

St. William

January 23, 2021

<https://superiorcatholics.org>



Saturday, January 23rd 6:00 pm

People of the Parish

Saturday, January 30th 6:00 pm

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Weekly Contributions January 16, 2021

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| Adult Envelopes..... | \$ 704.00 |
| Loose..... | \$ 15.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 10.00 |

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



Saturday, January 30th 6:00 pm

Reader Tim Gallagher



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

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| 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

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| Nathaniel Grymala | Joe Austin |
| Nathan Blair | Brandon Anderson |



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

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

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



WEEKLY MEDITATION

Remember back in elementary school when we all learned long division? Perhaps you remember some of those really long problems that took a whole sheet of paper to write? I recall the excitement when I found the answers at the end of the book, only to have my hopes crushed when the dreaded words "show your work" were part of the instructions...

To demonstrate the exercise our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Tempesta, would put a problem on the chalk board and demonstrate line by line, showing the work and how the process repeats until you made your way through the entire problem. At the end you would have the answer, with all the work to prove it.

I remember asking Mrs. Tempesta what would happen if you made a mistake early on in the process. She smiled and repeated the problem along side the original - with one tiny mistake. The wrong answer at the end of the work glared at our class; when we asked what do you do if your answer doesn't match the solution in the book, she replied, **"You have to start at the beginning, find your mistake, and rework a new solution."**

Welcome to repentance.

We all make mistakes: we say things we can't take back; do things we regret; allow things to happen that we'd give anything to erase. And while we can't change the past our faith tells us that we have a process that can bring healing and restore relationships. Like long division, we find our mistakes, REPENT, and rework a solution that follows a new path of behavior.

The words "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" are some of the most powerful in any language. The first reading and the Gospel today are especially adamant that we take them to heart - repenting of our sins and choosing a Godly path that brings healing to our lives. **Remember: God never gives up on us!** The process looks like this:

- We run through our own personal examination of conscience
- We admit it - perhaps directly or in the Sacrament of Confession
- We are sorry for the hurt we have done, acknowledging our sins/mistakes
- We do our part to make it right - doing what we can to fix and heal
- We call upon God's healing grace and strength

Perhaps it's been awhile since we stepped into a confessional. Perhaps it's been awhile since we have honestly looked into our hearts. Today we can take a moment to look inside, see what doesn't belong, and make the move to repent of our sins and turn to the Lord. May we see in the example of Jonah and Jesus today that we have hope; **God keeps calling - inviting us to turn away from sin and embrace the Good News.**

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,7-8a,10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, January 27th

Religious Education

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the first quarter of our fiscal year (October thru Dec) we were contacted by 385 households (472 last year for the same period). With current government assistance for rent and utilities, stimulus monies, and a moratorium on evictions we are not receiving as many calls from those currently in housing - yet. The majority of our calls are from those who are homeless in this pandemic.

If you are in need or would like to volunteer, please contact us at **715-398-4039**. You can join us virtually or in person at our next meeting at 6pm on **Tuesday January 26th**.

RESPECT LIFE



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the diaper drive at our cluster parishes and also at Cathedral School.

Cathedral School collected 1420 diapers!

We are still gathering up the diapers from the cluster and will announce our final number in next week's bulletin.

In the Midwest over 13,000 babies lose their lives due to abortion every year. As we remember the decision of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973, we pray that mothers will choose life with the dedicated support of our communities.

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.

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 of 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

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!)**

YOUTH GROUP

*****Superior Catholics YOUTH GROUP*****

Happy 2021 Superior Catholics Youth Group! We are welcoming in the New Year with some new events - see the attached flyer. To RSVP or ask any questions, reach out to Virginia Kovaleski at [952.300.1671](tel:952.300.1671) or vkovy@gmail.com.

UP and COMING

Virtual March for Life [Jan 27-30, 2021](#)

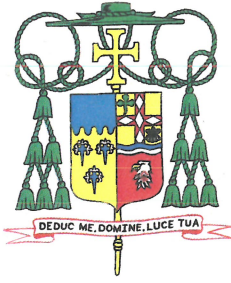
Respect Life Essay Contest due [March 15, 2021](#)

Winter Sledding Party [Feb 13, 2021 2pm](#)

Is anyone interested in attending Steubenville this year? It will be held in -person at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN [July 23-25, 2021](#). Virtual options will be available as well. Please RSVP by [February 28, 2021](#).

