

January 14, 2018

## Ordinary Time

### Second Sunday



#### What Are You Looking For?

**In response to this question of Jesus the two disciples of John the Baptist, asked Jesus *where are you staying?* The two disciples speak their desire to follow Jesus. Jesus' reply, *come, and you will see* means that he is ready to accept the two men's request. They, on their part in total freedom must be willing to accompany Jesus wherever he goes. So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. Jesus today asks us the same question. *What are you looking for? What is your response?***

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of  
Annie Mae & Alfred P. Dierschke, Sr. by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend  
are donated by the Altar Society.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Frank Wagner, Jr.

Thursday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Bertha Schutz

Friday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Josie & Herbert Albrecht,  
Mary & Victor Hruby, Thomas Meekins

Saturday, January 20

6:30 p.m. Paul Leininger

Sunday, January 21

6:30 a.m. Ollie L. Meisetschleager & Ave Marie Lewis

9:30 a.m. Annie Mae & Alfred P. Dierschke, Sr.

#### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Alfred P. Dierschke, Sr.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – JANUARY 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18, and concludes on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This year's theme "*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power,*" is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. Throughout 2018, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one."

#### SOCIETY NEWS

**Catholic Daughters Coffee & Kolache Membership Drive next Sunday, January 21, 10:30 a.m.** in the Family Room for 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. The Catholic Daughters welcome you and would be very happy to have you join us. See the brochure in today's bulletin for more information.

**CDA Meeting moved to next Monday, January 22** so that members can attend the Stock Show activities.

**Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner, February 25.** Raffle Tickets for the raffle held in conjunction with the event may be purchased from any Altar Society member, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

#### THANK YOU NOTE

Father Larson.

Thank you for your generous collection to Harvey victims. I lost my mom & home in one week. Faith allowed me to get through that difficult time. May your community be blessed for many years to come.  
God Bless

This note is from one of the recipients of the donations St. Joseph's Church made to various families and organizations in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

#### BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

**Bulletin Sponsor** – January 28

**Sanctuary Light** – February 25

**Altar Flowers** – February 10-11

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – No Gold Star Club Meeting (Stock Show)

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

– Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

– Men's A.C.T.S. Team Meets, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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

## REFLECTION

### *Considering Our Vocation*

Ordinary Time is ushered in with a meditation on the call to discipleship. This call is not reserved for a select few. It accompanies our baptismal commitment and is issued to all Christians.

Discipleship is not something we take upon ourselves. It is an invitation from God. It might come to us in the form of an inner call, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Or our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naiveté of childhood, in the vigor of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls us. We could be called during some religious event, while we are in the embrace of our family, or when we are out with our friends. The ordinariness of the occasion can sometimes deceive us into misjudging the significance of the event. But if we are attentive to the promptings of our heart we will be given the insight needed to recognize what is really happening: we are being called by God.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jan. 14 – Frank Darilek  
Jan. 15 – Douglas Fojtik  
Jan. 16 – Jack Cinadr, Pauline Lamza, Tony Janak  
Jan. 18 – Jeralyn Barta

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 14 – Elizabeth & Sam Sustr

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – No C.C.D. (Stock Show)  
**Jan. 15** – No K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
(early dismissal from School & Stock Show activities)  
**Jan. 17** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program  
– 9-11 C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – \* 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Mass  
– Confessions after Mass for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
– C.C.D.  
*\* All K-11<sup>th</sup> Grade C.C.D. Students are reminded to be in their classrooms by 9:15 a.m. so they can process into Church with their teacher and classmates.*



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 15, 2018

The federal holiday reminds us of Dr. King's achievements and of our continuing moral obligation to build a just society with equal rights for all.

## Responding to God with Our Lives

God wishes to know each of us intimately and whatever we do for God and for others should flow from that relationship. Our lives constitute a response to God's call. Each person's vocation in life merges at a certain point with one's very being. At that point, one's vocation and one's person become just one thing. It is not just priests and religious brothers and sisters who have vocations. Even though the practice of medicine, law or engineering can be profession they can at the same time be vocations. To have a vocation means that everything one does in life has the potential to realize some of the good ordained in the world by God. By valuing all we are and by doing everything as a response to God's call, we begin to understand how important it is to be quietly sensitive to the overtures of God.

## LOOKING AHEAD LITURGICALLY

### ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE B



Each year of the three-year Liturgical Cycle, (A. B. C.) is dedicated to one of the synoptic Gospels, (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year we are in Cycle B. We read from Mark's Gospel. Most of the Gospel readings will be read from the beginning of Jesus' ministry (Mark 1:12-20) through the discourse on the coming of the Son of Man (Mark 13:24-32). Because Mark's Gospel is noticeably shorter than Matthew's or Luke's Gospel, it would have been difficult to find enough material for all the Sundays. This is why the reading of Mark's Gospel is interrupted at the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus' walking on the water, and the cures wrought in Gennesaret (Mark 6:35-56). For five Sundays from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> we read the Discourse of the Bread of Life from John's Gospel (John 6:1-69). We resume the reading of Mark's Gospel on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

Every year on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time we read a passage from John's Gospel. This year being Cycle B, it is the call of the first disciples – John, Andrew, and his brother Simon Peter (John 1:35-42). As we go along in the year, St. Mark's Gospel shows Jesus always on the go, unceasingly moving elsewhere, farther, and urging his disciples to make up their minds to follow him without ever stopping and getting settled.

**Mark's Gospel challenges us, "This is no longer the time to remain neutral. You must choose sides – for or against Jesus. He is not shut up in the tomb. Throw your lot with Jesus, the Living One, the Son of God."**