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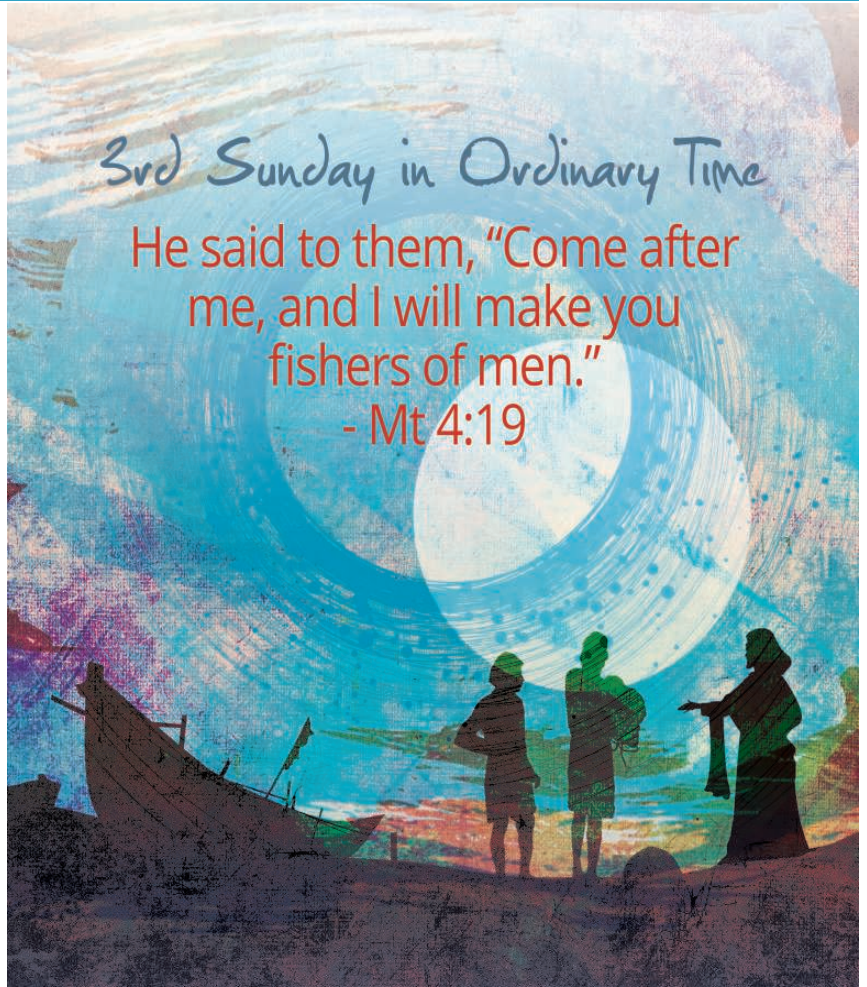
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after
me, and I will make you
fishers of men."

- Mt 4:19

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration has been suspended until further notice due to the weather.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

January 22, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On being a Christian-Part II

In the first part of this article, written two weeks ago, I ended by stating the obvious, that is, we can worship freely in our country. With our freedom to worship comes responsibility. By our baptisms we are called to live out our Christian lives and faith amidst a secular, materialistic, and wealthy society. In my former article, I wrote about our persecuted and martyred Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world. They experience tangible, physical and/or emotional negative consequences in their firm, faithful following of Jesus Christ.

While we in the United States usually don't have to fear for our lives when expressing our faith in Jesus, we are nonetheless challenged in living out our beliefs in our culture. This is particularly difficult in a world that outwardly seems to worship the Gods of materialism and sports and not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have come to believe that these other Gods and our secular culture makes it more difficult to be a completely steadfast Catholic Christian than it would if we were faced with the concrete possibility of being persecuted and/or martyred.

