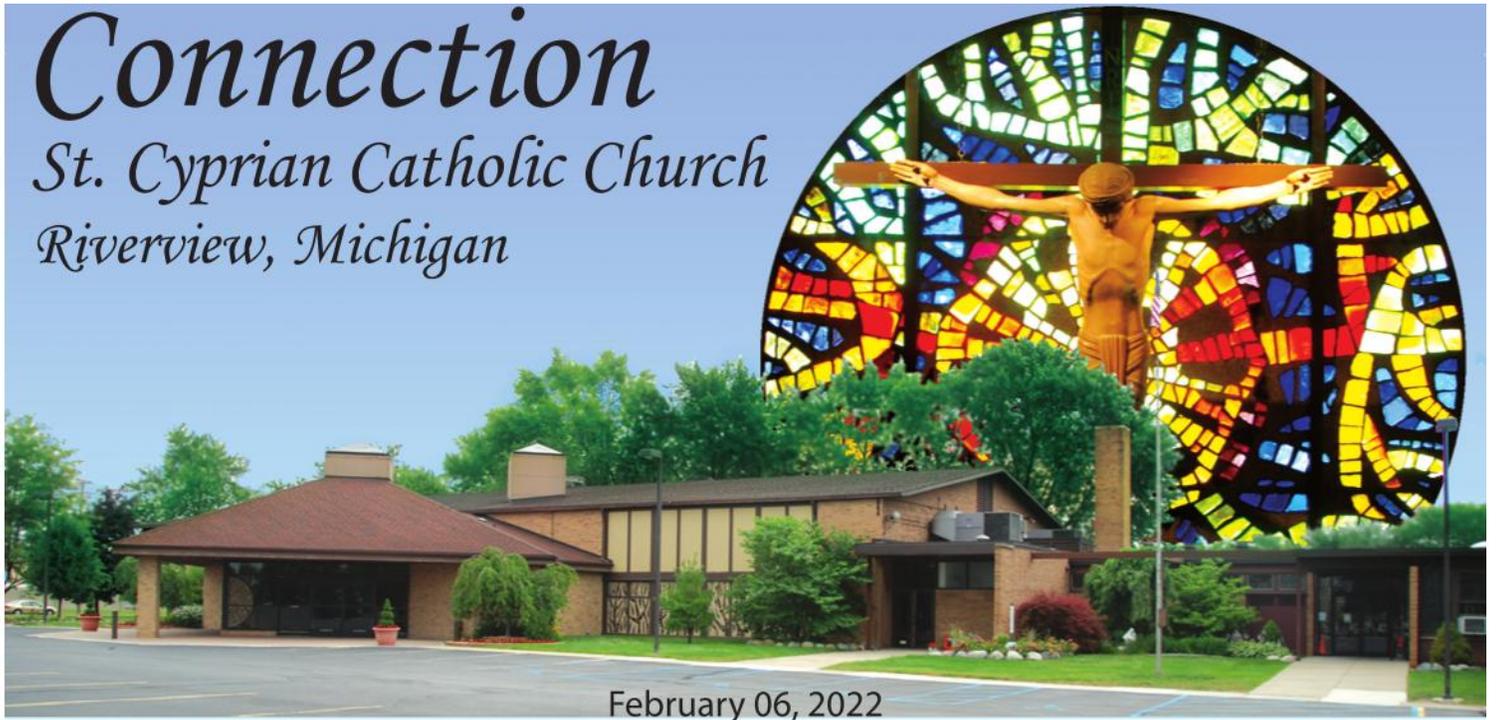


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What did Jesus know about fishing? He was a carpenter, after all, by trade. But what did Simon know about fishing for people? Rather than take pride in what we know, the Gospel invites us to humbly learn from the Lord. All our striving and toil for earthly wealth and prestige cannot eclipse the importance of the mission we share as disciples of Christ: to draw others from the nets of our materialistic culture into the joy and hope of God's Kingdom. With Simon we are astounded; we can no longer pull fish out of the water to die; we are called to pull people out of the water to live. Like Paul and Isaiah, we retell the story of this occurrence in our lives to validate our new identity, to prove to those around us that we have been changed and that our alien way of behaving is both obedience and freedom. In sacred places, where we work or on the road, meeting God demands change. Simon Peter felt totally inadequate, but with the calling comes power. Even in an old fishing boat, Jesus has the power to turn emptiness to fullness. His promise to Simon was to make something new and life-giving out of him as well. If he can do that for Peter, he can do that for us!



