

January 23, 2011: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." — Mt 4:18-19

Adapted from the Lectionary for Mass (RSCM, 1988, 1997, 2002).

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Jan. 23 (Is 8:23; 9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23)

8:00 am- Russell Grahmann

10:30 am- Victor & Christine Rivera

Monday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church (Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30)

7:00 am- Henry Schneider, III

10:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Forrest & Margaret Timm's 50th Anniversary (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle (Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18)

7:00 am- Fred & Pauline Schindler

Wednesday, January 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops (2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20)

7:00 am- Joe E. & Mary Smolik Family

8:05 am- Joe & Lydia Kostelnik

Thursday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, virgin (Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25)

7:00 am- Doraine Buck

10:00 am- Alfonse Mucala (Stevens)

Friday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church (Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34)

7:00 am- Mary Grafe

8:05 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann

Saturday, January 29 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41)

5:30 pm- Clyde & Georgie Jobb

Sunday, Jan. 30 (Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a)

8:00 am- Grace Ann Liska

10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Bill & Margaret Bludau's 55th Anniversary

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Alphonse & Helen Steffek by the family.

Vigil Light: Special intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,634.50; Loose-\$1,115; Children-\$30; Catholic Ed.-\$1,931; Solemnity-\$65; Initial Envelopes-\$486; Church Endowment-\$350; School Endowment-\$180.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Alphonse Rabel*, brother of Marvin Rabel; *Mary Jansky Koenig*, daughter of Sarah Jansky; and, *Doraine Buck* of Moravia Parish. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Gilbert & Debra Wick 30 years Jan. 24
Ronnie & Debra DeLaRosa 25 years Jan. 25

Radio Broadcast Mass and Bulletin sponsors are still needed. Radio Broadcast - \$50. Bulletin - \$80. Please call the Rectory if you are able to be a sponsor. *Thank you!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Texas State Championship Domino Tournament, KC Hall. Registration begins 7:00 am. Tournament begins at 9:00 am. Young Farmers BBQ Chicken Dinner drive thru plates to go will be available. Get tickets in advance from any Young Farmer or the KC Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Eric Genuis Concert, 7:00 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Adult Education, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

-CCD: Grades K-12th, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

-Scripture Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

-First Penance Practice, 9:00-11:30 am in church.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

-First Penance, 2:00 p.m. in church.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Marge Rehm, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, John Pavliska, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Theresa Steffek, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Donald Zabransky, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Dr. Don Peterson, Charlene Wick, Charles W. Patek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Candlelight March for Life, Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. starting at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral to Fellowship Bible Church, 3306 N. Laurent. Speaker, Eve Silver, New Jersey Cancer Research Analyst, will be speaking about breast cancer. For more information, please call Paul Tasin at 578-2002.

Parish Finance Council & Parish Advisory Council will meet on Monday, January 31.

Flowers this past week at the Altar of Sacrifice were in memory of Mary Ann Koenig.

The IWBS Sisters are hosting "Come and See" visits for single Catholic women (high school graduates through 50 years of age) on March 5-6 and April 9-10 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. If interested, check them out at www.iwbsvictoria.org, call 361-575-7111, or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com for more details or to make a reservation.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course will be held on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning January 31 through April 25. \$99.00 per couple or per person. If interested, please call the Rectory to register.

Father Tommy and I have both made our annual Priest Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. These were good retreats for both of us.

Many people in our country today are subject to addictions, especially alcohol and drugs. If you would like to help someone you know who is addicted or you yourself, the following can help.

Help is out there – does someone you know...drink too much or have a drug problem? Help is available in your community by calling your local information for the number of the nearest Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Al-Anon or Nar-Anon meeting. Also, a free prayer book “**Prayers for Addicted Persons and Their Loved Ones**”, free “**Serenity Prayer Bookmarks**” and a helpful guide “**When they Can’t (or Won’t) Quit Alcohol or Drugs**” are available from the National Catholic Council on Alcoholism and Related Drug Problems. Write: NCAA, 1601 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, Michigan 48360 or thru email at ncaa@guesthouse.org or call 800-626-6910. ext. 1200, or come by Sacred Heart Rectory for more information.

This can be very helpful if you follow through with it.

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Office: 798-4251

Jan. 24: School Holiday (Junior Livestock Show).

Jan. 27: School Advisory Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Beginning next Sunday, January 30, please join us for National Catholic Schools Week. Join us for a variety of events that demonstrate our high academic standards & strong moral values, as well as some that are just plain fun. Please see the insert in this week’s bulletin.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124
Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Jan. 29: First Penance practice at 9:00 a.m.

Jan. 30: First Penance, 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 2: No class (Catholic Schools Week).

Adult Education

January 25: The Sacraments in Scripture. Come and explore the scriptural basis for our seven Sacraments. All of them are there. Our Lord Jesus gave us seven great gifts which we call Sacraments to help us on our pilgrimage to heaven and to make us all Saints. Not only are these seven Sacraments apparent in the Sacred Tradition of the Church, but they are also present in the Sacred Scriptures. Christ has chosen to use physical signs to mediate His invisible grace through the Sacraments.

Perpetual Adoration – An adorer is needed on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. Please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Women’s ACTS Retreat, March 3-6. Applications available in foyer of church & must be mailed no sooner than Jan. 24. For more information, contact Glenda Trlicek, Director, at (361) 798-3291 or 798-4242.

Laguna Isle Extravaganza, Saturday, Feb. 5, Knights of Columbus Hall. Benefits Sacred Heart School. Social: 6:00-7:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30-9:00 pm. Dance: 9:00 pm-12:00 am. Tickets: \$125 per couple, includes social with hors d’oeuvres, steak dinner for two & dance. Music by Cactus Country. Tickets are available at Sacred Heart Credit Union, Sacred Heart School Office & the Rectory.

Day of Penance & Prayer in Shiner, Sunday, January 23. Eucharistic Procession, 3:00 pm from Welhausen Park to Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church. Pro-life Rosary, Litany for Life, Benediction. In case of inclement weather, Holy Hour & Benediction will be held in church.

Eric Genuis, world renowned composer & concert pianist will be offering one concert at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After reading today's Gospel, I found myself wondering what would be the kind of call for which I would leave at once what I was doing as Simon Peter and Andrew did. I know if my next-door neighbor with a disabled daughter would call for help I would run over right away. The same goes if I got a phone call for help from my ninety-three-year-old mother. If there were an accident in front of my house I would run out right away. And if someone important called - the president, the mayor, the bishop (all unlikely probabilities), my boss - I would respond. I tried to think for whom I would get up from my work and leave immediately, and I was hard-pressed to come up with an answer.

All this leads me to wonder about the Gospel. Did Peter and Andrew already know Jesus? Were James and John familiar with His teaching? Matthew doesn't give us much to go on other than the fact that Jesus had started preaching a message of repentance and the advent of the kingdom of heaven. So what made them get up at once and go?

Certainly the spontaneous response of these four fishermen to Jesus involved the action of God's grace. Maybe they had already considered getting out of the business. Or possibly they were mesmerized by this charismatic preacher. For whatever reason, Peter, Andrew, James and John chose to cooperate with God's grace by responding to the call that Jesus gave to them. Their response changed their lives forever. We know they still did fishing, even after the Resurrection (see Jn 21), but they became apostles and spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world. God's call to each of us may not be as dramatic as someone walking up to us in the workplace and saying, "Follow me." But the call comes just the same. Are we ready to cooperate with God's grace?

