

ORDINARY TIME 2021

SUNDAY MASS

January 31, 2021



St. Mary's Catholic Church Hamburg, Iowa

We begin Catholic Schools Week today. You may not have a child in Catholic school or even have a child of school age, but that does not mean that this week is not important to you, too. Catholic education is a key way we transmit our faith, beliefs, and traditions onto the next generation, as well as teaching reading and math and all the subjects that our young ones need to succeed and contribute to society. Coming together today to worship, let us recall those who have taught us —our parents, teachers, other family members, priests, sisters, and brothers— and thank them for the worlds they have opened to us.



Cycle B -- Reflections on the Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

Theme: He Spoke with Authority

In today's Gospel, we heard that when Jesus taught at the synagogue at Capernaum, the hometown of first four disciples, people were amazed at His teaching because He taught as one having authority and not as the scribes. Authority (in Greek, *exousia*) means an ability to perform an action without hindrance, and therefore, it is often associated with the kings. The teaching of Jesus with authority manifested the dominion of God, which was declared to be near (Mk 1:15); His teaching with authority was God's reassertion of His royal authority in the end-time.

Jesus' Authority is different from authority of the scribes

Many of the scribes were the Pharisees. They were the interpreters of the law and as such were in common touch with the people. That is the reason the people were immediately able to identify authority in Jesus' words as compared to the scribes.

According to the Gospel of Mark, the teaching of the scribes is a human teaching, which nullifies the commandments of God. When the disciples of Jesus were eating without washing of hands, the Pharisees and the scribes objected saying that the disciples of Jesus were not living according to the traditions of the Elders. Jesus accused them saying, "You abandon the commandment of God and hold on to human traditions (Mk 7:1-8)." Jesus' words derive their authority from the fact that He is the Messiah commissioned and authorized by God to proclaim the nearness of God's kingdom.

Characteristics for using authority

If we, like Jesus, are to speak and relate to others with authority rather than power, then we must have certain characteristics:

Our speech and actions, coming from the depth of our beings, ought to have a certain **credibility and conviction**. In other words, there must be a certain matching going on between what we do and what we say. And our words, in turn, must be consistent with what we feel and think.

If we speak with authority, we will show it through a sense of **responsibility**. We will feel accountable to God, to the world, to the community or family. We will live with the moral integrity and sense of values that characterizes a person with inner authority.

There are people in this world who use power, arm-twisting manipulation and force to rob others of their dignity. When, on the contrary, we address others with authority, when we speak and act with credibility and conviction, with respect and a sense of responsibility, with knowledge and in a spirit of service, we give people back their dignity. We thus empower them in a new way, just as Jesus did.

Jesus links his prophetic office with alleviating all that oppresses and depresses the human spirit. Jesus seeks not personal gain but comfort for the hurting.

Baptism empowers Christian spokespersons to address the community for the common good. Our God endorses comforting the depressed, helping the lonely, and visiting the shut-ins. Whenever we reach out to these and similar people, we communicate in a most realistic way the message of God. To share God's Word in action is nothing less than prophetic ministry. Shalom!

Looking ahead

Liturgical calendar: Please mark your calendars for the various activities we have as church family. Kindly see the secretary if you need a printed copy of the liturgical program.

As part of the year of St. Joseph, the month of March is dedicated for St. Joseph, husband of Mary and patron of the Universal Church. Please find time to read the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis "Patris Corde". See your emails for pdf or call the secretary if you need a copy. Let us all try to learn more about St. Joseph, "the just man".



GROUNDHOG DAY

The first Groundhog Day celebration was held in 1887, but its origins go back much further to the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day. The belief was held that if the sun shone that day, then winter would continue another six weeks. Germans adapted this idea, basing their prediction on whether a hedgehog saw its shadow on Candlemas Day.

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When German settlers arrived in Pennsylvania, they carried this tradition with them but switched their weather forecaster from a hedgehog to a groundhog. On February 2, 1887, a newspaper editor from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania declared the city's groundhog, Phil, as the only official weather-predicting groundhog. Each year, thousands of people continue to gather in Punxsutawney to witness Phil cast his shadow and reveal either an early spring or a long winter.



Sweetheart's Dinner

TO GO

St. Mary's Church  **1306 Washington Street
Hamburg, IA**

**10:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m.**



**Sunday,
Feb. 14**



~ MENU ~

- *Gourmet Ham Balls with Sauce*
- *Sweetheart Potatoes*
- *French Style Green Bean Medley*
- *Hot Roll*
- *Light Decadent Cake w/a surprise on top*

\$15.00 Per Meal

**PLEASE CALL by
Feb. 8 to Pre-order:
712-382-1512 or
712-313-1320**

Take out or
Drive-up on the 14th for
Curbside Delivery

Proceeds from this event go to the
St. Mary's Building Fund to construct a
new Religious Ed Center

*As we are doing a fund
raiser, we would like to
request some donations
if you would be able to
contribute.*

The following is a list of
needs for you to chose
from:

- ◆ ***Cream of Chicken
soup***
- ◆ ***Cream of
mushroom soup***
- ◆ ***Shredded cheddar
cheese***
- ◆ ***Shredded frozen
hash browns***
- ◆ ***Onions***
- ◆ ***Sour cream***

If you can collect any of
these items for us, we
would like you to leave
them at the church by
Feb. 8th. We appreciate
your help!

**“Ask Him to remind you that though there
will be times your best efforts don't get
recognized by those around you—
He never misses a thing.”**

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--Complete Schedules will be available next week

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 week of Jan 31.

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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 24, 2021
Tithes—\$1114.10
Plate—\$42.00

Thank You!!

BORN IN FEBRUARY?

YOU'RE...

- 1.) LESS IRRITABLE
- 2.) BIRTHSTONE IS AMETHYST
- 3.) EXTREMELY HONEST
- 4.) VERY MYSTERIOUS
- 5.) INNOVATIVE
- 6.) UNIQUE
- 7.) DETERMINED
- 8.) LOYAL
- 9.) GENEROUS
- 10.) STRONG
- 11.) DEVOTED
- 12.) ENJOYING YOUR LIFE



2-1—Frances Nahkunst

2-6—Addison Foster

2-7 — Larry Phillips

2-8—Seth Ettelman

2-9—Cameron Whitehead

2-14—Rick Jamison

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Beth Phillips 2-2

Rick & Teresa Jamison 2-13

Denny & JoElla Travis 2-22



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

Robert Haughton

Maurie Maher

2021	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	February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:30
Lector	Dave Dowling	Carolyn Maher	Susan Hilton	Rick Jamison	Kathleen Lorimor
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe Travis	Rosie	Joe Travis	Rosie
Cantor	Beth Phillips	Cora Hirner	Beth Phillips Anna Zavadil		
Accompanist	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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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.

