

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 31, 2021



### Daily Bible Reading

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** - Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** - Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



**Tuesday, 02/02**

6:30 PM (SCB) James Kruger†

**Wednesday, 02/03**

8:30 AM (SL) Art Bose†

**Friday, 02/05**

7:30 AM (SCB) Connie Dvorak†

**Saturday, 02/06**

5:30 PM (SCB) Dorothy Parr†

**Sunday, 02/07**

8:15 AM (SCB) Mark Kreikemeier†

10:15 AM (SL) Brett Brown†

### Ministry Schedule – St. Charles

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm**

Lector: Linda Emanuel

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

Lector: Ed Emanuel

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:15am**

Lector: Linda Havelka

### Ministry Schedule – St. Leo

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

Lector: Bill Kreikemeier

EMHC: Bernardine Ruskamp

### JOYFUL GIVING

*Weekend of January 24, 2021*

**St. Charles Borromeo** Adult

January 24, 2021 \$999.30

\*Total: July 5, 2019 – January 24, 2021  
\$48,806.28

Special Collections:

Votive Candles: \$16.50

**St. Leo's** Adult

January 10, 2021 \$230

\*Total: July 5, 2019 – January 10, 2021  
\$14,325.26

Special Collections:

Initial Offering: \$25

Seminary: \$403



*Happy Birthday to the following members of our parish family:*

*February 1 – Cheryl Feala,*

*Tim Reznicek, Emersen Swanson; February 3 –*

*Arlene Heimann, Bernard Niewohner, Marlene*

*Snell; February 6 – Bob Moser, Connie Dostal;*

*February 7 – Larry Feala, Noelle White, Tim*

*Moore*



### The Sacrament of Reconciliation is

*offered at St. Charles*

*every Saturday from 2:00-*

*3:00pm. You may also call Fr.*

*Keith to schedule an appointment.*

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” (1 Corinthians 7:32)

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the “word” pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

## 2021 Offertory Envelopes

The 2021 envelopes are available in the back of church. If you are unable to locate your envelopes, please let us know. If you do not wish to receive envelopes, please let us know. Help us to save postage by picking up your envelopes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you are going to use the Parish Center for a meeting, please let the office know 402-652-8437.*  
*Thank you!*

## CALENDAR

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are cancelled**  
**due to the pandemic health concerns during this**  
**lenten season.**

### Home & Foreign Mission's Collection (4 in 1) February 7<sup>th</sup>

This annual collection will support Home Mission, Holy Land, Catholic University and Latin American ministries.



A big "thank you" to Kurt Baumert and his crew for the snow removal especially this week with all our snow!

## **OUTSIDE THE PARISHES ---**

### **St. Benedict Center - Schuyler**

For more information, call (402)352-8819 or visit our website [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

#### **❖ Valentine's Day Dinner**

**February 14, 2021, 4:45 pm**

Married couples are invited for Mass at the chapel of St. Benedict Center, followed, at 5:45pm by a delicious and festive four-course Valentine's Day Dinner prepared by Mark and Patty Bosh.

**Advance Reservation and Pre-payment required. (\$70/couple)**  
**Early Bird Rate \$65 (register before February 1<sup>st</sup>)**

#### **❖ Contemplative Prayer Retreat**

**February 26-28, 2021**

*"In being still there is a wonderful power of clarification, of purification and of recollection toward the essential." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).*

Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. This retreat, involving breath practice is for beginners on the contemplative journey as well as for those who have some experience with it.

**Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB**, serves as administrator of St. Benedict Center. He has practiced contemplative prayer for over forty years. He will lead the retreat.

**Friday, 7:30pm to Sunday after Lunch**

**Fee: \$70 (room and board will be added to this fee)**

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28**

#### **Commentary:**

This passage comes at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of Mark. He has now moved to Capernaum, which is located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee and which would be His home base for most of His three-year ministry. The account occurred on the Sabbath (our Saturday), which the Jews observed as a day of rest and worship. As would be expected from a faithful Jew, Jesus went to the synagogue (the place of worship) that day. Jesus taught there with authority. The people listened to Him (alluding back to today's first reading) and "were astonished at his teaching." But Jesus astonished them even further with what happened next. A man with an "unclean spirit" came into the synagogue. The phrase "unclean spirit" means that this man was demon possessed. The demon identified Jesus as "the Holy One of God." In other words, the demon knew (likely even better than the observers at the time) that Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus then proved this identity by authoritatively rebuking the demon. Simply by His words of rebuke, the demons fled. The man was freed from the control of the demon by the power of God. Jesus came into the world for this purpose: to drive evil out. We see here that He is more than capable to do that. Jesus is God in the flesh, so He has authority over all things. He, therefore, can transform our lives and set us free from the sin that plagues us. Jesus wants to give us freedom in Him, but will we listen to Him and obey His divine authority?

#### **Taking it Home:**

- What distracts you from God? Are there things in your life that you have made a higher priority than your relationship with God? Prayerfully reflect on how you can push aside those distractions to focus more fully on God.
- In what area of your life do you need to listen better to the voice of God? Take time this week to listen to God in prayer and strive to obey His leading, allowing Him to free you from sin.