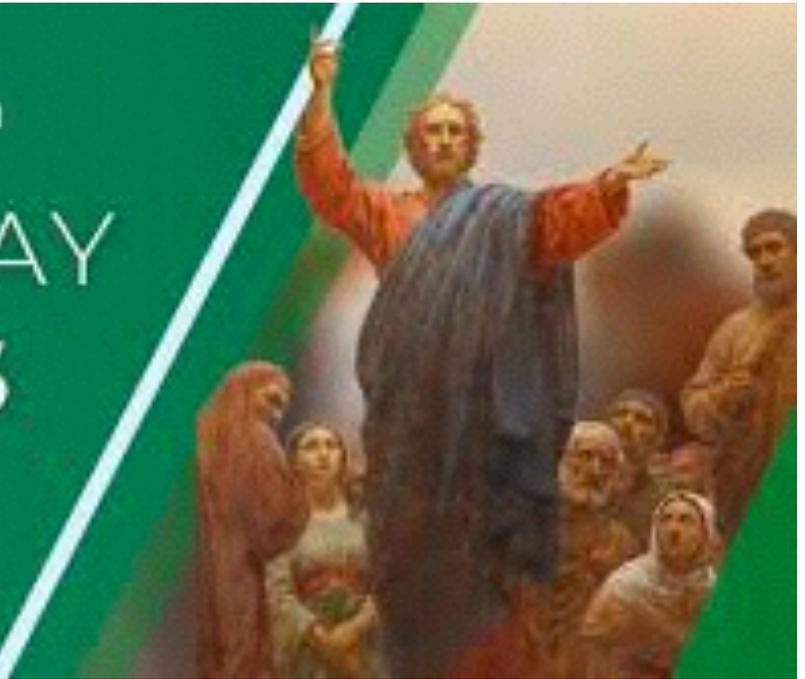


ORDINARY TIME 2021

SUNDAY MASS

January 24, 2021



St. Mary's Catholic Church Hamburg, Iowa

On the Sea of Galilee, Simon and Andrew were fishing for fish when Jesus walked past, saying, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men,” changing their lives forever. We hear stories of calls in the readings today: calls to follow, calls of conversion, calls to repentance, calls to discipleship. Let us take this opportunity today to listen closely and discern whether we can hear Jesus calling us to something more.



Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 25; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark
1:14-20

Theme: 'Follow Me'

Four working men heard Jesus say, "Follow me," and they dropped everything, including a father, and followed him. Peter left his wife, while James and John left Zebedee with his mouth open in deep water! At home, his wife the mother of his two children was waiting for some fish for night meal. Can we imagine poor old Zebedee trying to break the bad news to her? It is one thing not to catch any fish; it is another to lose two full-grown children! How unlucky can a man get? Peter's desertion is even more shocking! How could you put a man in charge of a Church who had walked out on a wife and family? Anyway, does this account of following Jesus have any relevance to us, the ordinary people like you and me? Yes, it does.

Invitation to follow Jesus with commitment and dedication.

In describing the call of the first four, Mark does not give us the full picture. He omits many details in his anxiety to underline something very important. There was no testing of the water with their toes. They were asked to take the plunge and they did. They came to terms instantaneously with the radicalism of the new kingdom. They were smart enough not to get caught in their own nets. This kind of complete commitment is valid for us too. What Jesus requires is dedication! There can be no half measures on his side or on ours. To hear the Word is to share the Word.

The barometer of our Christian values is our manner toward one another.

If our first thought after Sunday Mass is being first out of the parking lot, then the Word has not had much impact on us. The gospel opens us to community. Ask the Lord for strength in your commitments. There are going to be times when the going gets rough. Stay with your major commitments. The rewards for your long-term loyalty may far outweigh the temporary setbacks and crises that you probably experience.

Jesus remains for us, a shining example of commitment to His Father, His apostles, and to His mission to establish the reign of God on earth. We are invited to do the same. Shalom!



The Year of St. Joseph December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021

Pope Francis announced a “Year of St. Joseph” on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* – in honor of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s proclamation

in 1870 of St. Joseph as “Patron of the Universal Church” (*Quemadmodum Deus*). The “Year of St. Joseph” began on December 8, 2020, and will conclude on December 8, 2021, according to the Decree authorized by the Pope.

The Decree states that Pope Francis established a “Year of St. Joseph” so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.”

The Decree adds that the Pope has granted special Indulgences to mark the year. The December 8, 2020 Decree was issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary, which is the dicastery of the Roman Curia that oversees the practice of Indulgences.

In addition to the Decree, Pope Francis also issued an Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020 dedicated to the Foster Father of Jesus Christ. The Pope explained in the Letter, titled *Patris corde* (“*With a father’s heart*”) that he wanted to share some “personal reflections” on the *holy* and *just* Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Holy Father said, “My desire to do so increased during these months of (the) pandemic,” noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others (just as St. Joseph did with the Holy Family). Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes *unnoticed*, a *daily*, *discreet* and *hidden presence* – an *intercessor*, a *support*, and a *guide* in times of trouble,” he wrote. “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Why is St. Joseph the patron of a happy death?

