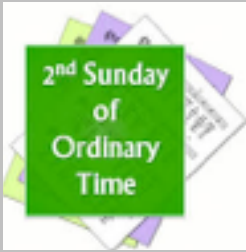


St. Mary's
Catholic Church

Hamburg, Iowa
January 19, 2020

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” proclaims John the Baptist in today’s Gospel as Jesus comes to him to be baptized. We hear these words proclaimed again each Sunday when we are invited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus, before he was led like a lamb to slaughter, shared his Body and Blood with his closest friends and asked that they continue to do this in his memory. We are indeed blessed to be called to this Eucharistic meal.

Bulletins are online at—<http://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-mary-church-51640>



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34

Theme: Witnessing to Christ with our lives

A witness testifies to facts, not only to their existence but also to their significance. How often do we reflect on the implications of the facts that are observed?

Today's readings talk about the importance of being God's witness. They stress the importance of being a witness to God and, in turn, revealing God to others.

John the Baptist called Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The lamb is the symbol of *gentleness, sacrifice and triumph*.

The lamb is the symbol of gentleness

The lamb is a gentle and harmless animal. It is so innocent that it will even lick the hand that is raised to slaughter it. Jesus is a gentle and humble person. He once said, "Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart." He died even for those who killed Him.

The lamb is also the animal of Sacrifice

When John called Jesus as the Lamb of God, his mind was filled with the images of the lamb in the Old Testament, especially the Passover lamb. He was reminded of the lamb of the daily sacrifices offered every evening and morning in the temple; he was also reminded of the fact that Jesus was perfect lamb provided by God as a substitute for us, as God provided a lamb for Abraham as a substitute for his son Isaac (Gen. 22:8)

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The sacrifice of Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of all the ancient sacrifices, which were just foreshadows.

The lamb is also a symbol of victory

When Jesus is called the Lamb of God – it means that He is the horned lamb who fought against evil and subdued it. This triumphant Lamb is the one who leads the flock of God and delivers them from their foes, and He rules them in the kingdom of God.

Today's readings challenge us to observe human goodness and to see it as rooted in the Divine. Bad news will dominate the front pages until we overwhelm evil with our witness to good. Like John the Baptist, we are called to point others to Jesus.



Motivational story——-The Circle of Good Deed

Once upon a time Shree Krishna and Arjun went for a short stroll around the city. They saw a poor looking priest begging. Arjun felt pity at him and he gave him a bag full of 100 gold coins. The priest became very happy and thanked Arjun. He left for his home. On way, he saw another person who needed help. The priest could have spared a coin or two to help that person. however, he chose to ignore it. But on way to his home, one thief robbed him of his bag of coins and ran away. **To Pg. 4..**

The priest became dejected and went back again for begging. Next day again when Arjun saw the same priest begging and he was surprised that after getting a bag full of coins which can last a lifetime, the priest was still begging! He called the priest and asked him the reason for this. The priest told him about the whole incident and Arjun again felt pity at him. So, this time he gave him a diamond.

The priest became very happy and left for home and he again saw someone who needed help, but he chose to ignore again. Upon reaching home, he safely put the diamond in an empty pot of water with a plan to cash it out later and live a wealthy life. His wife was not at home. He was very tired, so he decided to take a nap. In between, his wife came home and picked up that empty pot of water, walked towards the river close by to fill up the water. She had not noticed the diamond in the pot. Upon arriving at the river, she put the whole pot into the running river water to fill it up. She filled up the pot, but the diamond was gone with the water flow!

When the priest woke up, he went to see the pot and asked his wife about the diamond. She told him, she had not noticed it and it must have been lost in the river. The priest couldn't believe his bad luck and again started begging. Again, Arjun and Shree Krishna saw him begging and Arjun inquired about it. Arjun felt bad and started thinking if this priest will ever have a happy life.

Shree Krishna who is an incarnation of God smiled. Shree Krishna gave that priest one coin which was not even enough for buying a lunch or dinner for one person. Arjun asked Shree Krishna, "Lord, I gave him gold coins and diamond, which could have given him a wealthy life, yet it didn't help him. How will just one coin help this poor guy?" Shree Krishna smiled and told Arjun to follow that priest and find out.

On the way, the priest was thinking that one-coin Shree Krishna gave him, he can't even buy a lunch for one person. Why would he give so little?
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He saw a fisherman who was getting a fish out of his net. Fish was struggling. The priest felt pity at fish. He thought that this one coin won't solve my problem, why not I save that fish. So the priest paid the fisherman and took the fish. He put the fish in his small pot of water which he always carried with him.

The fish was struggling in a small pot of water, ended up throwing out a diamond from the mouth! The priest screamed with a joy, "I got it, I got it". At that same point, the thief who had robbed the priest's bag of 100 gold coins, was passing through there. He thought that the priest recognized him and may get him punished. He got nervous and ran to the priest. He apologized to the priest and returned his bag full of 100 gold coins. The priest couldn't believe what just happened.

Arjun saw all this and said, "Oh Lord, Now I understand your play".

Moral: When you have enough to help others, don't let that chance go. Your good deeds will always be repaid to you.

"Whenever you face a decision, you first can ask yourself a very dangerous question: 'If I choose this, am I seeking to please the Lord, or am I seeking to satisfy myself?'"

