

St. William

January 16, 2021

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Saturday, January 16th 6:00 pm

+Jim Sackett
by Joannie Thompson

Saturday, January 23rd 6:00 pm

People of the Parish



Weekly Contributions January 9, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 518.50
Loose.....	\$ 7.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 190.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have continued to support our parish at Mass, online or by mail.



Saturday, January 23rd 6:00 pm

Reader Becky Stuart



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available for anyone who would like to remember a loved one who has passed, the health and welfare of someone in need, or your own private special intention. Please call the office at 715-394-7919 or place an envelope in the collection basket with your intention included. Mass intentions are \$10.

If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a member, please call the office at **715-394-7919** or go to <https://superiorcatholics.org> and click on **Our Parishes, Become a Member & Parish Census**, and fill out the form for **St. William**.

If you would like to sign up for OnlineGiving, go to our website <https://superiorcatholics.org> scroll down, click "Giving" and then click on St. William and fill out the form for our parish.

DONATE ONLINE

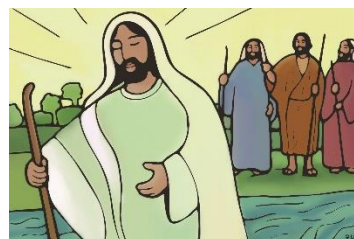
Pray for Their Health and Welfare

Krista Hudacek Lambert	Mary Kuntz
Julia Dalbec	Patricia Lindquist
Fr. Ron Olson	Erma Harty
Judy Ross	Wendy Johnson
Bill Ross	Carolyn Ward
Jon Bristol	Carl Schulz
Maryann Grymala	



Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Nathaniel Grymala	Joe Austin
Nathan Blair	Brandon Anderson



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

- Jn 1:35-37

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Together in Mission, Alive in Hope	January 3, 2021
	2020-2021 Goal \$ 5,454.00
	Payments and Pledges <u>2,874.00</u>
	Remaining to Raise \$ 2,580.00

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Service Appeal.



"Come, and you will see."

John 1:39A

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Have you ever had moments in life when you wish the answers were written in the sky with letters that were clear and easy to read? Where there is no doubt what to do; no hesitation that a certain choice is the best; no worry that something has been missed? **The question surfaces frequently: How do we know the Lord's call for our lives?**

In the Scriptures today we have two examples where people are being called by God:

- The call of Samuel in the temple of the Lord
- The call of two of John the Baptist's disciples by Jesus

While each story presents a perspective that is unique, both have some points that are worth noting:

1. **God takes the initiative.** It is the Lord who begins the encounter, speaking Samuel's name or asking the disciples, "What are you looking for?"
2. **There is a human response.** Samuel calls out, "Here I am" while the disciples begin a conversation, "Where are you staying?"
3. **A call to action.** Both Samuel and disciples do something. Samuel reaches out to Eli; the disciples stay with Jesus and one of them (Andrew) brings his brother Peter to meet the Lord.

The same three steps continue today. God keeps inviting! The Lord's grace ceaselessly pours out upon the earth, inviting and empowering us to draw closer to God and one another. Everything we have comes from the Lord, who takes the initiative to reach out to us in love.

Our response - both in word and deed - completes this initiative. Accepting the Lord's call we grow in wisdom and strength, developing our God-given gifts for service in the world. As we continue to say yes to the Lord's guidance we become more and more alive, become a conduit through which Christ's mission touches the hearts and lives of others.

So how and where does the Lord speak today? Where do we look for the call? A few starting thoughts...

- **Start by reading the Scriptures!** (It is the Word of God, after all.) I recommend first digging into the Gospels.
- **Pray everyday.** It doesn't have to be very long, but it does have to be real and from your heart. Take a couple of minutes to count your blessings, make your petitions, and close with the Lord's Prayer.