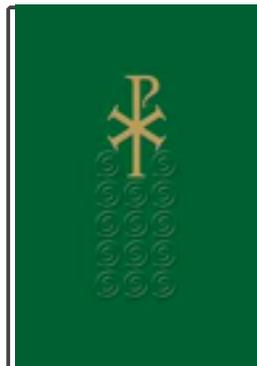
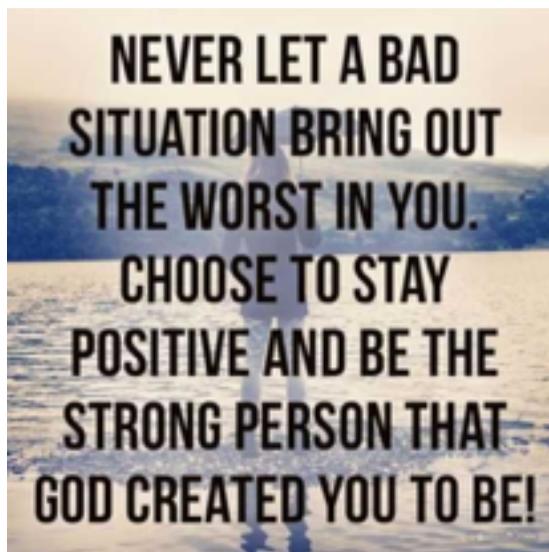
Joseph is called the “Patron of a Happy Death.” He died a blessed and happy death because ***Jesus and Mary were at his side***. His holy death reflected his holy life. St. Joseph was a just man and lived his life loving and serving Jesus and Mary, through being obedient to God's will.



“Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do or what you have.”

MATTHEW KELLY
The Rhythm of Life

Virtual Youth Rally and Mass for Life – January 29 at 8:30 am: This year, the Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting a Virtual Youth Rally and Mass for Life, which will begin on Friday, January 29 at 8:30 AM. This live event will feature Josh Brahm from the Equal Rights Institute, who will speak about ways to talk about pro-life issues in a way that is effective and appropriate. The virtual rally will also feature music from Sarah Kroger, Out of Darkness, and Ivan Diaz. The Youth Rally will be followed by a Mass with Cardinal Wilton Gregory, live-streamed from St. Matthew’s Cathedral with music from PJ Anderson. The event will be live-streamed from YouTube page @WashArchdiocese and will also be available at youthrallyandmassforlife.org. Registration information can be found at <https://vouthrallvandmassforlife.org/registration/>.



The new Journey song books are in the pews. As you look through them, you will see that they cover years A, B and C. To help you get familiar, there is a menu inside the back cover that will help direct you to the correct page until you become acclimated with them. We would still invite you to purchase one (to be left in the church) in memory of a loved one.

Coming Soon~~~~~

Feb. 17-Ash Wednesday--Hamburg Masses --10 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Shenandoah Masses --6:55 A.M.-12 P.M. & 4:30 P.M.

Stations of the cross--Schedules to be released soon.

March 26--St. Mary's Fish Fry

March 28--Palm Sunday

April 1-- Holy Thursday

April 2--Good Friday

April 3-- Holy Saturday

April 4-- Easter Sunday

Bring your mask

If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you

Readings for the week 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

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
 JOSH SIMMONS
 JACOB ANDERSON
 DERRICK HUBARD
 STEVEN ANDERSON
 COLBY MCGINLEY

Your Contributions

January 17, 2021
 Tithes—\$851.00
 Plate—\$32.00

Thank You!!



- 1-26—Mark Gude
- 1-26—Angie Sheldon
- 1-26—Kate Roberts
- 1-27—Amelia Moody
- 1-30—Dean Mount
- 2-1—Frances Nahkunst
- 2-6—Addison Foster



- Greg Andersen
- Grady Secht
- Reese Kemp
- LeRoy Herscheid
- Noah Howe
- Mary Lou Miller
- Dottie Dankof
- Isacc Durr
- Todd Quick
- Verona Mitchell
- Joel Loggins
- Kenneth Russell
- Bill Long
- Henry Johnsen
- Lawrence DuBois
- Pat Sheldon
- Joe Kirk
- Tim Konecny
- Esther McCowan
- Shawn Collins
- Drake Travis
- Martha Gude
- Bill & Gloria Green
- Larry Dalton
- Glen Whitehead
- Zayne Osborn
- Cathy Mason
- Anna Weber
- Alan Briggs
- Chuck Mitchell
- Dee Ann Crews
- Deb Haughton
- Robert Haughton
- Maurie Maher

January BORN FACTS	
24/7	%DAILY VALUE*
INTELLIGENT	105%
SARCASTIC	90%
ROMANTIC	100%
REBELLIOUS	110%
TELL-IT-LIKE-IT-IS	200%
LOYAL TO THE END	110%
SAVAGE	95%
PROBLEM SOLVING	85%
LIE DETECTING	105%
KINDEST IF TREATED WELL	200%
DANGEROUS WHEN PROVOKED	1000%

*DAILY VALUE MAY VARY



- 1-3 Harold & Anne
Hendrickson
- 1-4 Bob & Judy Clark

2021	January 24 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	January 31 4th Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	February 7 5th Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	February 14 6th Sunday of Ordinary time 8:30	February 21 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30
Lector	Joe Travis	Dave Dowling	Carolyn Maher	Susan Hilton	Rick Jamison
Mass Setup	Joe Travis	Rosie	Joe Travis	Rosie	Joe Travis
Cantor	Kate Roberts Cora Hirner	Beth Phillips	Cora Hirner	Beth Phillips Anna Zavadil	
Accompanist	Nancy Pitts	Donna Whelan	Kate Roberts	Nicole Zavadil Emily Welch Cale Phillips	
Wash Linens	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield	Annie Wakefield
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Journey Song books—These books have been distributed in the pews. The opportunity to purchase one in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, is still available. Your name and that of the person will be on a label in the hymn book. Please send your request and \$25 to St. Mary's and we will develop a label to be placed inside of the book. The books will remain in the church for everyone's use. These are a hard copy book with 3-year cycle readings.