Friday, February 11, the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes is the *World Day of the Sick*. We will hold a special **anointing Mass at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Parish on Grosse Ile.** If you'd like to

come and bring someone who would benefit from the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick you are most welcome to do so. Plan on staying for lunch that will be served afterward at the parish. If you'd like to stay for lunch afterward, please call Sacred Heart Parish Office at (734)676-1378 to RSVP, so we can plan accordingly.

Go Make of All Disciples

I am working on a plan with our parishes in the family to accompany newly married couples and baptism families. There is always a form of preparation for Sacraments. Couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Sacrament of Baptism of their children. What we often lack is any follow up. **Small groups** are a great way to engage people and build community. I am developing a plan to capture contact information for these groups of people post marriage and post baptism.

As I begin to collect information and attempt to gather with couples/families, I will need married couples to assist. What this means is to help be small group leaders (I will train you), to mentor, and to encourage other couples. This simply means being in contact with couples, inviting them to Church (maybe even to sit with you at the Mass you attend), sharing a meal periodically, and just being a support in faith.

For this to happen and to be successful means having a "village" to support this. I encourage you to pray about this and think about how God can use your gifts and your faith to share it with others. If you want to know more or share other ideas you may have, please contact me!



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from our
**Director of Evangelization
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This weekend all of the readings being proclaimed to us bear a central theme: the call to discipleship and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether as one who is called to be a prophet like Isaiah, a believer who is unwavering in their faith of God and His protection or to be another Paul in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ; each of us is anointed through our sacramental initiation to a life of missionary discipleship.

The Word of God is vibrant in each of the readings through the response of Isaiah, the exhortation of Paul and the personal ministry of Jesus to the first disciples. Based upon the words and deeds of Jesus, which manifest God's prophetic activity, Simon Peter, James and John all have a powerful encounter of Jesus and begin to follow him as his apostles. They begin in very humble circumstances and recognize their unworthiness but respond in faith and trust because of Jesus' divine presence in their midst. Despite having worked all night and having no catch, Simon Peter persists one more time in response to the command of Jesus and ends up catching more than fish! Through the amazing miracle of such an enormous catch which overwhelms them, the Holy Spirit has opened their hearts and minds to see Jesus with the eyes of faith. Jesus then affirms that they, the first apostles, will be pursuing even greater activities for the kingdom of God, when they leave everything behind and follow him.

We too are called to be in intimate, personal relationship with Jesus and actively proclaiming the truth of our Catholic faith which is firmly established upon the Gospel and sacred tradition, and which Paul professes in the great Kerygma: Jesus, who is God's Anointed One, died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father in glory. This is always the foundation of what we preach through our witness, ministry and lives. May we all prayerfully reflect on how God may be calling each of us to discipleship or leadership in a new or unexpected way. When reflecting on today's gospel passage how does it challenge you to encounter Jesus anew and inspire you to follow him more fully?

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

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At the January 31 Mass, our parish family recognized Bill Loeber, one of our faithful lay minister's and an active parishioner for completing his certification process as a catechist. Bill received his certificate and a blessing from Fr. Marc, for God's continued graces upon his ministry. Bill entered into the new *On Fire for the Faith* Catechist formation program offered through Sacred Heart Major Seminary and the AOD. He prayed, served and studied for 6 months under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in a joyful response to God's invitation to this new work in his life. He will continue to serve as a catechist in our RCIA ministry and our religious education programs as needed.

Is God calling you to move in faith with the gifts and charisms the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon you to serve in our Family of Parishes as a catechist? The new formation process is exciting and dynamic and can greatly increase your love and knowledge of the Catholic faith, with the opportunity to then be an instrument in God's hands for stirring the flame of faith in others. For more information visit SHMS.EDU/CATECHIST today or contact me if you would like to discuss this lay ministry opportunity.

Denise Gorski

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Knighly News from the Chancellor

February.....From Feast to Fast

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family, between the events of which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life.

