

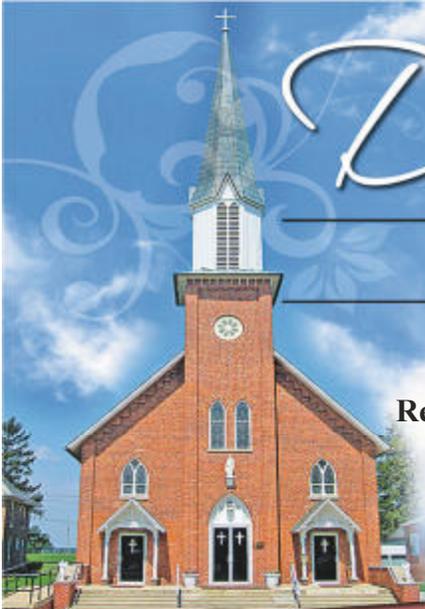
January 24, 2021

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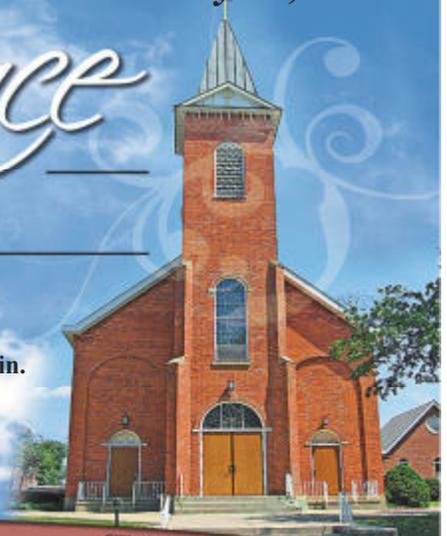
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We, with the Guidance of the Holy Trinity, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Communion of Saints, endeavor to spread and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist one another through the precepts of the Catholic Faith in attaining eternal salvation.

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All Masses have Resumed

(under the AOD Covid-19 Guidelines)

DIVINE GRACE PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Patrick

Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph

Sunday 11:00 am at St. Patrick

Monday 9:00am at St. Patrick

Tuesday 7:00 pm at St. Patrick

Wednesday 9:00 am at St. Joseph

Thursday No Mass

Friday 11:00 am at St. Patrick

(School Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 3:00—3:30pm at St. Patrick

Or by Appointment at St. Patrick or
St. Joseph



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2020



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

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
 Friday:
 Saturday: BVM
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

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*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love you above all things
 and I desire to receive you in
 my soul.
 Since I cannot at this
 moment receive you
 sacramentally, Come at
 least spiritually into my
 heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 And unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.
 Amen.*



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Weekend Offerings
12/26/2020 & 12/27/2020
Total \$17,905.00



Thank you for your continued support.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 25

9:00 am (SP) +Daniel Braden req. by Grandma

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 pm (SP) +Doug Grabetz req. by Larry Grabetz and Annie Germain

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am (SJ) +Doris King req. by Ilah Mae Brancheau

Thursday, January 28

No Mass

Friday, January 29

11:00 am (SP) +Art & Dorothy Levasseur req by Frank & Maryanne Dobbersstein

Saturday, January 30

4:00 pm (SP) +Betty Motyka req. by Frank & Maryanne Dobberstein

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am (SJ) +Marcia Bracciano req. by her husband
 11:00 am (SP) +Parishioners of Divine Grace

If there is not Mass on a day that you had a scheduled Mass Intention please call the office at 734-654-2500 to reschedule.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Divine Grace Parish still needs your support. Although, some of us may not be able to celebrate Mass in our parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations by,

- Mailing them to the parish at Divine Grace Parish 2996. W. Labo Rd. Carleton, Michigan 48117
- Your bank, via bill pay (typically this is a free service through your bank which will allow you to make a one time payment and or recurring payment. The bank can electronically produce a check and mail it directly to the parish at no additional cost to you, the consumer.)
- Through the Archdiocese of Detroit website at give.aod.org.

Thank You For Your Continued Support

The Wonder of it all

By Deacon Tracy M. Esper



For many years, I had the pleasure of knowing Father Dan Nusbaum. Fr. I first came to know him while studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, he was my spiritual director. After a 38-year career as a professor at Mount Saint Mary University in Maryland, where he served as a military Chaplain, weekend associate, and as a spiritual director, just a few of the many responsibilities and positions he held, he returned to his hometown of Temperance. While in Michigan, he served as administrator of a parish in Wyandotte, he directed the education department at the Archdiocese of Detroit for a year as it reorganized, served as the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Temperance, and resumed his teaching career at Sacred Heart. He was an educated man who held several degrees as well as two doctorate degrees and was a published poet. I am grateful to have him as a professor for three courses at the Seminary. So, when he passed away in November 2017, I consider myself blessed that I was part of his memorial service. You see, Fr. Dan was not able to be at my ordination because of his failing health, and he passed away two weeks later.

