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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:36



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From the Desk of Fr. Chris

"Jesus looked at him and said, You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" which is translated Peter." (Jn 1:42)



This weekend we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is a time for each of us to grow in *everyday holiness*. There's a focus on growing in virtue and prayer in our daily routines. Like the Apostles who were called by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel, we sometimes are called to *drop our nets* to follow Him. As Pope St. John Paul II would often remind pilgrims to Rome, we are called to follow Christ with "Corragio" (Courage).

But how do we hear the voice of God? Sometimes that's a hard thing to do in our busy world of 2024. Sacred Scriptures, the Bible, reminds us that God is often found in the silence. That seems to be harder and harder to do as the years go on, but it's not impossible. The Church provides us with a refuge from the distractions and noise of our daily lives. When we come into the church building, there's already an immediate different feeling than other places we find ourselves throughout the week. We bless ourselves with holy water as we come into the Church, an action that not only signifies baptism, but also that we have been claimed by Christ. As soon as we enter into the inner doors of the Church past the baptistry and we're invited by God to approach the sanctuary, like Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, we're reminded that its *hallowed ground*. Before we enter the pew, we genuflect toward the tabernacle as a way to recognize the presence of Christ the King in the Eucharist. As we enter into the pew either to be seated or to kneel, there's an invitation to sacred silence. In the silence we prepare our hearts for the holy Mass by conversing in our hearts with God in His house. Let's challenge ourselves to prepare ourselves for Mass well in 2024, perhaps with a better observation of sacred silence as we approach God's sanctuary.

This past week it was great to see many of you at the school Epiphany Concert on Monday. What a great way to end the Christmas Season! While our Church has now visually transformed back into Ordinary Time, let's bring the gratitude and blessings of the Christmas Season with us. It is my hope that all of you had the opportunity to do the annual Epiphany House Blessing. If you didn't get a chance to get blessed chalk last weekend, you can stop by the vesting sacristy to get some this weekend or stop by the parish office this week during office hours.

May God Bless You, Fr. Chris † SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 JANUARY 14, 2024



READINGS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Monday, January 15, 2024 @ **8:30am** ~ **Frank Dilillo** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21; 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ **8:30am** ~ **Caroline Hill** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @ 7pm ~ Rosanna Lanese St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ **8:30am** ~ **Ed & Eleanore Ondracek** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024 @ 8:30am ~ Nancy DiPalma 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024 @ 4pm ~ Diana Gronowski

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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How Do I Prepare for Mass?

The celebration of Holy Eucharist, also known as Mass, is the highest form of worship we have as Catholics. It's the most important thing we do in this life. Just like other important events, we should take time to prepare ourselves for this time when Heaven literally touches Earth. So how do we do that? Here are a few simple ways we can prepare ourselves for Mass.

- 1. **Fasting** for an hour before receiving Eucharist. Our bodies and souls are both just as important to our human nature as the other. If we want to prepare our souls to receive Jesus, we should also be preparing our bodies. Fasting reminds us that we should remain empty and prepared for Christ to fill us. Our physical hunger and need for nourishment reminds us of our spiritual need for God to sustain us through this sacred meal.
- 2. Wear something nice to Mass. What do we usually do when we go to important events, like weddings, graduations, or other important ceremonies? We wear something special! Our physical bodies demonstrate an internal disposition: it shows that we acknowledge the divine things happening at Mass. The Mass is a foretaste of Heaven, which Jesus called "The Wedding Feast of the Lamb." Whenever possible, we should dress for that Wedding Feast!
- 3. **Arrive early** to Church to give yourself time to calm yourself. Sometimes getting to Mass can be stressful or chaotic. Planning ahead and arriving ten or even five minutes early can give us the time we need to calm down from the chaos of life.
- 4. **Read the readings** ahead of time. All of the week's readings for Masses can be found here in the bulletin or online at usccb.org. Reading the Scriptures before we hear them at Mass allows us to enter into the Scriptures more deeply, and allow the words to take root in our souls and truly affect the way we live.
- 5. Choose a Mass intention before Mass begins. After the Gloria is sung during the opening rites of every Mass, the priest will say "let us pray," followed by a brief silence. At this time, take an opportunity to offer to God someone or something that you would like to bring to Mass. Remember that the Mass is a sacrifice, the greatest sacrifice we offer God. We can choose to offer that sacrifice for those we love or a situation where we need God in a special way.

