

January 21, 2018

## Ordinary Time

Third Sunday



### **God's Forgiveness Always Offered**

***This is the time of fulfillment ...***

***Repent, and believe in the gospel!***

**In order to launch his mission of repentance and belief, Jesus called his first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Their immediate response to the call teaches us what it means to repent and believe in the gospel. It is turning around and re-orienting one's whole attitude toward God. This results in a personal attachment to Jesus, following him in his way – a way that will lead to the Cross and to the Resurrection.**

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of  
Jodie L. & Travis Gold, by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend  
are donated in memory of  
Marie & August J. Fojtik by their family.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Friday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Daniel Fojtik Jr., Ella Migl, Frances Pilat,  
Donald Tamplen, Frank Wagner, Jr.

Saturday, January 27

6:30 p.m. Beverly Kloesel

Sunday, January 28

6:30 a.m. Josephine & E.E. Darilek

9:30 a.m. Dianne, Julius & Yvonne Simper

### **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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Mary Ann Nieto.

### **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.

**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. 25**

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 from the annual fundraiser 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. *Mark your calendar – support the ladies.*

### **CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL – JANUARY 25**

On January 25 the Church celebrates the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a conversion story par excellence. Through Paul's tireless preaching and writing, Christ became known throughout the Roman world. Read the accounts of St. Paul's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16 and 9:1-22. He welcomed many helpers, such as Timothy and Titus, whose feast we celebrate on January 26.

*This week reflect on your own ongoing conversion and those who have mentored you along the way.*

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**TUESDAY** – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room

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

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

**THURSDAY** – Quilting Ladies Meet, Quilting Room

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

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

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,  
especially Eugenia Pustejovsky.**

## REFLECTION

### *Urgency in Acceptance*

There is a sense of urgency in today's readings. Unless we embrace the gospel now and live it fully, we may run out of time. The world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave our nets, the familiarity of our former ways of living, and follow the call we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We may be called from a life we enjoyed, as the Corinthians were, or we may be called like Jonah to a life from which we try to escape. In either case, God's call to discipleship is persistent, even unrelenting. As demanding as it may seem, we should be grateful that God does not give up.

As disciples we are called not only to enter the reign of God but to promote it and to spread it. We are ambassadors of God; we bring the Good News of salvation, and we do this wherever we are and in whatever we do. Having been called by God, we now begin to live our lives in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 21 – Mary Kristynik  
Jan. 22 – Judson Anderle, Eugenia Pustejovsky  
Jan. 23 – Sidney Bochat  
Jan. 24 – Kaylee Trejo  
Jan. 26 – Hunter Pilat  
Jan. 27 – Aimee Fojtik

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 21 – Kristi & Bradley Anderle  
Jan. 22 – Cynthia & German Vasquez  
Jan. 23 – Jeannette & Oscar Tousek  
Jan. 25 – Linda & John Machacek  
Jan. 26 – Betty & Harry Maskey

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Mass; C.C.D.  
– Confessions after Mass for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Jan. 22** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Jan. 24** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

### *The Blessings of Repentance*

The sinners of Nineveh believed God's word, repented and were subsequently blessed with deliverance. Their repentance effected a new beginning in their lives and an introduction to the God whose name they did not know but whose beloved children they discovered themselves to be nevertheless. Saint Mark reminds us that in order to welcome the blessing of the Gospel into our lives we are first to repent, i.e., reform our lives so as to create an atmosphere wherein faith can grow.

*What or who are you willing to leave behind to follow Jesus? How absolute is your repentance?*

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT 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

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. We ask this 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.*

## ORIENTATION

**Call to Discipleship:** This period of Ordinary Time is really an interlude between seasons. Christmas is behind us, and in a few weeks we will be entering the season of Lent. Although time and again we might catch a glimpse of the future, a hint of what lies ahead for Jesus and for those who are his disciples, during this interim period our readings invite us to reflect on various aspects of discipleship. Having considered the call to discipleship last week, today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of this call, namely, evangelization, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. The character of God's reign is not revealed this Sunday, but the urgency of our acceptance of it certainly is.