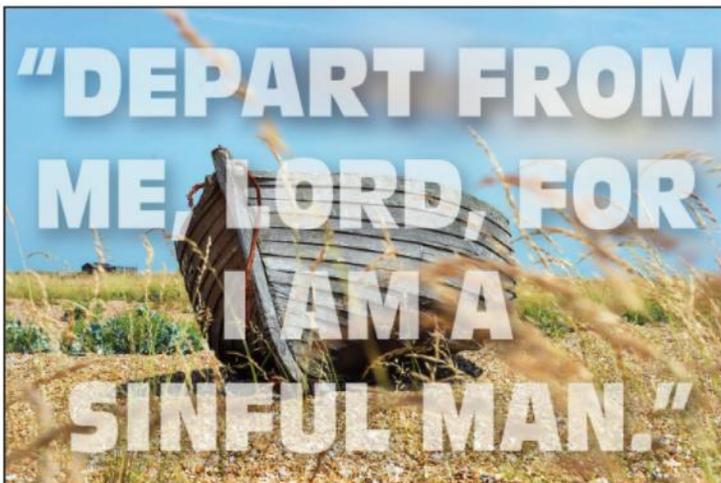
Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of Our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter!) In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year; blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ the Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Pascal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

"The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence-exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion-propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercise of Lent-Fasting, prayer, almsgiving, laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of Our Mother Mary. She who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, taking up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.

Material for this article taken from the Web site Catholic Culture.

Carl Baltosiewich, Chancellor
Knights of Columbus Council 13980



St. Vincent dePaul St. Cyprian Conference

2020 and 2021 have been very unusual years for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. The impact of the pandemic on our ability to assist our Neighbors in Need has been experienced by those of us who are members of the St. Cyprian-St. Vincent De Paul Society Conference. Last year I wrote that we had experienced fewer home visits and requests for assistance. This continued throughout 2021.

Home visits is a particular expression of the SVDP ministry, yet we have been encouraged not to go to the homes of our Neighbors in Need due to the covid virus. Instead, we have held interviews at our parish office with precautions in place. This past year we have, also, assisted many of our Neighbors in Need, not only in Riverview but, also, in the downriver area, with food and various new household items.

Most of the parishes in the downriver area have SVDP Conferences and one of the significant ministries is collaborating with each other when the financial needs of the Neighbor in Need are too much for one parish. This is called "twinning." The word goes out for help and those parishes, who are able, come forward with additional financial assistance. St. Cyprian-SVDP has been known over the years for its generosity in helping our sister parishes.

(Continued on page 4)



Rosary

Come and join St. Cyprian Parish Knights of Columbus as they recite the Holy Rosary on the Second Thursday of each month. It is held in church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This invitation is **open to all parishioners** who enjoy this prayer. Start to make this a promise to yourself, as Mary herself made promises to those who pray the Holy Rosary.

One of those promises is, "The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **Shall Not Perish**".

Time spent, **minimal**.....reward.....**Phenomenal!**

Thursday, February 10 at 6:30pm

St. Vincent dePaul (Continued from page 3)

This past October we were able to sponsor a “Bundle Days” event and filled a large truck with usable household and clothing items which were taken to the St. Vincent De Paul stores for resale. The response of parishioners was overwhelming. St. Cyprian parishioners have a reputation for generosity, and this was another expression of that great virtue. One of the key elements in continuing the work of the SVDP Society is the support and encouragement of pastors. We are very grateful for Fr. Marc’s continued support of our St. Vincent De Paul Conference.

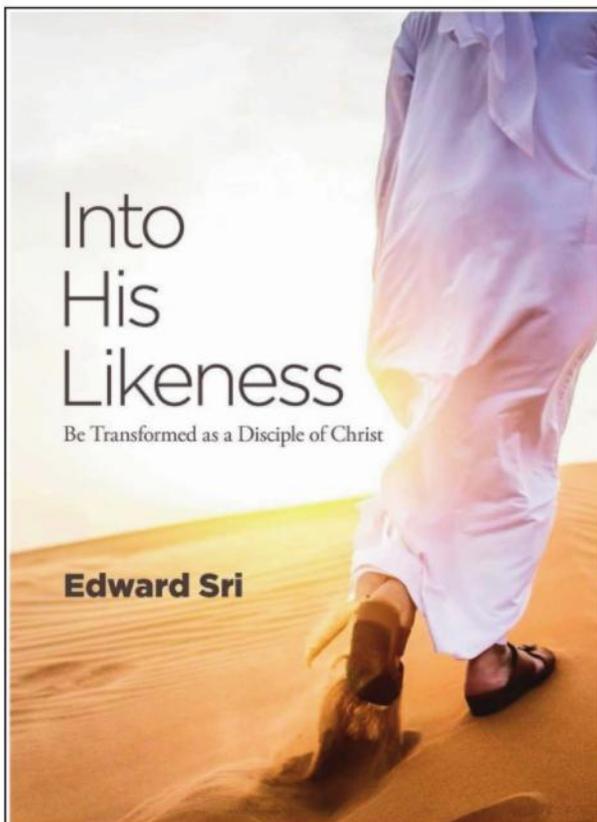
We currently have 10 active members in our St. Cyprian-St. Vincent De Paul Conference, and we are always open to new members.

