

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 26, 2020

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

How will you respond to the invitation this week to pray for the unity of Christians? Will you allow Paul's words to enlighten you about another Christian denomination? Will you attend an event at a neighbor's church?

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 27, 2020

Monday, Jan. 27, St. Angela Merici  
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Tuesday, Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas  
8:15AM Miles Long by Marilyn & Mike  
Wednesday, Jan. 29  
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs  
Thursday, Jan. 30  
NO MASS  
Friday, Jan. 31, St. John Bosco  
8:15AM Bob Friess by John  
Saturday, Feb. 1  
5PM John Hanger by Lenard & Barb  
Sunday, Feb. 2  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 26 THRU FEB. 2

Sunday	9AM Mass - Catholic Schools Week PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Fried Chicken/Chili/Grilled Cheese
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Com. Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass ( All School)
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Jesus' hometown of Nazareth lies to the southwest of the Sea of Galilee, whereas Capernaum is situated to the north, in the middle of the former area of Naphtali. This area was annexed by the empire after the devastation wrought by the Assyrians around the year 732 B.C. It included a number of non-Israelites and was referred to as the Galilee (District) of the Gentiles. The Evangelist's citation of the Isaiah passage points to Jesus' identity as the long-expected Davidic king who has brought salvation not only to Israel but also to the Gentiles. Jesus begins his public ministry by preaching repentance and the reign of God. Jesus' first act is to call together his coworkers who, having learned from him, will help him cast as wide a net as possible for the proclamation of the kingdom of heaven. Paul this week attends to divisions that have arisen within the church at Corinth. These reflect a fundamental misunderstanding about the nature of the church as a whole. Whereas in the larger society it was customary to "belong" to a particular teacher or political or social group, distinct from others who belonged to other groups, the church of Christ is formed around Christ alone, and it is he who unites all Christians in "the same mind and in the same purpose." To divide the church along factional lines is, for Paul, to deny its special nature, which is not meant to mirror the larger society.

#### TITHE WEEK OF JAN. 19, 2020

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,412.00  
\$366.00 Cemetery; \$110.00 Donations; \$18.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,395.69  
Fiscal Year Week: 29  
YTD Actual Giving: \$185,475.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$203,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$17,525.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$604.31)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The command (or invitation) from Jesus, "Follow me," seems simple enough at first. But to follow Jesus means that we leave other things behind, and our following could change our lives.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Feb. 1 & 2: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Kanon Jany; 9AM, Jared Landeros, Grace Welborn, David Grau

**SUPERBOWL CHICKEN WING SALE:** St. Mary's PTO is selling four types (Plain, Buffalo, BBQ, Sweet & Spicy) of chicken wings. \$16 for 15 wings. Orders due by Monday, Jan. 27. Please call the school office (826-3120) to place your order or contact any SMS student. Orders will be ready for pickup on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the K of C Hall from 11AM till NOON.

**ST. MARY'S PTO** is sponsoring a Bundt Cake sale for Valentine's Day. 10" cakes are \$33, 8" cakes are \$23, Bundtlets (size of super cupcake) are \$5, and an assortment of Bundtinis (size of cake pop) is \$22. Contact any SMS student to place an order that will be turned in by Thursday, Jan. 30, or call the office (826-3120). Pick-up will be at the school on Friday, Feb. 14.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:** In an effort to show our appreciation and gratitude to all our parishioners, and those volunteers who worked so tirelessly on the church renovation, St. Mary's School invites you to join us for Mass on Friday, Jan. 31. Following Mass, please join us in the school cafeteria for refreshments.

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, Jan. 31, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Lions Club. The fish fry on Feb. 7 will be for Relay for Life.

**AUCTION DONATIONS:** Donation slips are available at the back of church. We are waiting to hear what fantastic items will be donated to this year's Gala Dinner Auction. Donation slips need to be turned in by Sunday, Feb. 2. You may drop these slips in the collection basket.

**TO RESERVE A SEAT** for Saturday, March 7, call Ron Korando (615-2509). The price for an Auction seat is still just \$35.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please continue to sell your Auction raffle tickets and return them to the collection basket. We have sold \$255.00

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of canned meats, canned fruit, and tuna. You may place your donated items in the Food Pantry Box that is located in the back right vestibule.

**DOES YOUR FAITH INFLUENCE** the way you live your life? Resolve to listen to Catholic radio in the New Year. Tune in to WMSH 90.3FM, download the free Covenant Network App, or listen on OurCatholicRadio.org.

**THE WORD OF GOD LIVING AMONG US:** The Word is first spoken in Jesus who is, in fact, the very spoken Word of God. And when this Word himself speaks, things happen. Hear the gospel today: Jesus invites; Peter and Andrew follow right away. James and John immediately do the same. We also believe this: Jesus not only spoke long ago; when Scripture is read aloud in prayer, Jesus speaks today? What does Christ say to me in these Sunday readings? What "darkness" needs dispelling by his word? What word that I hear will I proclaim? To whom? When?