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
How to Make Great Decisions





Ministry Workshop: Pleased be informed that Father Paul Turner, one of the nation's foremost voices in the area of liturgy, will be providing a ministry workshop for pastors, deacons, and parish staff on January 23 at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Atlantic.

The underlying need for this workshop is rooted in three areas of concern:

1. The disconnect between liturgy and faith formation programming,
2. Pastor's concern about the numbers of families attending faith formation programming or Catholic School Masses but who do not attend weekend liturgies, and
3. the recent studies by CARA and Pew about the belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This workshop is ideal for participation by catechetical leaders (religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, sacramental preparation), parish pastoral musicians and liturgists. Bishop Joensen will join us for part of the day.

Please pick up a form at the back of the church and fill. Kindly returned the form to the office ASAP. This will enable planners to prepare adequate materials for each participant.

This is a free workshop that is paid for by support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Let me know if you have any questions.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: The Holy Land Travel Center in Omaha is organizing 12 Days spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 25 to June 5, 2020. This is an opportunity to experience in reality Gospel stories about Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem, Capernaum and Galilee etc. For more information, kindly pick a brochure with a form insert at the back of church.

RSVP Today for Eucharist & Evangelization Workshop

Father Paul Turner, one of the nation's foremost voices in the area of liturgy, will be providing a ministry workshop on Eucharist and evangelization for pastors, deacons and parish staff on Jan. 23 at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Atlantic. The underlying need for this workshop is rooted in three areas of concern shared by pastors and staff:

- the disconnect between liturgy and faith formation programming,
- pastors' concern about the numbers of families attending faith formation programming or Catholic school Masses but who do not attend weekend liturgies,
- the recent studies by CARA and Pew about the belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This workshop is ideal for participation by the pastor, deacons and pastoral staff and designed to focus on our mission together as a pastoral team (religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, sacramental preparation, parish pastoral musicians and liturgists, Catholic school administrators and members of leadership councils). Bishop William Joensen will join us for part of the day.

Register with Sherri Simmer by [emailing her](#) at or by returning the registration slip at the bottom of the flyer to her at the Catholic Pastoral Center address. This is a free workshop that is paid for by support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Let us know if you have any questions.

God's Eyewitness News

"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
John 1:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 1:29-34 (NIV).



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“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

St. Gianna

AS WE GROW OLDER

SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER LEFT
UNSAID -- AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT
RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.

I THOUGHT GETTING OLD
WOULD TAKE LONGER.

RESPECT YOUR
ELDERS. THEY
GRADUATED FROM
SCHOOL WITHOUT
THE INTERNET.

I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT
OLD, I'M 45 -- PLUS
SHIPPING AND
HANDLING.

BEHIND EVERY ANGRY
WOMAN STANDS A
MAN WHO HAS
ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA
WHAT HE DID WRONG.

MY DECISION-
MAKING SKILLS CLOSELY
RESEMBLE THOSE OF A
SQUIRREL WHEN CROSSING
THE ROAD.

Thanks to everyone who helped with taking Christmas decorations down! It's much easier with help. Thank You again!! Now let's get started on 2020!

Holy Humor

Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.'

The boy replied, 'I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office.'



The Glorious mysteries of the Rosary are said every Sunday morning at 8:10 a.m.



Reconciliation

Sunday mornings before mass or by appointment.

Readings for the week of 1-19-2020



Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

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

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



1-20—Noah Goodman

1-23—Annie Wakefield

1-26—Mark Gude

1-26—Angie sheldon

1-26—Kate Roberts

1-27—Amelia Moody

1-30—Dean Mount

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1-3 Harold & Anne
Hendrickson

1-4 Bob & Judy Clark



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp
James Dowling
LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton
Todd Quick

Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long

Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins

Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Gloria Green

Larry Dalton
Vickie Graham
Glen Whitehead

Ronda Shirley
Zayne Osborn
Marty Weston
Anna Weber

Your Contributions Jan 12, 2020

Tithes-\$1005.00

Plate-\$46.00

Biscuits and Gravy—
\$110.00

Thank You!!!

2020	January 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	January 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	February 2 Presentation of the Lord 8:30	February 9 5th Sunday in ordinary time 8:30	February 16 6th Sunday in ordinary time 8:30
Greeters and Ushers	Terry & Kim Travis	Marty & Carolyn Maher	Angie Sheldon Kathy Moody	Dan & Lori Goodman	Jim & Ruth Folkes
Eucharist Ministers	Dan Goodman Vince Hilton	Annie Wakefield Robbi Travis	Joella Travis Bill Green	Denny Travis Vince Hilton	Dan Goodman Joe Travis
Servers	Mia Foster Kylie Foster	Cora Moody Evan Laumann	Max Casey Gabriel Casey	Alyssa Dowling Avery Dowling	Tate Mount Max Mount
Lector	Dave Dowling	Rick Jamison	Joe Travis	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Beth/Liliah	Children's Choir	Kim/Evan	Beth/Liliah	Kate/Cara/ Cora H/ Cora M
Accompanist	Nancy	Kate	Donna	Nancy	Cale/Nicole/ Joseph/Emily
Coffee and Donuts	Robert & Mary Burkhiser	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Terry & Kim Travis	Youth Biscuits and Gravy	Jeff & Lisa Phillips
Wash Linens	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan
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