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MASS SCHEDULE

MON: 8:00 AM at St. John
(ADVENT ONLY - Dec. 4, 11 & 18)
TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior
to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL
4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION
7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM

IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass

ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses

Father Nick Dant sent this note to our parishes.

It was my joy to celebrate Epiphany with the communities of Napoleon, Osgood and Millhousen and to close out the Christmas season with you. God blessed us with bearable weather, and everything went well. I really didn't have to worry about anything. All I had to do was plug in.

I think this day of the laity is wonderful; the laity are doing what God has called them be: the Church. That is the way I believe God intended it to be. We priests are mainly facilitators to help the people fulfill their proper role of being the Church.

God bless all of you in Napoleon, Osgood and Millhousen,
Fr. Nick

**Lent Begins February 14, 2024
with Mass at 8:00 AM**

- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence
in the ordinariness of life.*

You Called?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

A Word From Pope Francis



[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Prayer

Creator God, open our minds to recognize your call and our hearts to embrace loving service to your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Reflection Questions:

- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?

Sunday Readings:

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

John 1:35–42

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

In today's Gospel, we hear of Jesus attracting followers, including St Peter and St Andrew. As Catholics, we are called to bring others to the Church. Brush up on Church teachings and ask God to help you evangelize.

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, What are you looking for?"

When we recognize who we are, it is easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

"I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he wouldn't trust me so much."

St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)



January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Jesus calls his followers to launch into a life of catching people
with the word of God.*

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all. †

A Word from Pope Francis



Let us not ignore God's word. It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face, and receive

his Spirit. That word brings us close to God. Let us...carry it with us always, in our pocket, on our phone.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, JANUARY 24, 2021

Prayer

Faithful God, give us the grace to witness to your presence so that others may know you are a loving, merciful God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Reflection Questions:

- Does the way you live witness to a merciful, loving God?
- Is there some change you should make?

Sunday Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.... For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14–20

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. [Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Jesus calls us to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." As Catholics, we should never fear preaching the Faith to others. Let us be at service to the Faith and spread it to others.

Collection for the Church in Latin America January 28-28, 2024

The Archdiocese will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the US an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are – not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture.

Parish Support

December 31 Weekly	1,824.00
January 7 Weekly	4,271.44
New Year's Day	364.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Church in Latin America	10.00
Capital Improvements	100.00

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Jan 13	5:00 PM	✠ Gary Patton & Sherri Wanstrath
Sun	Jan 14	7:30 AM	✠ Frank Wenning
Sat	Jan 20	5:00 PM	👤 Ogle Family
Sun	Jan 21	7:30 AM	✠ Emily Mathes
Fri	Jan 26	8:00 AM	✠ Bernard Pfeifer
Sat	Jan 27	8:00 AM	👤 Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Jan 27	5:00 PM	✠ Paul & Nic Meister
Sun	Jan 28	7:30 AM	✠ Randy Simon
Wed	Jan 31	8:00 AM	✠ Alfred Diekhoff
Fri	Feb 2	8:00 AM	✠ Cletus Weseler

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Jan 13- 5PM</u>	<u>Jan 14- 7:30 AM</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	John Holzer
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Kris T/Doug W	Bob G/Roger M
	<u>Jan 20 -5PM</u>	<u>Jan 21 -7:30AM</u>
Coordinator	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Seve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	Gary Payne	Jill Jansing
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Ron Miller
Wine	Susan B/John K	Melissa G/John H

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



Congratulations!!!

2024 United Catholic Appeal United in the Eucharist

Goal Amount \$11,929

Total pledged: \$16,575

Total donors: 37

Percentage of goal: 139%

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Liturgy Meeting

Wednesday, January 31st, 6:00PM

St John Ladies Meeting

Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00 PM

All Ladies are Invited!

Ash Wednesday – February 14, Mass at 8:00 AM

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

"Be it Resolved" Comebacks

- "I just cleared out some space in the freezer." That sounds more productive than, "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."
- "I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row."
- "If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees."
- "This year I am doing nothing because I started doing it last year and I am not finished."

It's the Law!

- **Law of Gravity:** Any nut, bolt or screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
- **Law of Variation:** If you change lines or traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
- **Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear
Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Lily Handt
Todd Holzer	Keith Jarvis	Larry Kendall
Mark Meister	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Fam.	Louise Rohrig
Dolores Simon	Darin Toops	Peggy Wagner

🇺🇸 Active Service Deployment
🇺🇸 Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe