the #GIFT and #StCallistusREP looking forward to seeing the kids work!



The Caller Awaits

My dear friend, Richard, had a rare disease that was difficult to diagnose, and thus to treat. For months, he suffered and endured stays at seven different hospitals. I visited him in every hospital and on many days he was conversant and engaging as ever. But other times, he was sleeping or restless and I would sit quietly, praying as he had taught me to do but using his centering prayer word.

At one point, after being unresponsive for days, he awoke and another priest friend said to him, "He is risen." Without missing a beat, Richard responded, "*Noli me tangere*" (literally "Touch me not"), referencing Jesus' post-Resurrection words in John 20:17. On those days—we joyfully believed he would beat this illness.

However, it was not to be. One afternoon, I received a call from his family that he was nearing death. This was not the first time we had thought he was dying, but I did not want to ignore the call. As I drove to the hospital, I realized I had not had lunch and I was thirsty. I thought I will I get a Diet Coke at McDonald's. As I approached the drive-through a little voice inside said, "Dick cannot even take a sip of water right now—skip your Diet Coke." I did.

When I arrived at the hospice house, his sister was standing outside waiting for me. When we reached his bedside she asked me to sing to him—one of the church hymns we both loved. Within five minutes of my arrival, he breathed his last. It wasn't until later that I thought if I had stopped for that Diet Coke, I would have missed that great privilege of witnessing that transition to new life.

Jesus calls us daily—in simple and profound ways to build the Kingdom. It is an urgent call just as it was for the disciples. Pay attention now. —Peggy Ekerdt

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Sunday, Jan 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrate, study, share

The timing seemed right. In September 2019, on the 1,600th anniversary of scripture scholar Saint Jerome's death, Pope Francis launched a new observance on the church calendar. Today's "Sunday of the Word of God" is deliberately placed within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All who follow Jesus are invited to unite around the happy gift of our sacred story contained in the Bible's pages. On this occasion, we celebrate, study, and spread these good words we never possess merely for ourselves. Enthroned the Bible in your home—and heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68). *"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."*

Monday, Jan 25, 2021

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Turn things around

It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth—and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late, that you've never made too many mistakes, that you're never too far gone to keep turning yourself around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Seek good companions for the journey

We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key—or as beloved—as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith"—reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35 (520; Gospel 318). *"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

Wednesday, Jan 27, 2021

Never forget

On this day in 2005, the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, the United Nations established International Holocaust Remembrance Day. With firm resolve to educate future generations about the horrors of the Holocaust, this annual event is a clarion call never to forget the Nazi atrocities that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews and millions more others. U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres warns that

it would be a "dangerous error to think of the Holocaust as simply the result of the insanity of a group of criminal Nazis." It happened because of the "millennia of hatred, scapegoating, and discrimination targeting the Jews." Pray today for grace to choose love rather than hate, to choose inclusion rather than discrimination.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."*

Thursday, Jan 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let your light shine

How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket . . . and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

Friday, Jan 29, 2021

Make an offer

"Offer it up" is a phrase that seems baked into our Catholic tradition. Often it comes out at times when we are at a loss from the complexities and pain of suffering, which can leave us hopeless, scared, and lonely. After months of social distancing, mourning deaths, job and school closures, and holidays spent alone, we are all in a kind of personal and corporate space of suffering. We are invited to truly *offer*, that is, to give ourselves into the care of others and into the loving embrace of Jesus the Christ who also has known suffering intimately. What do you need to offer up and how can you lovingly embrace others' offerings of themselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 30, 2021

All that I have is yours

Inheritance is a big deal in the Bible. Not so much legal inheritance, though that is mentioned, but theological inheritance, the gifts God bestows on the community of faith—the people of Israel—and later, in the New Testament, to the followers of Christ. We all share in that inheritance, that "holy ground" promised so long ago to Abraham and his descendants. How will you put your inheritance to use? Will you pass it on to others, or will it end with you? How you invest your time, talent, and treasure will determine the answer to that question.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

GOSPEL:

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

REFLECT

FIRST READING

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

SECOND READING

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

GOSPEL READING

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

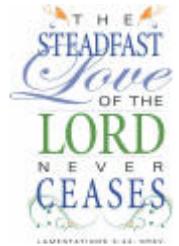
From the Pastor...

When Jesus begins proclaiming the gospel, it changes everything and there is no going back. The Kingdom of God definitively and once-for-all breaks into our world. It has a relentless, almost organic power to keep growing and effecting events even if some refuse to welcome it or deny it. As the prophet Isaiah noted, the Word of God will not return to him void, but will achieve the end for which he sent it. When Jesus began his mission, it was the time of fulfillment and we are still living in that time. What the Israelites had waited centuries for, came to be realized in Jesus and his proclamation that the kingdom was at hand. The kingdom is still at hand for us; it is an invitation to every person, (no matter what social status), that there is a better way to live than that of contention, strife, and selfishness. What to do? Three important first steps: get baptized, repent and believe in the Gospel. If we are already baptized, then we need to keep fine-tuning and honing repentance and self-knowledge. Yes, I have to change and yes, I need a savior! And to believe that we are loved by God and that he has a special plan and calling for each one of us. No matter what has gone wrong in our life, the Lord brings healing and light and reminds us that all good things are possible with God. Lastly, we should note that the Word of God is alive and is never exhausted. It has a mystical power to be "ever ancient, ever new"! *Fr. Bill*

Religious Education News
 January 24 - Grades 2 and 3 Growing Up
 Catholic 9:00 - 10:15
 - Class - Grades 6-10 6 - 7 pm
 January 31 - Confirmation Class 11:30 - 2:30

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Monday - January 25**
- Tuesday - January 26**
7:00PM Boy Scouts-MP Rm.
- Wednesday - January 27**
4:30PM Girl Scouts-MP Rm.
- Sunday - January 31**
11:30-2:30PM Confirmation Class



Offertory Report – January 17, 2021

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Faith Communications.....	\$ 295.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 20.00

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A Prayer for Peace

Great God, who has told us "Vengeance is mine,"
 save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our
 hearts and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt,
 to punish as we have been punished,
 to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes
 to listen rather than to judge,
 to trust rather than to fear,
 to try again and again
 to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace
 to be our best selves.

We ask for the vision
 to be builders of the human community
 rather than its destroyers.

We ask for the humility as a people
 to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

We ask for the love it takes
 to bequeath to the children of the world to come
 more than the failures of our own making.

We ask for the heart it takes
 to care for all the peoples
 as well as for ourselves.
 Give us the depth of soul, O God,
 to constrain our might,
 to resist the temptations of power
 to refuse to attack the attackable,
 to understand that vengeance begets violence,
 and to bring peace—not war—wherever we go.

For You, O God, have been merciful to us.
 For You, O God, have been patient with us.
 For You, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful
 and patient
 and gracious
 and trusting
 with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus,
 the one without vengeance in his heart.
 This we ask forever and ever. Amen.

—adapted from Sister Joan Chittister, Benedictine Sisters of Erie



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