

From the Pastor's desk  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2023

A few years back there was a movie titled, *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*. It tells the story of Inventor Preston Tucker who tried to fight the Detroit automobile industry by attempting to introduce a car named after himself. In one scene, Tucker is talking about how his mother came from the old country. She was Italian and had a very heavy accent. Tucker remembered that for years when he was young she said to him, "Don't get too close to people, you'll catch their dreams." What she was really saying in broken English was, "Don't get too close to people, you'll catch their germs." But Tucker grew up thinking she was telling him, "Don't get too close to people or you'll catch their dreams."

Sometimes it is a good thing to catch someone else's dream. The story of the New Testament is the story of men and women who got close enough to Jesus to catch his dream. Doesn't it amaze you how quickly the disciples left their fishing nets to follow Jesus? It can make us ask ourselves how close we are to Jesus. Are we willing to allow His words, His actions to change us? Can Jesus encourage us to see things from His perspective or do we keep the Lord at a distance so we can go on living our lives according to our own plan?

The disciples left everything behind to follow the Lord. They did not seek security or a promise – other than the promise that following Jesus will lead to a new life! The journey is difficult and filled with trials as well as adventure. Preston Tucker failed in building the car of his dreams, but his efforts have led to many of the safety features in automobiles that we take for granted today. Let us follow Jesus closely in our lives so that we may “catch His dream.” Let us allow Jesus to use us to build the unity of the kingdom of God and to reflect the light He came to share.

In His light,  
*Father Dennis*



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January 22, 2023

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers....He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. MATTHEW 4:21B–22

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, January 22nd:**  
*Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27; I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23*

**Monday, January 23rd:**  
*Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98; Mark 3:22-30*

**Tuesday, January 24th:**  
*Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40; Mark 3:31-35*

**Wednesday, January 25th:**  
*Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117; Mark 16:15-18*

**Thursday, January 26th:**  
*2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96; Mark 4:21-25*

**Friday, January 27th:**  
*Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37; Mark 4:26-34*

**Saturday, January 28th:**  
*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mark 4:35-41*

**MASS & ADORATION**

**Saturday, January 21st**  
9:00 AM SM—+Harvery Herberholz by Marlene Schaefer  
5:00 PM SM—+Duane Dobitz by Louann & Family

**Sunday, January 22nd**  
8:30 AM SE—+Deceased members of KC #5477  
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

**Monday, January 23rd**  
7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

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**Saturday, January 28th**  
9:00 AM SM—Joseph Schwartzbauer family by Patty Flohr  
5:00 PM SM—+Jim Krebs by family & friends

**Sunday, January 29th**  
8:30 AM SE—+Keith Herold by Debbie Herold  
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work] to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 2013

**Fr. Dennis will be out of town from the afternoon of Sunday, January 22nd thru Friday, January 27th. If a need should arise please contact him on his cell phone or call the office.**

Confessions will be offered before each daily Mass and before Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's.



St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers January 28 & 29, 2023		
MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Diane B.	John E.
Mass Server	Schmidt	Evan/Jameson
Rosary Leader	Maureen G.	Gregg F.
Gifts	Volunteer	Gregg F.
Collection Report St. Mary's January 14 & 15, 2023		
Adult	Youth	
\$ 2450.00	Envelopes	\$ 50.00
\$ 68.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 2568.00	Total	
\$ 10756.00	Monthly Total	
Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers January 29, 2023		
Sunday 8:30 AM		
Lector	Dustin	
Mass Server	Olivia & Hadley	
Ushers	Deran & Dustin	
Gift	Dustin & Amanda	
Collection Report St. Elizabeth's January 15, 2023		
Adult	Youth	
\$ 270.00	Envelopes	\$ .00
\$ 75.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 345.00	Total	
\$ 2470.00	Monthly Total	

<b>Knights of Columbus</b> <b>Council #5477</b>		<b>Knights of Columbus</b> <b>Council #9675</b>
Meetings held monthly at the Lefor KC Club. For more information contact <b>Fran at 483-6091</b>		Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mary's. For more information contact <b>Mike at 701-290-2493</b>

**St. Mary's Mass Intention Update**  
*Beginning January 1st we will accept requests for 1 Mass at a time. When the schedule allows we will reevaluate and update this policy. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your intentions.*

**Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
*January 23rd: Austin Fitterer; January 24th: Aid-en Rebel; January 28th: Jim Schulz, Bray Binstock; January 29th: Kaydon Herberholz*

**Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
*January 23rd: Darren Twogood  
January 24th: Tori Rohr  
January 25th: Bailey Urlacher*

**St. Elizabeth Announcements:**  
*\*January Church cleaners are Trish Kaufman, Tori Rohrer and Tina Lefor.  
\*Lefor KC Pro-life Breakfast at the KC Club on January 29th serving from 9AM—11AM.*

**Stewardship**  
The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!  
• Stewardship Thought: As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

*“The fruits of the earth are not brought to perfection immediately, but by time, rain and care; similarly, the fruits of men ripen through ascetic practice, study, time, perseverance, self-control and patience.”  
~ St Anthony the Great*

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Kayla Sticka, Mindy Augare, Pastor Beth Parks, Dennis McDevitt, Keith Witte, Lacy Gutenkunst, Marietta Hollinger, Belinda Lynch, Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Derek Benz, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Katie Stolz, Andy Prokop, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick  
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**Keep in your prayers our deceased loved ones:** +Anna Roller, +Duane Grundhauser, +Ray Meyer, +Bonnie Benz, +Wayne Pechtl, +Patti Frank, +Mary Hanson, +Fred Heidecker, +Theresa Tarpo, +Anton Krebs, +Josie Steier, +Melanie Fitterer, +Lawrence Urlacher, +Leonard Gartner, +Arlene Schaefer, +Jim Krebs

**A Call from the Wild**  
Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness. At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee....From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him? Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life.  
● FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Dear Padre: Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer?** That doesn’t seem like something God would do. Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. Lead is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13). Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation. This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian Roman Missal, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the Catechism includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ● The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

**A friendly reminder:** *There are ongoing scams where people will receive a text claiming to be from Fr. Dennis and asking for some type of assistance, many times financial. Unfortunately these scams happen in many parishes. They generally appear to be very real, including calling you by name. Please if you receive something of this nature contact Fr. directly. His number is listed in the bulletin.*

*Congratulations to Emmitt Metcalf and Bray Binstock who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday the 21st at St. Mary's.*

**Faith Formation Upcoming Events:**  
**February 1** - Confirmation retreat, Richardton. Leave SM at 4:15 pm, return at 9:00 pm  
**February 4**—Elementary movie day at the Playhouse Theatre in Mott. 1:00—1:30 approximate leave time.  
**February 8** - Last day to return KC poster and coloring contest entries  
**February 13**- Confirmation service day, volunteer at the Soup Café in Bismarck. Leave at 7AM.  
**February 18** - Confirmation rehearsal (time TBA)  
**February 19** - Confirmation Mass  
**February 24-26** - Search retreat in Medora  
**March 26** - Living Stations presented by Juniors and Seniors

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**Mass Schedule**  
**St. Mary**  
Tuesday: 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM  
Last Saturday: 9:00 AM (Adoration Chapel)  
Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM

**St. Elizabeth**  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM  
First Friday: 7:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**St. Mary**—Tuesday: 6:00 PM;  
Adoration Chapel at your convenience  
**St. Elizabeth**—Wednesday: 6:00 PM

*Marriage:* Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your wedding date.  
*Baptism:* Pre-Baptism preparation session required.  
*Anointing of the Sick:* By request.