Notes from Sister Noel

Our second semester for gr. 2 children and their families continues their faith journey from preparation for First Reconciliation to preparation for First Communion! That is an exciting new direction. Our Parent Meeting for all Gr. 2 parents in our parish was on Wednesday, January 10.



This year we started with attending Mass followed by Father Chris' presentation on Mass/Eucharist. This seemed to be a good change since this is the year of Eucharistic Renewal. I did my part following Father by introducing the Jesus Books which are take-home booklets to work along with their parents and, at times, alone.

In February you will began to see at our Saturday/Sunday Masses the families of the children getting ready for First Eucharist in our Offertory Processions. This is a special time for the children being part of Liturgy.

Later in January, we will introduce the Praesidium Program which is "Protecting God's Children". Grades 1-5 will have 15 minute lessons for children helping children to be aware of "reading" faces, trusting their gut feelings so to talk to a trusted adult, and learning the positive and negative of technology so they remain safe. One of the facets mentioned above are taught at ageappropriate times. This is not to frighten but empower children. This program has been a part of PSR over the past 6 or 7 years.

In grade 7, I introduce a program presented by young adults (videos). I facilitate the discussion with the students, bringing together the components taught in gr. 1-5 with the final presentation of the evening. This is a 2 evening workshop during PSR time. This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Cleveland.

Students in **grade 8** preparing for **Confirmation** in **April** will continue their at-home series presented by Matthew Kelly. Each session calls for **faith sharing** with their Sponsor or Parent. This month's theme is Friendship. Viewing videos, journaling and sharing faith are the highlights of the Decision Point series. This is the fourth of 5 sessions.

I am grateful to the cooperation between the students and sponsors to make this a meaningful experience.

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Young Adult Event

Ages 21-39

The next young adult event will be January 24th 5:30-7:00p.m in the Hospitality Room.

Contact Brandan with question. bbizzi@stanselm.org

or 440-729-9575.



Volunteers needed!

We need help with the coffee social the 3rd Sunday of the Month-Please contact the Parish Office 440-729-9575 or kcaticchio@stanselm.org



Art and Environment Ministry

Do you have a creative eye? Do you like to make spaces more beautiful? Art and Environment Ministry is seeking extra volunteers.

Interested? Please contact:

Stephanie Rowen—

sarowen@roadrunner.com or

Donna Spies—

dcaminospies@yahoo.com if you would like to help!



Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. RCIA School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Social Kelly Hall
11:00 a.m. Children's Coir Mass Church
12:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice Church
NO PSR GRADES 1-5

NO I SK GRADES 1-3

Monday, January 15 SCHOOL CLOSED

6:00 p.m. St. Angela Circle Pentecost Rm.

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Adoration Church 11:30 a.m. Benediction Church

Thursday, January 18

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Pentecost Rm

Saturday, January 20

9:00 a.m. PSR Grades 1-5 School 2:30 p.m. Confession Church

Youth Event

The next Junior High (Grades 6-8) Youth Group event is January 26th 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the

Hospitality Room. Come and bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Brandan at bbizzi@stanselm.org or 440-729-9575.



Faith Seeks Understanding

The "faith seeks understanding" book discussion meetings will resume this Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 15., and running for the six weeks of Lent before Holy Week each Thursday morning after the 8:30 AM Mass. The last Thursday we will meet will be on March 21, 2024. The book we will read will be *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter---*these entries for each day are short but insightful (and there are ones from authors that have already been read: C. S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterland, Edith Stein) and many others. The

book can be obtained at the rectory for \$15.

