

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The twelve disciples would never have been found in a *Who's Who?* in Jerusalem or Nazareth or Galilee. They were fairly obscure and, at first glance, not very talented individuals. That didn't stop Jesus from calling them into ministry, for he believed there was a giant inside each of them waiting to be awakened.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Monday, Feb. 11, Our Lady of Lourdes
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, Feb. 12
8:15AM Charlie Moore by Friends
Wednesday, Feb. 13
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday, Feb. 14, St. Cyril
NO MASS
Friday, Feb. 15
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Saturday, Feb. 16
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, Feb. 17
9AM Cleo Gross by Bill & Linda Smith

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 10 THRU FEB. 17

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades K-2 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Today's readings might not bring Popeye immediately to mind, but we should recall his saying, "I am what I am." Simon thought he knew who he was: "I am a sinful man." So did Isaiah: "I am a man of unclean lips." And so did Paul: "I am the least of the apostles . . . but by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace to me has not been ineffective." Paul experienced a change. He is an apostle, thanks to God's grace. Simon and Isaiah experienced a change, too. Like Paul, they had a limited vision at first. They thought they knew who they were. Only after an experience of God or God made visible in Jesus did they come to know who they really were: a fisher of people, one sent to speak God's word, an apostle and preacher of the gospel. Often we only see or own part of our reality and usually that is our sin and uncleanness. That's not our full story. Jesus climbs into our proverbial boats, touches our lips, and at times helps us see through the blindness we experience. We see that we are called to fish, announce God's word, and preach with our lives.

TITHE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,916.00
\$689.00 Cemetery; \$416.00 Improvement; \$35.00 Sr. Anne
\$34.51 Child Env.; \$18.00 Votives; \$25.00 Donation
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,820.66
Fiscal Year Week: 32
YTD Actual Giving: \$218,261.00
YTD Budget Need: \$224,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$5,739.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$179.35)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: When has God helped you to become more than you thought you were?

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Feb. 16 & 17: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Nate Maes; 9AM, Jared Landeros, Paige Vasquez, Luke Miller

RAFFLE TICKETS: Please continue to sell your raffle tickets. We have collected \$912.00 in ticket sales.

HAVE YOU GIVEN RON A CALL to reserve your seat at the Gala Auction & Dinner on Saturday, March 2? Please contact Ron Korando (618-615-2509). There is less than three weeks until the BIG event.

MESSENGER RENEWAL was last weekend. If you have not returned your envelope, please do so soon.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Feb. 15, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Chester Chamber of Commerce. On Feb. 22 the fish fry will be for the Humane Society.

SHOOTING MATCH on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 1PM in Shiloh Hill Tavern. Open guns only, no scopes. House gun available. Money Rounds and Meat Wheel. BB Gun Shoot for Kids. Food available. For more information, contact Joe Tindall (618-559-8216) or Crystal (618-615-3274).

HEALTH FAIR: Friday, March 8, from 7:30-11:30AM at Buena Vista National Bank. \$2.00 per person. Testing for Cholesterol, Glucose & Blood Pressure (fasting encouraged). PSA vouchers are available for \$10. Meet the clinic staff of Memorial Hospital. Learn about Memorial Hospital's lung cancer screening.

MEMPHIS IN MAY: Buena Vista National Bank is sponsoring a bus trip to Memphis on Monday, May 13, through Wednesday, May 15. Accommodations at the luxurious Big Cypress Lodge. Visit the Pyramid-Bass Pro Shop, the Zoo, Sun Studios, Graceland, and more. See the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Amber Cushman (826-2331 ext. 108) for additional information.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: Many in our culture today think that it is not possible to love another person for the entirety of one's life. Some protest that love "dies out" and say you can move on and find another person. Pope Francis says that the fear of lifelong commitment is resolved by relying on Christ. In the Our Father, we say, "Give us this day our daily bread"; for Christian couples, we must also ask, "Give us this day our daily love." If a Christian couple entrusts their love to Christ, He will sustain and multiply it. "He has an infinite reserve!" (Pope Francis, Valentine's Day Address to Engaged Couples, Feb. 14, 2014)

WHERE WE LIVE AND BREATHE: St. Paul lays out in clear language the truth of our salvation-the Paschal Mystery of the dead and risen Christ. Then he adds, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." (1 Corinthians 15:10) This is because Jesus is with us where we live and breathe-just as with Peter and the boys in their boats-and the great crowd pressing in on him at the shore. What do I hear God saying to me today? What grace is God working within me? What mercy work does this urge me to do?

YOU'RE INVITED: Saturday, March 9, St. Mary's, Ellis Grove, 4-8PM, Fat Saturday Chicken & Fish Dinner