

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

There is one problem with Christian discipleship. No one will ever become a master. The most we can strive for is to be journeymen, like Jonah and Jesus' disciples. We can only show others the way if we commit ourselves to the journey and walk at the Master's side, trusting and listening and following the ways of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 22, 2018

Monday, January 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 23, St. Vincent

8:15AM Jim Prost by Don & Jerry Wingerter

Wednesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales

10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor

Thursday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

NO MASS

Friday, January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:15AM Charlie Marcinkowski by Family

Saturday, January 27, St. Angela Merici

5PM John Bauer by Bernice, Norma & Lois

Sunday, January 28

9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR JAN. 21 THRU JAN. 28

Sunday 9AM Mass

Monday NO MASS

11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon

Pork Sausage & Kraut/Fried Chicken

6PM School Board Meeting

Tuesday 8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday 10:30AM Mass at Three Springs

7PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory

Thursday Fr. Gene's Day Off

Friday 8:15AM Mass (Grades 5 & 6 Liturgy)

2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS

4:30-7PM K of C Fish Fry

Saturday 5PM Mass

Sunday 9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: First apprentice, then journeyman, and final master. That's the way someone "travels" when learning a trade. But before "setting out" one must find a trustworthy master who will accept him as a student. Then he must commit himself to the "journey" of learning the trade. By watching, listening, imitating, and following the advice of the master, the disciple gradually learns the "ways" of the master. The Scriptures this week present a journeyman, Jonah, and a master, Jesus. Why did people trust and follow them? People responded to Jonah because he was traveling the way of the Lord himself; he had repented and set out on the journey of discipleship. They responded to Jesus because he was a master worthy of their trust and because he invited them to be his disciples, to walk at his side and to study his ways. People followed them not because of their words, but because they knew the way.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,142.00

\$679.00 Improvement Fund; \$85.00 Cemetery; \$65.00

Initial Offering; \$2.00 Child Envelope

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,857.85

Fiscal Year Week: 29

YTD Actual Giving: \$198,877.50

YTD Budget Need: \$203,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$4,122.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$142.16)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Jan. 27 & 28: 5PM, Koby Jany, Nate Maes; 9AM, Shane Bicket, Gene Bicket, Isaac Jany

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We can't do everything, but we use the gifts we have to transform our world as we have first been transformed in Christ."

Bishop Ken Untener

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Jan. 26, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Help-A-Student Fund. On Feb. 2 the fish fry will be for the Alzheimer's Association.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will host the mobile market at 10AM in the Cohen Complex on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Volunteers are needed to speed the distribution. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264. The Pantry is in need of canned meats, canned fruits, and canned pasta.

DINNER AUCTION: Save the date! Saturday, April 7, will be the date of the 2018 Gala Dinner Auction. Call Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve your seat. Cost is \$35.00 per seat.

THE MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION and Renewal Weekend is coming Feb. 3 & 4. With your subscription *The Messenger* can reach more Catholics in southern Illinois, bring you articles from prominent thinkers and local news all designed to give you new insights and hope.

SHOOTING MATCH: St. Mary's School Board is sponsoring a Shooting Match at Shiloh Hill Tavern on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 1PM. They will have a Meat Wheel, Money Rounds, 50/50 Drawing, Gun Raffle and Food available. Tickets for the Gun Raffle are available in the school office (826-3120).

SCRIP GIFT CARDS are the perfect gift for those you love on Valentine's Day! Don't forget about those Easter baskets too; the Spring season will soon be upon us! Contact Brandy Maes (615-7020) to place orders or drop off an order form at school. Additional cards are also kept on hand in the school office, come check them out!

CARRYING CHRISTMAS INTO THE NEW YEAR:

When we witness suffering in the world around us, we know that many did not have a carefree, merry Christmas. The world is broken. There is suffering. And God Himself comes into that suffering to be with us. This is the true nature of compassion-to suffer with. In this new year, how do we carry the message of Christmas in our hearts? How do we live its truth in our lives, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Let us not forget that we are called to love one another as Christ loved us, to heal the brokenhearted and to enter compassionately into the suffering of others.

DIFFERENT FIRST WORDS TODAY: The first words of Jesus in the gospel of St. Mark are: "Time of fulfillment . . . kingdom of God . . . at hand . . . repent . . . believe in the gospel." We will hear them again with the giving of ashes at the first start of Lent. We need to be reminded, don't we? What is this gospel, this Good News I choose to believe today? How can I live both in this world and in the kingdom of God that is already begun? How will my belief spill into action, into mercy work?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, 8:30-11AM, Buffet Breakfast; Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Augustine, Hecker, 1:30PM, Quilt/Cash Bingo