

# ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 24, 2021: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **CALLED**

**Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20**

**Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús. - Mc 1, 20**



# Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

In today's first reading we hear about Jonah and his call from God to go and preach to the Ninevites that they need to repent or die. The passage that we have leaves out the part that tells us that Jonah did not want to go, and in fact seeks to head in a different direction from where the Lord has commanded him. I am sure we know the story of how he is thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish that took him to where the Lord had commanded. Jonah is a person of great reluctance.

It is his reluctance that actually stands in great contrast to the story of the calling of the Apostles in the Gospel for today. In that passage, they drop everything and follow Jesus, but, though they seem to immediately accept the invitation, we know that over time, they struggled with the call to surrender all things to Christ. They too are reluctant.

Like Jonah, we want to respond with our whole heart, but we can be so reluctant to do so. We can be creative with excuses as to why not now or why not me. It is our reluctance to surrender even to God that serves as a stumbling block to our call to holiness.

No matter how many times we hear these stories or go to Mass or even pray, our greatest barriers lie within our own minds and hearts. Jonah knew what the Lord wanted and why. He asked him to do a great thing and to go and help these people turn away from sin. The idea was good, but Jonah did not like the Ninevites and their destruction seemed like a good idea anyway. That was a further reason to disregard what God had asked. What in our lives do we use as an excuse to not follow the good that the Lord calls us too?

So, as we pray this week we have two words to focus our prayer lives on, reluctance and excuses; because they go hand in hand. Together those two words create a big barrier to our following God. My advice is, if we are being reluctant to following God, we may want to stay out of the water. God bless you all.

**Lent is around the corner**

Before you know it, we will be entering the season of Lent, so I thought I would put a few thoughts in your head which I will remind you of later anyway, but it never hurts to start thinking early.

Firstly, please bring your leftover palms to church if you have not already done so. Remember, we need them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Secondly, we will be having three Masses on Ash Wednesday at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm. There will also be prayer services with the distribution of ashes during the day. You are not allowed to self-impose ashes.

Thirdly, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on the Fridays of Lent.

Fourthly, people often talk about what they are "giving up" for Lent. I usually urge people to not give anything up, but to do something. The purpose of a Lenten penance is to turn away from a particular behavior with the desire not to return to it. It defeats the purpose to "give something up" only to return to it once Lent is over. Lent is not about playing games, it is about turning away from sin and by the way, no one ever became a better disciple of Jesus by giving up chocolate. So, eat chocolate if you want but use Lent as a way of taking one sin out of your life.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

*Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.*

### SICK LIST

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Gedediah Dowd  
Nancy Gorski  
JoAnn Gozdor  
Joyce Hornfischer  
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Rick Kwasnik-N  
Daniel Otten-A  
Joseph Pellerito—CG  
Capt Steven Pickett-M  
Jacob Risner-A  
Patrick Roberts-A  
Scott Socia-AF*

**MALLIA'S MOMENTS** *(continued)***Statue of St. Kieran**

The statue of St. Kieran for our gathering space has been ordered and should be here in several months. The official dedication of the statue will happen in September. Thank you to all of you who have donated towards the purchase of the statue. There are still some envelopes on the information table in the gathering space if you are interested in helping out.

**Garden Club update**

As you may recall, we have started a garden club to help with the outside landscaping around the parish. The group met again and came up with some really great ideas for the island by the canopy entrance to the church, the fountain area, the Stations of the Cross and the area by the sign along Mound Rd. Please keep looking for updates as we are going to need help when the time comes to do the work and we will be looking for people to help maintain the areas. Future projects will be at the direction of the club members and dependent on the willingness of people to volunteer. Thank you to the present group for your creative ideas and enthusiasm.

