

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019



Dear parishioners,

It seems to me, as I observe life, that there are a lot of card-carrying Catholics—people who say they are Catholic but who not do what is required to be Catholic, who do not practice their Catholic faith. As I have said before, faith is about our relationship with God. Religion is about the commitment I make to a particular community so that I have the guidance and support I need to live the life to which I have been called.

I hear Jesus' message to his hometown folks to be something of the same. They couldn't expect God to show them deference just because they bore the name "Jew". God worked miracles for a non-Jewish widow and a non-Jewish leper. This widow and this leper were the only ones who were the beneficiaries of the miracles. The deciding factor was their faith and their generous love.

So what does Jesus get for his observation? His own townspeople want to push him off the cliff!

It's hard for us to hear criticism or correction. We'd rather be left in the comfort of our *status quo* even if it is serving us poorly. The prophets spoke on behalf of God to call people back to right relationship with God.

There are still prophets in our midst reminding us where our heart and our commitment ought to be. Let's pray for 1) openness of ears and heart so that we can recognize the challenge to live more authentically and integrally and 2) docility and discipline to do what we know we ought to do. Let's pay attention to the guidance and support of the Church.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 2	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Feb 3	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Sat Feb 9	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention Angela and Richard Knott
Sun Feb 10	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

Communion Services

Fri Feb 8	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,562.00	Loose \$999.00
Children	\$48.50	Total \$4,609.50

90 envelopes returned = 43%

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Assignments for February 9 & 10, 2019

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley

Servers: Derek Swartzlander, Eli Jones,
Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Joe Herrmann and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Mark Zwiebel, Tricia Herrmann,
Larry Hoffman, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Meyer

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ethan Hoffman,
and Evan Grothause

Readings for February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

