

January 25, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Notes:

Sunday Scriptures: Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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Special Request: On behalf of our brothers and sisters of the Chaldean Church in Iraq and Syria, Bishop Sirba asks that we join with the Bishop of the U.S Chaldean diocese and all other dioceses throughout the United States in praying the Rosary for nine days from January 25 to February 2. It is a terrible and horrific time for Christians in the Middle East who are being martyred for their Christian Faith and exiled from their communities. Please ask the intercession of Our Lady of Chaldeans. With every blessing! Fr. Michael

Men of Faith Conference: February 21 at Marshall School Fregeau Auditorium. National Speaker - Deacon Ralph Poyo. Registration deadline February 9. Register online at www.duluthcatholicmen.org. Fee: \$25 until February 9, \$35 after February 9.

Collection for the Church in Latin America: Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come.

Mark your calendars: **Leona Currier will be celebrating her 90th birthday** with a surprise party on **March 28th** at the AmericInn hospitality room from **12-4 pm**. This is an early notice while she is still in Michigan; they want it to be a surprise. No gifts please.

The Knights of Columbus has sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer Programs since 1979. St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is participating in the **Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Program** beginning by hosting a prayer service on **Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30**; everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, January 28, at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. If you have any questions contact Lana at 353-7714.

This past **Thursday, January 22, marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision known as Roe vs. Wade**. Since then, a very large event has taken place in Washington D.C. every year which almost never makes it into the evening news. Over 400,000 adults, young adults, and teens gather to peacefully march through the streets near our Capital to stand in love for the unborn and the mothers carrying them. Amazingly, the number of participants continues to grow every year. The God of life is alive indeed!

Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI will be celebrating his 25th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary with a Mass on Monday, February 2 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth. The Mass will begin at **5:30 pm**. All are welcome to attend.

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Parish Office Located in Rectory 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>ST. FRANCIS DESALES</i>	01/24/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Leann Buell Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/25/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Sue Bahar Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Chalices....Gerry Bahar Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS</i>	01/26/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. ANGELA MERICI</i>	01/27/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>ST. THOMAS AQUINAS</i>	01/28/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/29/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – Intention for Dylan Thornborrow	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/30/15
Saturday	<i>ST. JOHN BOSCO</i>	01/31/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Gerry Baker Reader.....Jim Frericks Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Tom Frericks Chalices....Lanay Frericks Servers.....Jason Blood & Giovanni Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	02/01/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk Gifts.....Volunteers	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Leesyl McKinney, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Charlie & Doris Vincent, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Allison Bahar, Rhowyn Byrnes, Sonny Joyce, Mae Dehnhoff, Mary Lundgren, James Currier, Don Hedin, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Emma Cavataio, Lois Kind, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Roger Gale, Jeff Mitchell, Arthur Barthman, Kennady Roberts, Kathy Thompson, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, Alan Larson, Susan Manning, Joe Kowalowski, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, February 4** starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. For **Adult Faith Formation**, our guest speakers will be **Andy and Leanne Buell**. They will share their slideshow on their journey through the Holy Land. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have children who are too young for the Faith Formation program, child care is provided. For more details, please contact the parish office.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: A reminder from Thrivent to designate your 2014/2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice. For your funds to go to your charity of your choice, you need to call in twice a year and it is that time of year again. There are over 260 Thrivent Financial members in the area who have Choice dollars to donate from 2014/2015. Make a call to 800-847-4836 today and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your dollars. If you have questions contact Gary Zinter at 218-226-3442 or 800-777-4533.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial members who have designated St. Mary's Church as your charity for your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Last Week's Contributions	
General Collection.....	\$1191.00
Building Fund.....	160.00