**Prayer has power**

When we pray in confidence that God is hearing your prayer, that prayer has real power to affect change. We should not pray filled with doubt if God is hearing us, but with confidence that the prayer is being acted on. With that in mind, I encourage you to use Lent as a time of intense prayer for someone or a group of people that you will commit to praying for everyday for their return to the practice of their faith. You may even want to let them know that you will be praying for them. It may just be what they have been wanting to hear. Think of what it could do to a person to hear you say to them, "I am praying my Lent for you"? Just a thought.  
Have a great week.



Tomorrow (January 25th) is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. I think most of us are aware of the important role that this great missionary of the early Church played, and the impact he has had on people throughout history. This feast commemorates the conversion of this Jewish Pharisee named Saul.

Saul was raised in the Jewish faith and trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by all Jews, and he was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that these followers had broken away from their Jewish traditions. Actively persecuting the Church in Jerusalem, Saul watched as his fellow persecutors stoned to death Stephen, the first Christian martyr. (Acts 7:58).

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that, while on his way to Damascus, in an effort to "round up" these wayward "Jews," Saul meets Jesus on the road. In a blinding light - but truly an eye-opening encounter - Saul hears the voice of the Crucified and Risen Lord asking him, "Why do you persecute me?" This is the moment that changes Saul's life forever. Years later, before King Agrippa, Paul recounts this event and outlines how everything he has done since that encounter with Jesus, was in obedience to the Gospel. He preached in Damascus, Jerusalem, Judea, and then to all Gentiles. The Gospel spread like wildfire because the Holy Spirit anointed and empowered men and women like Paul to take their stories public and draw others to Jesus.

Conversion is always a two-part movement: you must be (1) converted from something and (2) you must be converted to something. St. Paul was converted from his persecution of Jesus and his followers, and to the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was blind for three days, was healed, anointed, baptized, and then begins preaching of Christ's salvation to the ends of the earth.

The Church, in thanksgiving to God for such a miracle of His grace, to commemorate so miraculous an instance of his Almighty Power, and to propose to penitents a perfect model of a true conversion, has instituted this feast, which Pope Innocent III commanded to be observed with great solemnity. St. Paul, we ask that you pray for us. Help us to accept the ways in which we too need to experience true conversion in our lives.

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace,

Deacon Russ



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THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation is back to our routine after the Christmas Break!

We are still 'meeting' on Facebook and ZOOM until we can meet again in person.

Our year is halfway over! Flat Jesus travelled to many places with the children during the holidays. Lent is upon us and now they are practicing their faith by giving of themselves to others. They are practicing their prayers every night

We remain connected, though separated, because we all love Jesus and want to serve Him!

The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; First Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*



About the Gospel:

Jesus calls Andrew, Simon (Peter), James, and John to leave their jobs as fishermen and to follow him. When God calls, we must be ready to drop everything and follow.

For Discussion:

What have you learned through persisting in a call?  
Where are you in your journey as a disciple of Jesus?  
Visit [exploringthesundayreadings.com](http://exploringthesundayreadings.com) Visions (Grades 7-9)

Life Question:

When do you take time to open your heart to Jesus as Pope Francis asks us to? What do you do each day to continue Jesus' work?

In Church:

Follow the priest when he processes out of church at the end of Mass. Picture yourself following Jesus.

Family Prayer:

Lord, help us to follow you because you know what will make us truly happy. Amen.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Offered every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

February 19

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26



**Verso L'alto**  
Saint Kieran Young Adults

St. Kieran's Young Adult Group has been getting together the second Wednesday evening of each month for a few months now. Join Father Joe and other young adults for food, drinks and friendship as we socialize and learn about the Catholic faith. Bring a friend. All are welcome (ages 18-40). Watch the bulletin, website, or Facebook page for details. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, March 10c at 7:00 pm.