Yet the purpose of this article is not to discuss the Gods that most of our society worships, or idolatry. The reason for writing this is to share some thoughts about how problematic it is living out the values of being a follower of Jesus Christ. A secular person or society is one that is basically non-religious and feels no need for a God like the one we Christians worship. We live in an extremely secular society where it has become tough to develop one's relationship with God within a faith community; I think we all know that! Moreover, the God of Sports is the one that has gone beyond the God of Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac. Many, especially students, spend hours upon hours practicing and participating in sports each week, yet give little time, if time is left over, to pray and nourish their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Do you spend as much time practicing and playing in sports as you do in working on your relationship with our God?

Additionally, we also live in a materialistic and wealthy society. Many of us tend to live life in fear of scarcity. We have come to believe that there is never enough. We attempt to satisfy all conceivable human wants even at the advance state of human activity and technology. It is never enough for us: money, clothes, technology, newest toys, etc. For example, we may want to have a significant increase in our salary or hourly wages. We seek a better income in order that we can have this thing or that item or to live a more comfortable lifestyle. Then, when we reach the amount of income we desire, once we have reached that goal, what we thought would be enough, well, soon is not enough; we want more. I have experienced this in my past. Have you?

Why do we often spend more time in sports than in church? Why do we feel that we never have enough? Could the answers possibly lay in the fact that we are following society's values rather than following the values of Jesus Christ? Yes, it is not easy to be a faithful and loyal follower of Christ. By our baptismal call, we do have a responsibility. What choices are you going to make this week as a Catholic Christian?

Have a blessed week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All lectors are asked to attend a meeting this Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The Finance Council will meet this Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Just a "heads up". All items to be published in the bulletin will need to be in the office by 9:00 am each Tuesday prior to the following weekend beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 8!

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Dr. Italy) presenting at St. Gregory the Great. This talk asks the simple question, "what can we do to get more out of Mass?" With humorous stories and practical examples, Dr. Italy discloses how to unlock the power of Christ's presence despite the distractions that often get in the way. Those who attend this talk will never experience the Mass in quite the same way again!
www.dritaly.com



TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business—fishing on the Sea of Galilee—when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." "And that's just what they did." "At once they left their nets and followed him."

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth

who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives? If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalized abortion on demand. This year marks the 44th year that pro-lifers rally together to help change laws and save lives.



Millions of Catholic Christians around the country will observe the day in fasting, prayer, and reflection. At St. Gregory the Great, the Knights of Columbus and Father Shane invite everyone to participate in Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, January 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. concluding with Vespers with Fr. John Drees of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Forest Lake. Please sign up to spend time in prayer with our Lord. A sign up sheet is available in the vestibule.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: Chuck Debeveck, Mary Stenger
Gifts: Peterson's
Ushers: Dennis Kaufman, Bill Peno
Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Al Walz
Communion: Scott Tryon, Kristie Frazier, Liz Herberg
Gifts: Herberg's
Ushers: Ron Peltier, Rodney Swanson, Ted Stathes
Servers: Elena Herberg, Connor Frazier

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 1/17/2017

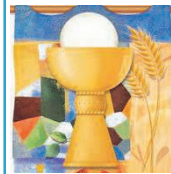
Plate	176.16
Envelopes (51)	2,180.00
Bldg. Maint Env (2)	35.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Schlangen Family	20.00
Mary, Mother of God	20.00
Initial Offerings	5.00
Total	\$2,446.16

Thank you for your generosity
in supporting our parish!

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Cards are available for you to pick up in the back of church. This devotion is an excellent way to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

MASS INTENTIONS



January 25
January 28
January 29

Open
Parishioners
†Richard Vescio and
†Bob Geiger

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 25

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, January 28

Fr. Sipe	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, January 29

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Sipe	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Please Note:

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration until further notice due to the weather.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas-
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Eileen Kost	Betty Erickson
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Rose Peloquin
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	Gerald Mollberg	Tom Solorz
Shirley Kirchberg		

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can be removed. Thank you.

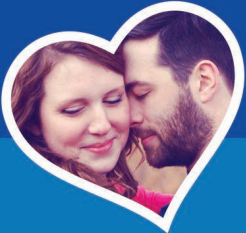
**"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your
tender compassionate care all those in our
community whose hearts are breaking and
whose worries consume them."**

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION OPEN

The St. Gregory Rectory is seeking
a housekeeper.

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part time flexible hours.

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