Lately, I have found myself thinking of Fr. Dan. His 87th birthday would have been on January 23rd. Fr. Dan was my spiritual father, my teacher, and my friend. My wife and I enjoyed his friendship over several years while in diaconate formation and we were looking forward to him being a part of our life after ordination. He was a wise man who was kind in every way. He was well-read and would give me books all the time – books that he felt would help me to grow spiritually. I cherish every conversation that I had with him every time we met. As his health quickly changed, our roles did as well. He acknowledged that it was time that I minister to him.

At times, we find ourselves taking care of those who have loved and cared for us. Parents, siblings, relatives, and friends need us to care for them in some way as they grow older or as their health becomes more fragile. We may find ourselves thrown into a situation that quickly arises and we are pressed into action with little time to think, but this can be a blessing if we let it.

Another instructor at the Seminary was Sr. Mary Finn, who just passed away on January 4, 2021. Years ago, Sr. Mary told our classroom that when we are at someone's sickbed, we are in a sacred space. I've found that to be true. It is a privilege to be with someone who is sick or elderly because of that sacred space. There is a reason God wants us to be there; it may be for comfort or forgiveness or a chance to say thank you. We should never pass up a chance to stand in the sacred space with another who is sick. Our hearts will be touched and our burdens lifted if we only are willing to enter the sacred space.

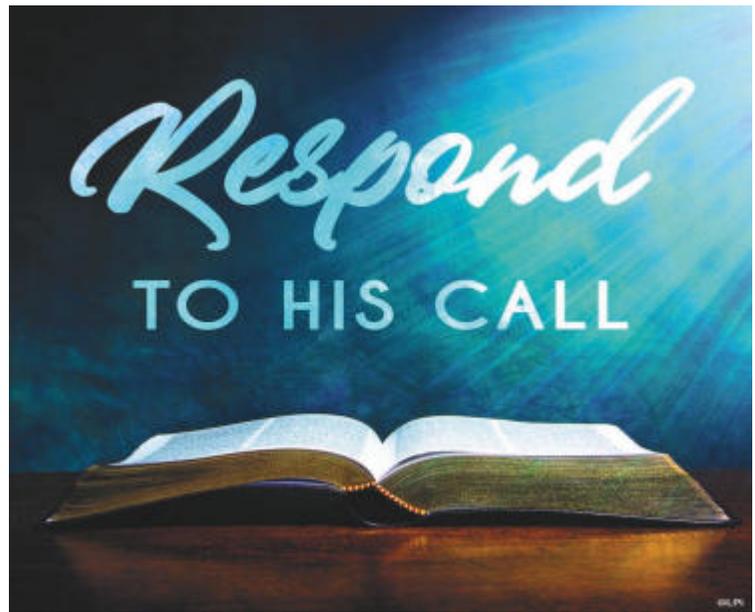
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I was blessed to have been taught by and directed by Fr. Dan. He will always be my teacher and spiritual father. It was a privilege for me to meet with him every month for more than five years, and to be with him over the last three weeks of his life. Crysti and I miss our friend, but we know that we will see him again one day. Here is a couple of lines from one of Fr. Dan's poems:

The Lord's house, though, is warm and near,
And there you need not quake in fear,
His shelter's safe, I know 'tis true,
If safe for me, then safe for you!

Peace be to you.



2021 Contribution Envelopes

All parishioners should have received your 2021 contribution envelopes at your residence by now. Each packet should include 2 months of contribution envelopes. They are scheduled to be delivered bi-monthly and you can expect to receive them about 7 days before the beginning of the next mailing period. Please take a moment and check out your envelopes and if there are any misspellings or discrepancies, please call the office and we will get the corrections made. If you have not received your envelopes please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. We will request a starter set be mailed out to you, so you won't have to wait until the next period.

2020 Contribution Statements

Divine Grace Parish will provide 2020 contribution statement by request. Any parishioner wishing to receive a contribution statement of their 2020 Divine Grace contributions is asked to please email a request to divinegraceparish@yahoo.com or call the parish office at (734)654-2500 and one will be prepared.

Thank You!

Thank you for your November St. Vincent DePaul donations. It was a very generous collection in spite of the reduced attendance at our Masses. We are very lucky to have your support.

A special thanks to everyone for your generous support with the Giving Tree again this year. We were able to provide our 8 families with just about all their needs for a joyous Christmas. It is always nice to meet our families and present them with gifts from You. A common response from them is how because of your generosity that they now can have a nice Christmas.