Did you know you can text DetroitCYA to 33777 and receive a monthly link to all things happening with Detroit Catholic Young Adults? For an example, The Archdiocese of Detroit continues providing more daily resources and inspiration for you with great articles, videos, podcasts and more at <https://www.unleashthegospel.org>

Are you a Catholic, young adult, looking to connects with others? Do you have ideas about getting Catholic young adults together and finding a space for them? Please contact Jenny Greuling with any ideas. 586-781-5759 ext.119

**SKY**  
Saint Kieran Youth

Every Wednesday, from 3:00-4:30 pm, the White Room is open to all teenagers looking for a safe space to do homework or socialize with each other. There is no need to register for this. Just drop in/drop by. Masks must be worn. Even if you are a teen who has not attended SKY, you are welcome. This is not a SKY event, it is a teen opportunity.

This Sunday, SKY is having their annual winter social at AMC 30. SKY is back to their normal schedule next Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the White Room and Gym. Join us! Safety protocols will be in place for wearing masks, temperature checks at entry, and social distancing throughout the gathering.

Any questions about SKY, please contact Jenny Greuling (Youth Minister) at 586-781-5759 ext. 119

**A.S.K.S.**  
Active St. Kieran Seniors

A.S.K.S. has decided to put monthly breakfast and lunch meetings on hold until spring. Hopefully, by that time, all seniors will have had an opportunity to receive the covid vaccine. In the meantime, we'd like to offer a weekly opportunity to gather safely. "Monday Movie with Munchies". Mondays, at 2 p.m., in the Green room, St. Kieran will provide the safe distance seating, the movie, coffee, tea, water, and munchies. Masks must be worn properly to enter the building and when not eating. If you would like to join, please R.S.V.P. to Jenny Greuling, by phone or e-mail, so we can plan the seating/snacks. Our next movie will be Monday, January 25.

Also, just a reminder, the St. Kieran gym is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Keep it in mind for walking!

Any questions, please contact Jenny Greuling, Senior Adult Ministry 586-781-5759 ext. 119 or [jenny@stkieran.org](mailto:jenny@stkieran.org).

## Christian Service Matters

*Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.*



## Knights Corner

### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE POPE FRANCIS CENTER:

*Dear Parishioners of St. Kieran,  
On behalf of the staff and guests of the Pope Francis Center, thank you so much for your incredible donations through your Giving Tree. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give away over 300 backpacks on Christmas morning filled with essentials for our homeless guests. Wishing you a peaceful and healthy Christmas season and a Happy New Year!  
All the best,  
Maggie Blake & The Pope Francis Center*

#### In case you missed it—

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

In a year that presented us with many unprecedented challenges, our generous parishioners have once again heard the call and stepped up to help those in need this holiday season. We are so very pleased to report that over 60 new coats for kids, as well as many, many hats, gloves, and mittens, were collected and donated to the Macomb Foster Closet. Although our Giving Tree project took on a different form this year, we have been blessed to receive an overwhelming response to our call for gift cards and the organizations that requested them will be putting them to very good use. In addition, 10 children from Friends of Foster Kids had their wish lists fulfilled, 17 families from St. Francis/St. Maximilian and 2 families from Sr. Val's Hispanic Ministry in the North Macomb Vicariate were sponsored by St. Kieran families. Many of you made very generous cash donations to our Giving Tree program this year and Christmas will be much brighter and merrier for those in need because of you! With every good wish for a happy, healthy *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you*  
—Marilyn and Fran

What have the Knights been doing during the restricted times? Well, since we are restricted on the number of members attending in person gatherings, we have continued our Council meetings via ZOOM but hope to start in person meetings in February! Our meetings have been informative with religious video presentations being made and starting to plan for the upcoming year. What have we got planned in the near future? Here are some of the upcoming activities;

- : Unfortunately we have lost four of our members since October, but they have been remembered in our prayers and since all of them were members of the Fourth Degree of Knighthood, a Chalice, that has their name engraved on it, will be presented to a needy Priest to be used in his daily celebration of the Eucharist.
- : February 26th is the Council 15th Anniversary so watch for information about what we have done since our formation.
- : February we will donate an additional 7 cases of Casey (KofC) teddy bears to the Shelby Twp. Fire & Rescue squad to be given to children that are involved in a traumatic event affecting them and/or a family member during an emergency situation.
- : March 13th we will be holding our Corporate Communion celebration Mass at 9:30.
- : April plans for our annual Free Throw Contest with date TBD.
- : Memorial Day weekend is our State Convention on Mackinac Island. Hopefully it will be in person this year.

