

January 24, 2021

**Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 25:4-9;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17
Jesus’ call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

**Liturgical Assignments
January 30/31**

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister
4:30 p.m.	Matthew Ball	
9:00 a.m.	Denise Mereness	
Altar Servers		
4:30 p.m.	Jack Short / Chase Seiter	
9:00 a.m.	Gavin Weiland / Pax Helsel	
Weekday	School Servers	

Money Counters: Rhonda Christie / Nancy Teschner

Sacrificial Offerings to God

January 16/17	Envelopes		\$ 7,723.00
	Plate		289.00
	Votives		44.00
	Repair/Utility Fund		0.00
	Home Missions	Not in budget	197.50
	Misc.		0.00
	TOTAL		\$8,056.00

Average Weekly Offertory Needed **\$14,360.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will go to the repair/utility fund.

Dorothy Kretzer passed away on January 17th. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her loved ones.



The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. (Wisdom 3:1)

This Thursday marks the first anniversary of the death of our beloved pastor, Fr. Evan Patrick Harkins. No doubt this milestone will stir our emotions and may re-open the wounds of our grief. On Friday morning I will offer a Requiem Low Mass (Traditional Latin) for the repose of his soul. On Monday, February 1st, a Requiem High Mass (Traditional Latin) will be offered at 7pm at Saint James Parish. All parishioners are welcome to attend either or both of these liturgies. The Church has always walked a balance between hopeful remembrance in mourning and a trusting commendation of the dead to the Mercy of God, which is, ultimately, our only salvation. Grief is a normal human emotion, one in which Our Lord himself shared, as he wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus (John 11:35). Sometimes, we just need to cry. Shortly after this tragic moment in the life of our parish, the world was plunged into concerns about the Coronavirus, from which I hope we are beginning to emerge. Nevertheless, many of the normal means of processing grief (most of which involve gathering with loved ones in prayer and fellowship) were short-circuited by the lockdowns and restrictions which have been in place since mid-March. While time may provide distance, and even perspective, it does not heal grief. In normal times, an anniversary such as this is bound to find us revisiting regrets and asking, once again, WHY? When I returned to Saint James in February, I had no illusions that this would be an easy time for any of us. I also never anticipated the impact that the world health crisis would have on us. Please be assured that each of you are in my prayers as we continue to mourn, even as we move forward with Hope. I am also hopeful that, as Coronavirus restrictions begin to lift, we can offer more parish-based opportunities to process our grief. If you have any ideas about what that might look like, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, my contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen. May the Peace of God, which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in the knowledge and love of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Fr. Totton

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, January 24	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) RCIA -10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM
Mon.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Tues.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy -5:30PM Holy Hour - 6PM NO CONFESSIONS
Wed.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM All School Mass – 8AM Adoration – 9 to 11AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Bible Study/Catechism - 6:30PM, C. Erk Rm
Thur.	Office Closed Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM 1 st Penance Parent Mtg. -7PM, C. Erk Rm
Fri.	Office Closed Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM
Sat.	5:45AM Men’s Group - MMHall Confessions – 3:30PM Mass at 4:30PM
Sunday, January 31	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) RCIA -10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confirmation Class – 10:15AM, School Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM

ENCOUNTER CHRIST THIS LENTEN SEASON IN “THE SACRAMENTS”

To aid and accompany us in our Lenten Journey this year, we will be offering a video series where we will encounter Christ in “The Sacraments”.

This is a beautiful and informative 6-part series filmed by Bishop Robert Barron who will show us that there is more to these ancient Sacramental rites than meets the eye. We will come to know the Sacraments with a new depth of understanding both their spiritual effects and pastoral promise.

Our journey will begin the first Sunday of Lent (**Feb. 21st**) at **10:15 a.m.** in the Msgr. Moriarty Hall and will be approximately one hour long. Come to one or all sessions - Everyone is Invited!! There will be more details in upcoming bulletins.

Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James Parish

Donations: \$8,635.00
Households that have contributed: 34
Diocesan Goal for St. James: 15,000.00
All are encouraged to make a pledge so our parish can reach 100%!

Sweetheart – No Auction – Raffle Raffle envelopes with 5 tickets are in the vestibule. Sold tickets and money (and any unsold tickets) need to be returned to the school/parish office or via the collection plate; deadline for return is Wednesday, February 10.
NOTE: This raffle is being done to try to recoup some of the funds that we were not able to raise at our usual annual auction in October because of covid restrictions. This is a crucial fundraiser – we encourage everyone to participate by buying and selling tickets.

Please mark your calendars for the **St. Joseph Catholic Schools Vitality Summit** which will be held on Sunday, January 31st from 2 to 4 PM. This exciting event will be live-streamed and a link will be available at stjosephcatholicschools.com for access to the Zoom meeting and submission of any questions you may have.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. – *Bennie & Mary Borkowski* ✚

9:00 a.m. – *Kathy Miller* ✚

Third Sunday after Epiphany

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

Monday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8 a.m. – *Julia Rupp* ✚

Tuesday, January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8 a.m. – *Shirley Cox* ✚

Wednesday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8 a.m. – *Rich Andriano* ✚

Thursday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – *Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins* ✚

Friday, January 29

Requiem Latin Low Mass

8:00 a.m. – *Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins* ✚

Saturday, January 30

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. – *Steve Petrovick* ✚

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. – *Nell T. Morris* ✚

9:00 a.m. – *Michael & Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis* ✚

Septuagesima

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)

Please pray for vocations, especially from our parish.