Teach me
your ways,
O Lord.

Catholic Schools Week
January 31 – February 6
*“Teach the children how they
should live and they will
remember it all of their life!”*
Proverbs 22.6



DIocese OF Superior

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ:

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, beginning the weekend of January 31 and running through February 6, 2021, we discover and celebrate what makes a Catholic education special and pay tribute to those who foster our schools' excellence. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Superior form the whole person through faith, knowledge, and community. Catholic schools have always been uniquely positioned to thrive during challenging times. The dividends of a Catholic school education last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future or the future of the Catholic Church.

Catholic schools are also a vital part of the teaching mission of the Church and continue to be the most effective means available to the Church for the education of children and young people who are the future of the Church.

We are all challenged to help make schools available, accessible, and affordable to all Catholic parents and their children. Here in the Diocese of Superior, the burden of supporting our 14 Catholic schools should no longer be placed exclusively on the individual parishes that have schools and on parents who pay tuition. This will require all Catholics, including those in parishes without schools, to consider their stewardship of the greater Church.

As we observe Catholic Schools Week, we continue the tradition of a special diocesan-wide collection that will provide an additional and immediate source of support for schools based on the number of students.

Please know that no gift is too small. Our response to this appeal is an expression of our discipleship and our unity with Catholic school communities throughout northern Wisconsin. It is my hope and prayer that each of us will participate in our Special Collection for Catholic Schools that will help ensure a vibrant Church well into the future.

Thanking you for your life of stewardship and faith, I am

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

Bishop's letter is to be attached to the parish bulletin or read from the pulpit. It will also be published in the Catholic Herald.

Superior Catholics Youth Group



WHO ARE WE? All youth from 5th through 12th grades are invited to join the Superior Catholics Youth Group! We provide regular gatherings for our kids to socialize and experience non-traditional opportunities for exploring their faith.

Parents or adults wishing to volunteer/chaperone must complete Safe Environment Training and have a background check performed through their local Parish.

What would you like the Youth Group to do? Suggestions for events, fundraisers, and service projects are requested and welcomed!!

UP and COMING

Virtual March for Life

<https://studentsforlife.org/stand4life/>

January 27-30, 2021

No cost to attend online!

Respect Life Essay Contest

The theme for October 2020 – September 2021 is “Live the Gospel of Life: to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps” highlighting the continual growth in our relationship with God. Please see the full reflection at the following website:

<https://www.respectlife.org/reflection>

Entries due to Bonnie Thom by March 15, 2021

Sledding Party

All Youth Groupers from 5-12 grades are invited to our Winter Sledding Party

WHEN: Sat, Feb 13 2pm

WHERE: TBD - 3 locations considered

Bring your sled and we'll provide the cocoa!

Youth Minister

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Superior Catholics

HOLY ASSUMPTION • CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING • ST. WILLIAM
ST. ANTHONY SUPERIOR • ST. ANTHONY LAKE NEBAGAMON