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*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."*

*Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



## Stewardship Reflections

*Pray. Share. Give.*

**Knights' Corner (continued)**

: Check out the Knights of Columbus spot in the Parish website for a copy of our Knight Letter with details about other activities that we have been involved in.

:: Any Practicing Catholic man, over the age of 18, is eligible to join our organization, NO DUES are required for NEW members through June 30th! Just go to <http://www.kofc.org/joinus> fill out the application and select St. Kieran Council #13983 as your preferred Council. Once completed, you will be contacted by one of our members. Easy to do and you will benefit from being with like minded Catholic men who are striving to improve the practice and belief in their faith and plan activities that will support those in need. Vivat Jesus from your St. Kieran Knights

***Buried in Christ***

*Monday, January 11, 2021*

*Joseph Lawrence Moore (61)  
Survived by his wife, Penny,  
2 children & 4 grandchildren*

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

*Marvin A. Wiegand (88)  
Survived by 3 sisters, 2 brothers,  
Nieces & nephews*

*Saturday, January 16, 2021*

*Michael Hessen (83)  
Survived by his wife, Rosemary,  
3 children, 10 grandchildren &  
2 great grandchildren*



***"Giving Greener"***

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you still write anymore? You can go/give greener by using our online giving program, We Share. Simply go to our parish website at [www.stkieran.org](http://www.stkieran.org), scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the WeShare logo or go to <https://stkieran.weshareonline.org/>

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Be a part of our new tradition:

Bring your palms so we can burn them to make ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday!

Please bring your palms in by Feb. 14.

Baskets will be in the Narthex.

**Morning of Reflection**

January: Looking Back and Looking Forward

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Mass: 8:00 am (optional)

Registration: 9:00 am

Program: 9:15 am

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Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	Ronald Selden By His wife, Carolyn & Family ----- John & Mary Starzyk By Elaine Starzyk ----- For the "Special" Intention of Angela Spalla By Family	Carmella Vaiasicca By The Vaiasicca	Michael Wasche By His wife, Mildred & Family	Abraham Isha Badal By Family ----- Ed Van Overbeke By Family
Music	As Assigned	Elizabeth Gondert	Maria Consiglio	As Assigned
Lectors	Bev Jakubowski Enzo Paglia	Maria Kayser Ken Mehr	Mary Phil Rose Roger Quitter	Joe Riggs Paula Ziegler
Altar Servers	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25-29, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass  Lector: Darlene Garcia	Alfonso & Maria Crespi by Harry & Roselyn Crespi For the "Special" Intention of Natalia Kachi by Terri Carlo Muzi by Jim Plutschuck
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	Mike Atkinson by The Smellie Family
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	Mary Cross by Michale & Kathleen Ulewicz
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	All Deceased Souls in Pergatory by Margarite Prendushi
Friday 8:00 am Mass	Francis Wyderko by Theresa Lehrman

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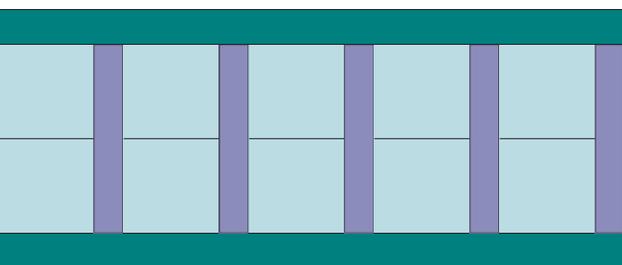


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## Daily Readings for the Week of 1/24

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

**Psalm 25: Teach me your ways, O Lord**

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

**Psalm 95: If today he hears your voice, harden not your hearts**

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