Please call the rectory for more information (440-729-9575) and to request a book so we can know approximately how many books to order.

Men!

2024 is here and is full of promise and choices. And we hope you use one of your choices to join us for a Men's Retreat (adults and teens) on **Saturday February 10**th.

It will be at St. Mary Chardon and starts with Mass at 8:00 a.m.

It will end about 2:00 p.m. Both breakfast and lunch are provided and a freewill offering of \$15 is

suggested.

The theme is "**BE HOLY**!" Sounds like a good choice for the New Year!

To register, email Gary Burling at garyWburling@gmail.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry knits and prays for the sick and those in the hospital, and prays as we make the prayer shawls. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Pentecost Room.



Interested? Contact Kim Caticchio at kcaticchio@stanselm.org or 440-729-9575.



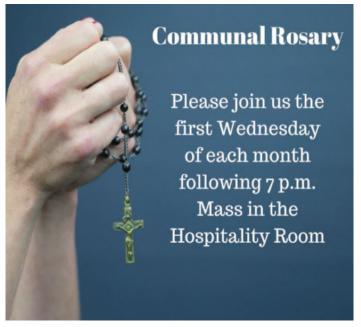




Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Benediction at 11:30 a.m. All Are Welcome!



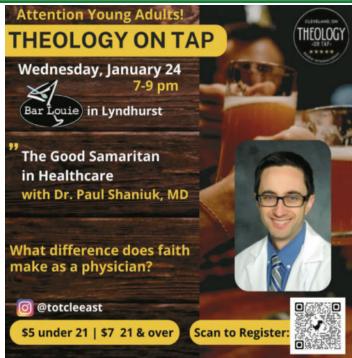


The Angela Circle at St. Anselm provides an opportunity to spend time in prayer and sharing around the wisdom and holiness of St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters. We welcome new members. Meetings on the second to the last Monday of each month in the Pentecost Room of the Offices. We begin at 6pm.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE SAINT ANSELM FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please complete this form, and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office and someone from the parish will contact you.

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Young of Heart

Young of Heart will meet on January 19 at 11:30 in the Hospitality Room. Bring your brown bag lunch. Snacks and beverages are provided. At the meeting we will have musical entertainment by Ilya Shteyndler on his keyboard.

Come to the meeting to pay your dues of \$25 for the year.

Remember, if the West Geauga Schools are closed for snow days, our meeting is cancelled. You will not receive a call. Be sure to listen to the morning news for school closings.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Articles for the January 28th bulletin must be received by Thursday, January 18th.

Email to Rebecca at bulletin@stanselm.org

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Patricia Adamik Peter Amato David & LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Daniel Ayala, Sr. Don Bear Agnes Blackley Julian Blaha Thomas Bolt Barb Borelle Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Karen Bowlus Daneen Brickmann Bridgette Bright Fran & Charlie Brooks Charlene Brown James Buehner Haley Burgman **Bob Carlson** Amy Caprez Children/St.Jude's Hosp.

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Kelly Pipiti
George & Dee Pitko
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Becky Vura
Kathy Wanamaker Frank & Jason Wardega Kelsey Watts Jackie Weller Connie White Cathleen Wilson Alex Wojowicz Bob Wright Sue Wrobel Ray Zeitz

If you have requested a name to be added above for the Prayers for the Sick and that person is no longer in need of these prayers, please inform Kim in the Parish Office so she can remove the name. email: bulletin@stanselm.org; phone: 440-729-9575



Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, January 14 ~ Pray for Bishop Malesic Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, January 15 ~ Christopher Yankay Tuesday, January 16 ~ John Paul Antalek

Wednesday, January 17 ~ Dylan Ennis Thursday, January 18 ~ Tate Johnson Friday, January 19 ~ Dominic Kucera Saturday, January 20 ~ Daniel Liberatore



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