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Live The Liturgy

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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Part-Time Latchkey Position

Looking for a part-time Latchkey assistant, Monday through Friday from 3pm - 6pm. If you are interested, please email Kelly Varcie at the school office varcie@stpatrick.school.



A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:14-20

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus will teach you to catch others for him. You can catch fish by putting food in front of them. People need soul food to be close to God. People want to go to heaven with God. Tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Tell them he wants everyone to do good. Then people will gladly come into his net. They will be at peace because Jesus will give them everything they need.

Prayer

Lord, help me stay hooked on you.

Something to Draw

Draw Andrew, Peter, James and John putting down their fishing nets to follow Jesus.

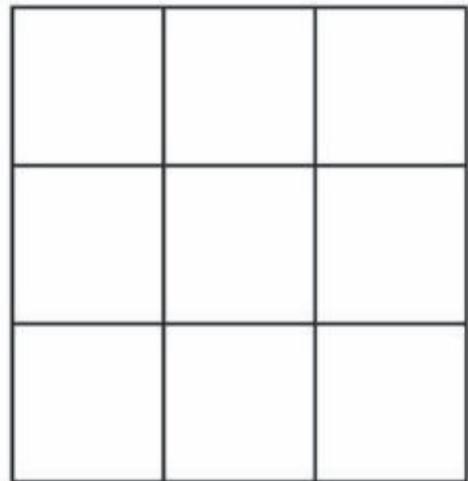
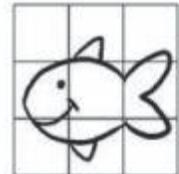
Mission for the Week

Each morning I will pray that more people follow the ways of Jesus.



PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



MISSION

Each morning I will pray that more people follow the ways of Jesus.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 –3:30 pm. at St. Patrick

Registered Parishioners

In order to be considered a registered parishioner you must be receiving offertory envelopes. Anyone 18 years of age and older should register with the parish office as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be a registered parishioner (receiving envelopes) attending Mass regularly, and take Baptismal Preparation Class.

Sacrament of Marriage

You must be a registered (receiving envelopes) and active member of Divine Grace Parish for at least six months **before a wedding date will be scheduled.** Weddings will take place six months or more **after scheduling the date.**

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

Notify the Parish Office of illness, hospitalization or nursing home status as soon as possible.

RCIA) Rite of Initiation for Adults:

Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a member of our Catholic Community, is invited to contact the parish office or Crysti Esper, RCIA Coordinator at RCIA@divinegraceparish.com, 734-770-4327.

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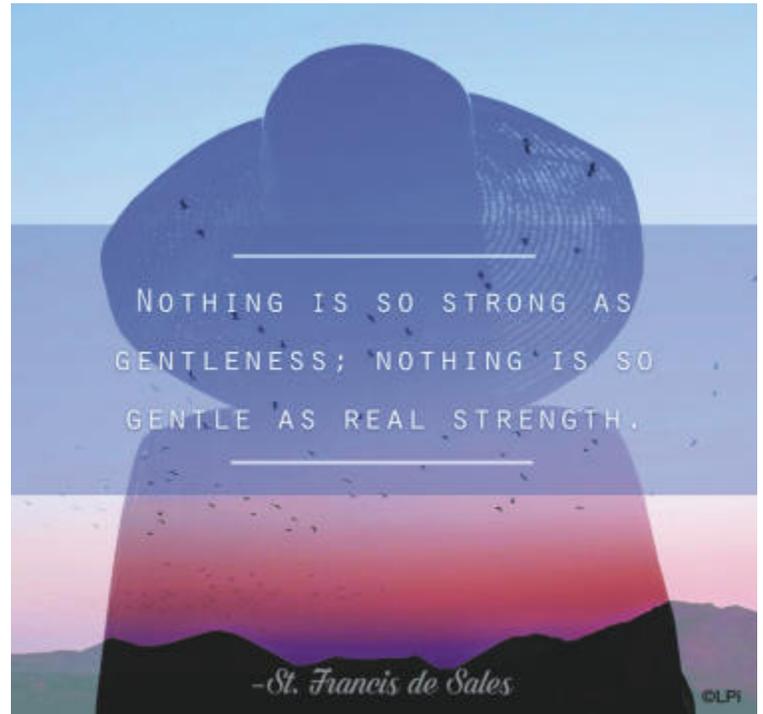
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Articles and inserts must be received by email no later than Friday, 12 noon 2 weeks prior and must provide the dates desired for publication. (No inserts will be done on Holiday weekends or when the parish office is closed)



Covid-19

Parish office hours are temporarily suspended



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