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

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

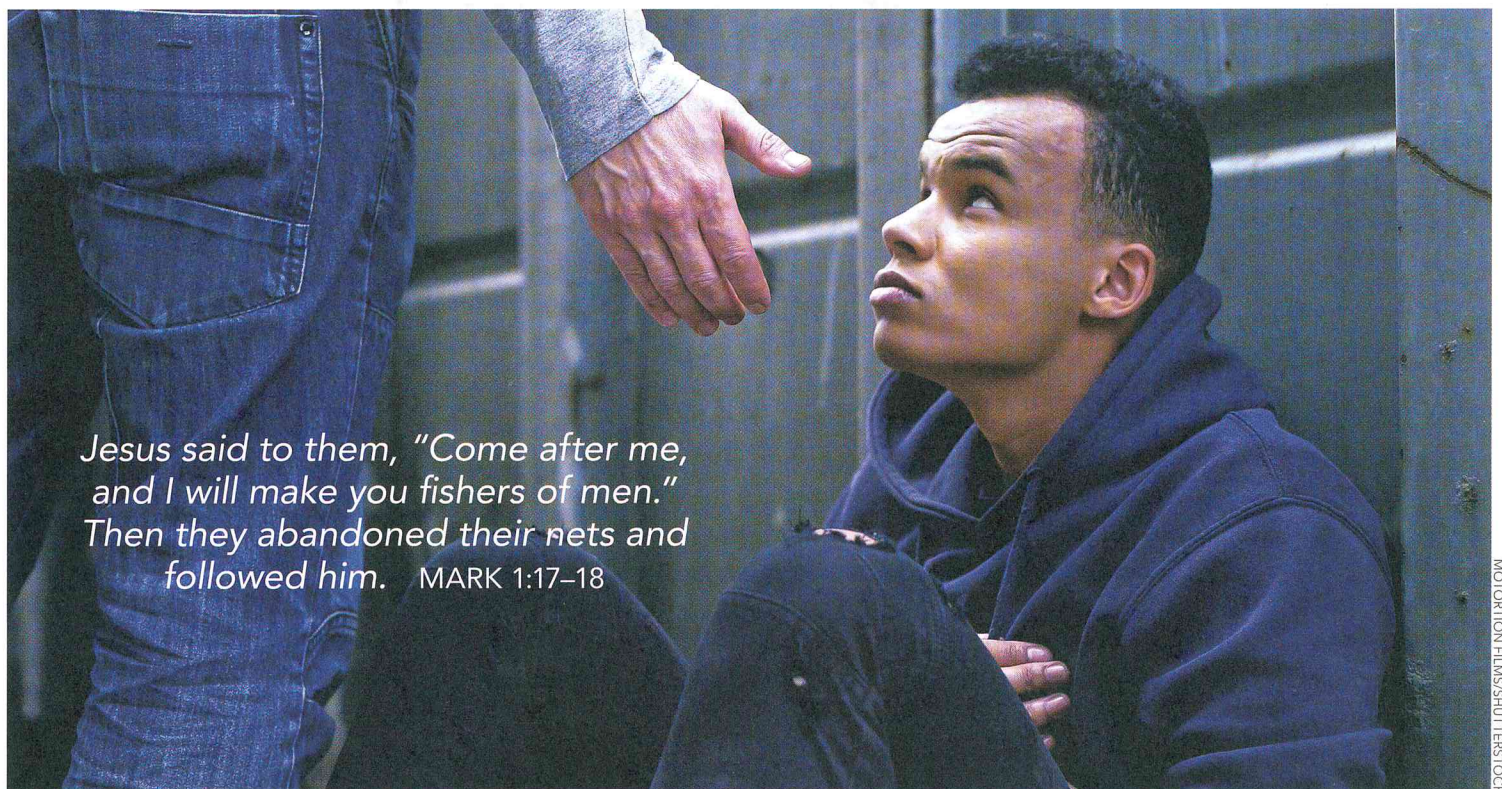
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

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.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- ✦ *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18

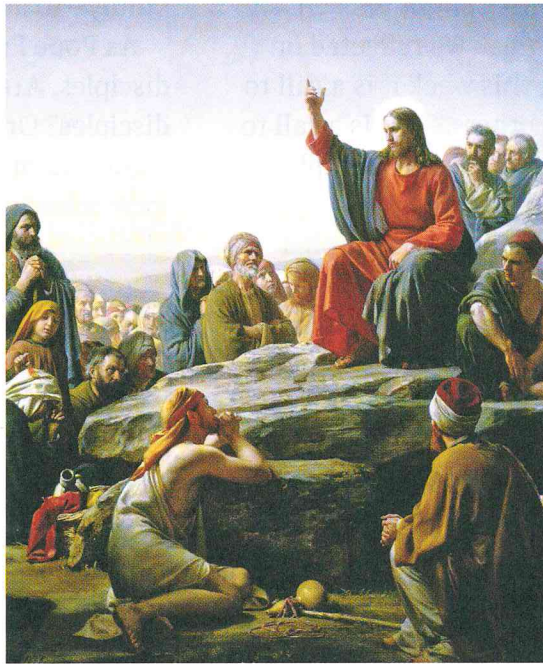
Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to gospel—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.



Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 25
*Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle*
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday

JANUARY 26
*Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops*
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 28
*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 31
*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28