- **Reach out to people** of faith for fellowship & strength. (Remember: united we stand!)
- **Go to Confession.** It's a powerful way to begin again with God's help.
- **Go to Mass weekly.** (Let's see: get a Sacrament; hear God's Word; pray alone and with others; fellowship; with a little peace & silence...not a bad gig.)

May we say yes to the Lord's call in our lives, responding with full and open hearts, serving one another with the strength of Jesus Christ!

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, January 20th

Religious Education

Grades 5-11: (Virtual) Students will log in for class from 7:00-8:00 pm.

CATHEDRAL BLANKET MINISTRY

366 Blankets have been created to date!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul received an additional 32 blankets before Christmas from an angel who made them at home. We were able to distribute blankets to children as part of our Christmas gift distribution. There is hope that this ministry can begin meeting again in 2021 to put together blankets. We are grateful to the organizers and volunteers in this ministry for their dedication and generosity!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to thank everyone who in so many ways supported our brothers and sisters in need in 2020. This year we have spoken with and assisted a record number of people who are homeless and struggling with mental illnesses. Many of us are struggling with the uncertainties of our times. Those who have a mental illness to even a greater extent can reach a point of despair and hopelessness. Please pray with us that they will obtain all of the types of assistance they deserve.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 26th at 6pm in Kress Hall with an option to join virtually. For more information or to obtain assistance, please leave a message at 715-398-4039.

RESPECT LIFE



Diaper Drive This Weekend

The Diaper Drive continues at our cluster parishes through this Sunday, January 17th. If you missed out on this weekend's collection, please contact Lynn Tracy at 715-392-8511 before Wednesday Jan. 20th. Thanks for your generosity! Diapers will be given to the Lake Superior Life Care Center in Superior to be distributed to families in need. As we recall the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade this January 22nd, let us pray for all women facing an unplanned pregnancy - that they choose life. Let us pray for an end to abortion.

RCIA

Adults are drawn to the Catholic Church for many reasons and in many ways. They come to the Church with varying levels of knowledge and understanding but the one constant is that each has many questions. RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is the process that allows adults to explore Catholicism, increase their understanding and get answers to their questions in an environment that is welcoming and responsive.

All RCIA meetings will be held virtually. If you are interested in participating – or know someone who is – please contact Kathy Drinkwine at Kathy.RCIA@gmail.com or at 715 394 3005. If there is no answer, please be sure to leave a message.

**Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Substitute Teachers Needed

Have you considered Substitute Teaching? Do you love working with children of all ages? Does your busy schedule keep you from working full-time? Would you like to supplement your current income? Cathedral School is looking for qualified substitute teachers. If you answer yes to the question, we need you!! A 4 year degree is required but the degree does not need to be in education. If you are interested please contact Melissa in the main office for more information - 715-392-2976.



Box Tops for Education (Cathedral Home And School Association) participates in several programs, which generate money for our school. Box Tops for Education can be found on several products including food, household items, tableware, office supplies, and even bake ware. **No more clipping.** No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. **(Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!)**



Prayer for our Nation

Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg You to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation.

Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all obstacles to authentic unity.

May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen and women, created in your own image and likeness.

Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good or our homeland.

May we return to our true identity as a people of faith and charity.

Help us to always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

AMEN



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

1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

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?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ★ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

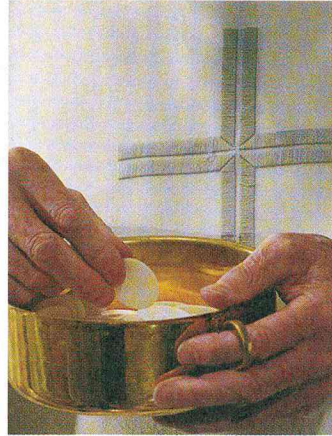
What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24

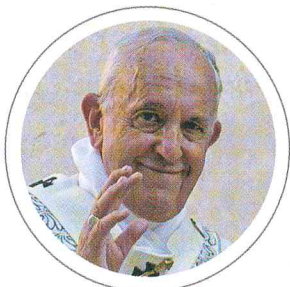
Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

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