In the Rule of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul it states:

“No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.”

As this new year of 2022 unfolds in the months ahead, may the spirit of St. Vincent De Paul continue to be our guide as we journey together in meeting the needs of our Neighbors in Need.

Sr. Ann Kasparek, Vincentian



Be Transformed As A Disciple of Christ This Lenten Season

Do you sense a movement in you - that desire to go deeper in your relationship with Christ? Do you have a longing to follow Jesus more closely and to be transformed by him? Do you notice a stirring inside, a longing to love God with all your heart but feel unsure what steps to take next?

This inspiring series will help you recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that you may more intentionally encounter Jesus Christ anew each day. Come discover, with the heart of a disciple, how to become more open to the power of his grace as it is ever transforming you more and more into his likeness.

Join us for this 6 Week Series every Thursday from March 3 - April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Room

Questions? Contact Denise Gorski, Director of Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation at 734-283-1366 x112 or at dgorski@stcyprian.com

Liturgical Minister Schedule for February 13
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Minister Schedule also available at www.stcyprian.com

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM
SACRISTAN/AA	Larry Masserant	Shirley Ellerbrock
GREETERS	Kowalczyk Family, Ennis Family	Preston Family, Holmes Family
LECTORS	Carl & Pat Baltosiewich	Bev Nicholson, Janie Eaton
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Liturgy Intentions

Donations have been made for the purchase of bread and wine in honor of the following:

February 12, 5:00pm Liturgy

- † Ed Zarosly from Diane Zarosly and Dennis
- † Richard Sietz from Family and Friends
- † Orville Bezemek from Virgie Ann O'Connor
- † Gary Kulick from Family
- † Alice Fountain from Virgie Ann O'Connor
- † Craig Fountain from Virgie Ann O'Connor

February 13, 9:00am Liturgy

- † Margaret Olle from Mr. & Mrs. John Olle
- † JoAnn DeJaeger from Nancy Verdoot
- † Rodger Lucking from Camille Lucking



Faith's role in love

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to "love the Lord your

God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. "I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more." That "more," she explains, involves these paradoxes: "We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand."

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: "When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart."

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If you would like to have your 2021 **Contribution Statement mailed or emailed to you** please fill out and mail this form to the parish office. **Year end tax statements will only be provided upon request.** The cost to mail first class to all families would be costly and some may not need it. You can also email Sue in the parish office the information below with a request for your statement at: ssureck@stcyprian.com.

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Readings for the Week of February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-2a, 3-8, Ps 138: 1-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11

Monday Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Ps 132: 6-10, Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Ps 84: 3-5, 10-11, Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Kgs 10: 1-10, Ps 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40, Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4 -13, Ps 106: 3-4, 35-37, 40, Mk 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19, Ps 81:10-15, Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34, Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22, Mk 8:1-10

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8, Ps 1:1-4, 6, 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20, Lk 6:17, 20-26



At this time we are in need of paper towel, kleenix and laundry soap.

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Total Collection 7/1/21 to present	\$279,483.00
Needed Weekly	\$9,664.00
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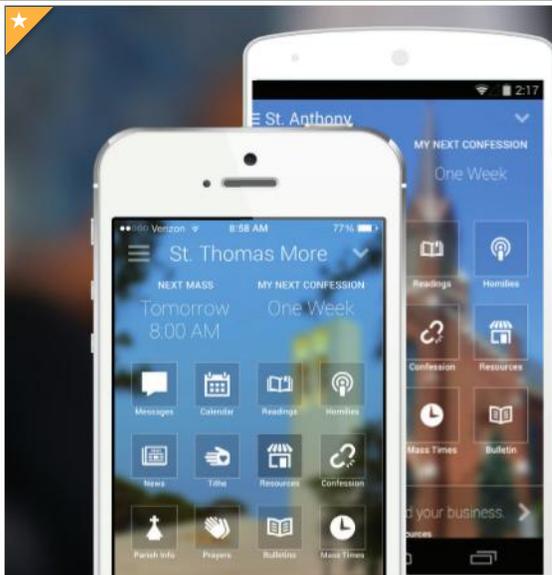
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