

January 22, 2017

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



Called to Discipleship

Today, Jesus calls the first disciples. As Jesus' followers, they were invited to serve at his side and speak and act in his name, dispelling the darkness of evil, ignorance, prejudice, pain and need while bringing God's good and gracious light to all. In considering the call of those first followers of Jesus, we find an opportunity for rethinking and reclaiming the varied calls that have made us who we are.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of the deceased of the Maskey & Shanen Families.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Annie Mae & Alfred P. Dierschke Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 28

6:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Bessie & Jim Kouba Family

Sunday, January 29

6:30 a.m. Tillie & Joe Schoenfeld

9:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Dierschke & Beyer Families

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: 146

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Robert Shockley.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TODAY



We welcome members of Court #2018 to our liturgical celebration today. We ask all Catholic Daughters to re-dedicate themselves to the work of this organization and to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the principles of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind. *For more information about Court #2018 see insert.*

The Catholic Daughters will have a Coffee and Kolache membership drive today after Mass, Family Room. All CDA members and any Catholic women, 18 years and older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities are invited to attend. Court Father Joseph Kopp welcomes you and would be very happy to have you join us.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner – Feb. 26

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

Proceeds are used to purchase the hosts, altar wine, oil for the candles, altar linens, vestments, and other items needed for Liturgical celebration. The Altar Society also provides altar flowers when needed and monetary support for Church projects and programs.

ORIENTATION

Who is Your Spiritual "Pair"?

Peter and Andrew immediately dropped their nets, their livelihood, to follow the renegade Jesus and two more brothers then followed. If Jesus were to walk through our town today, what would you have to immediately drop to spread a great message? There are many lights (people) who chase our darkness away. Disciples are meant to be this light at all times. Understanding the need for companionship, Jesus' first disciples were pairs – brothers. Who is your spiritual "pair" that you might want to come with you to feel more secure in walking a new path? If this person does not know how important they are to how you want to follow Christ Jesus, take time to affirm their discipleship and how it helps you be a better follower of Jesus.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:39 p.m., YMC – Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Room

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Called to Spread Christ's Light

There can be no light, not even a reflected light, without a light source, and for believers of both Testaments, that source is undeniably and irrefutably God.

In today's first reading the political situation of Israel has been engulfed by the darkness of Assyrian oppression. Nevertheless, Isaiah held out hope to his contemporaries, hope in the form of a call from God that would lead the people out of the darkness into the light. Followers of Jesus believe that Isaiah's promises were fulfilled in his coming. This belief is celebrated in the midnight liturgy for Christmas; in the birth of Christ, a new light has come.

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry in today's Gospel signaled the end of the era of darkness and the birth of the new age of reign of God. With the arrest (and eventual death) of John the Baptizer, Jesus takes center stage. He makes his way to the region of Zebulon and Naphtali, those first territories to be "darkened" by Assyrian aggression. By his very presence and through his words and works, Jesus brought light to that darkness. Those who wished to walk in his light would be challenged to take to heart his call to repent and welcome the reign of God.

To aid his efforts at being light and bringing light to all nations, Jesus called upon others to serve with him. First among those servant disciples were fishermen. They had a lot to lose by following him, yet they dropped everything and followed Jesus.

As teacher and healer as light and life, Jesus continues to call disciples to himself. Those who accept his call to belong to him are also challenged to belong to others, serving their needs, sharing their faith, encouraging their hope as Jesus did.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your contribution educates priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries; trains catechists and supports the Church's work with the poor.

Please be generous.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - January 22

NOTE: Because January 22 falls on a Sunday in 2017, the designated observance for 2017 is Monday, January 23.

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of

America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

— US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Prayer

*God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jan. 22 – Judson Anderle, Eugenia Pustejovsky
Jan. 23 – Sidney Bochat
Jan. 24 – Kaylee Trejo
Jan. 27 – Aimee Fojtik
Jan. 28 – Trent Roznovsky

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 23 – Jeannette & Oscar Tousek
Jan. 25 – Linda & John Machacek
Jan. 26 – Congratulations Betty & Harry Masek
on your 60th Wedding Anniversary

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Sanctuary Light – January 29, February 26
Bulletin Sponsor – January 29, February 5
Altar Flowers – January 29, February 5

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – 4th Grade Youth Mass / C.C.D.

Jan. 23 – K-2nd Grade After School Program

Jan. 25 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.

Next Sunday – C.C.D.