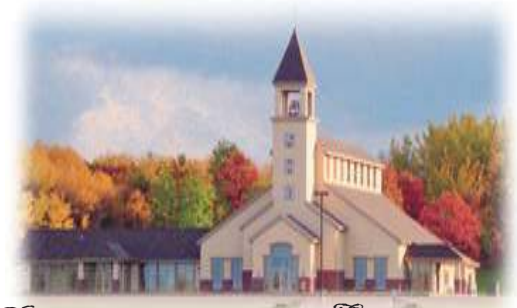

Go and do likewise... Luke 10:37

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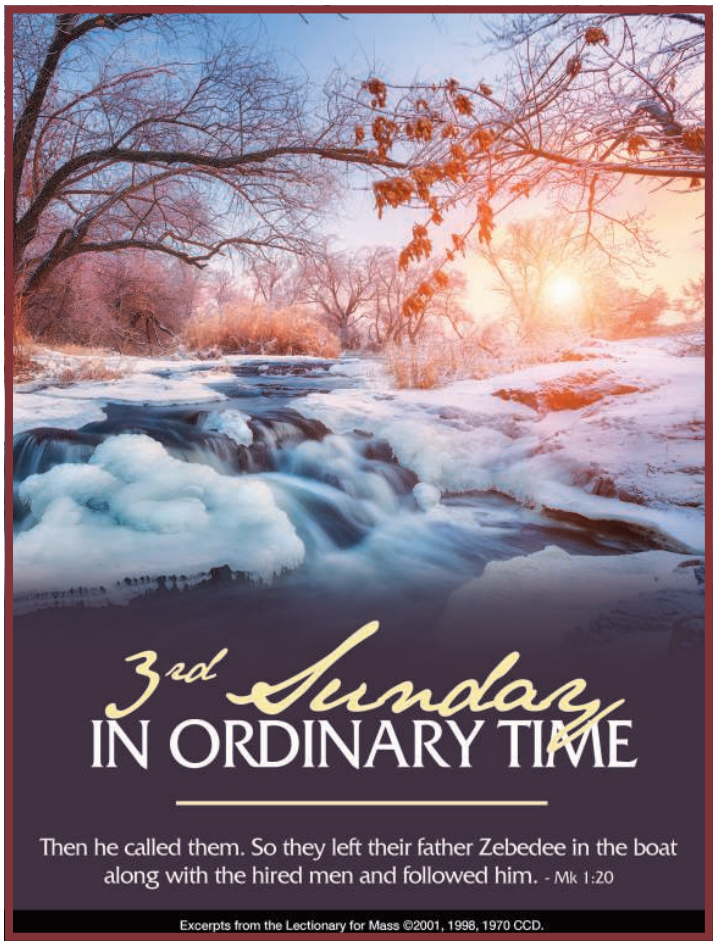

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

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: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything--or anyone--else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:
In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:
Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution--forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mark Hintz 1/21
Taylor Dernach 1/21
Emaleah Matke 1/21
Connor Mongan 1/22
Derek Baumgartner 1/23
Trinity Firkus 1/23
Sandra Borchardt 1/24
Brock Sturzl 1/24
Chase Barden 1/24
Devin Brock 1/25
Paula Marciniak 1/26
JoAnn Doyle 1/27
Mary Higgins 1/27
Chris Noth 1/27
Kendra Preusser 1/27
Kyle Preusser 1/27
Grace Sturzl 1/27

Anniversaries

Jason & Jenny Kirsling 1/24
David & Peggy Root 1/26

St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner Sunday, March18th

KC Breakfast Next Weekend

Sunday, January 28th, 2018
Serving begins at 9am
Free Breakfast for all!

If you would like to have a Mass said for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the parish office at 715.824.3380.

We are looking at ways we can better serve the homebound in our parish community. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the parish office at 715.824.3380. A big part of this ministry is identifying those in need of it. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home or would simply enjoy a visit, please contact the parish office.

Please note that we will be having communion services on Tuesdays through Fridays until Father Peter returns from India. Our weekend mass schedule will remain the same. Thank you.

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

The collection for the CCHD is approaching, and the generosity of our parishioners helps those working on the margins. We need your help to ensure the success of the collection! With your gift, you help community organizations change existing structures of poverty and build an economy based on justice and the dignity of the human person. CCHD giving envelopes can be found on the back table in the gathering space. Envelopes can be placed in the offertory baskets during Mass. Thank you again for your generosity!

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

Marriage Arrangements

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the parish office at 824-3380.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office or call 715.824.3380.

Please call the parish office before coming in to the church. Office hours will vary, and we would hate for you to come and no one be here.

Office Hours

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9am-1pm

Saturday, January 27
7:00 pm

Servers: Volunteers
Reader: Mary Shea
Usher Captain: Mike Weller
Eucharistic Ministers:
Alan B., Jane B., Sharon K., Mary S.

Sunday, January 28
8:30 am

Servers: Carson Z., Wyatt B., Max T.
Reader: Joan Baumann
Usher Captain: George Caldwell
Eucharistic Ministers:
Joan B., JoAnn D., Sharon C., Mindy K.

Sunday, January 28
10:00 am

Servers: Brady S., Brock S., Garrett S.
Reader: Eric Zager
Usher Captain: Steve Kaminski
Eucharistic Ministers:
Eric Z., Kathy G., Melanie C., Deone P.

Your Financial Support for 1/14/2018

Adult Envelopes	2756.00
Offertory:	265.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	0.00
Building project	00.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Vigil Candles	77.00
Total:	**$3,148.00**

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will be sponsoring a craft night on Thursday, February 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church gathering space. Please mark your calendar for this fun event, open to anyone age eight and above! Check out the information in the gathering space and future bulletins, or contact Betty at (703) 509-5180 for more information. Complimentary refreshments will be served. What a great way to make a homemade gift for yourself or your valentine!

John Paul II Young Adult Group

Next meeting will be January 22nd at 7:15 pm
In the St. Joseph room at St. Bronislava Church
In Plover. All young adults are welcome to join!
Check out the JPII Young Adult Facebook group for more social events or email jp2portagecounty@gmail.com with any questions.

That Man is You!
Men's Program
Tuesdays 6:00AM – 7:30AM
Sacred Heart-Polonia

"That Man Is You" men's group continues in the Stevens Point Deanery starting Tuesday, January 16th. This year is entitled "The Unveiling of Love", in which you will discover the unique Catholic vision of love and marriage, which is so profound that is spans from the Paradise in Eden through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in heaven. This Spring Semester includes a Lenten journey which is usually the highlight of the year. As usual, the meetings will be held every Tuesday, starting with breakfast at 6:00 am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30 am. Meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point. All men are welcome!

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Parish Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. MASS: Blessings for Crosby St. Marie
By the Mongan Family

Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Ronald Kedrowicz
By the Family
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
6:30 p.m. Adoration

Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Unborn

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 23 St. Vincent St. Marianne Cope

5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. Communion Service
6:00 p.m. CCD Classes

Thursday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 a.m. Communion Service
*Parish Breakfast Club Meets at Area Restaurant

Friday, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. MASS: Birthday Blessings for
Brock & Grace Sturzl by the family

Sunday, January 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Ben Turzinski, Sr.
By Chuck & Betty Oswald
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
6:30 p.m. Adoration

Please Pray for Norm Hudziak and his family. Norm's funeral Mass was held here at St. Max's on Thursday, January 18th.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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