

Saint Patrick Church, Kankakee

~ A Viatorian Parish ~

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021



***Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.***

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples
and find them interesting, but a bit unrealistic.

When we look at our own lives,
we believe that we could not leave everything
to follow someone whom we did not know.

We have many responsibilities and ties
that keep us from following.

God understands our confusion and doubts ...
but God is persistent.

God continues to call us to be
in ministry and mission in this world.
It may not mean leaving everything behind,
but it does mean being willing to serve
wherever God calls us ... and that is hard.

We want to place conditions on service,
and, usually, those conditions are
“if we have time,” “if we have energy,”
“if we can just try serving God for a little while
so as to see how it all works out.”

Still, God calls to each of us.

Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord,
for the many times when we turn our backs on serving you
and focus in on our own comforts.

Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need.

Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions,
which hurt rather than heal.

Wrap your arms around us,
healing our wounds and binding us to you.
Gently move us into service in your name.

Amen.

What was it about the invitation to “come after me” that caused an immediate affirmative response by Simon, Andrew, James, and John? They did not ask where they were going. They did not go home to pack a bag. Surprisingly to me, the father of James and John did not object to being abandoned by his sons. Without question or further thought, they surrendered everything to follow a man known to them as the son of a carpenter. Why? Why did only four respond?

Saint Ignatius would call the immediate choice of Simon, Andrew, James, and John an election of the first kind: “When God our Lord so moves and attracts the will that, without doubting or being able to doubt, such a dedicated soul follows what is shown, just as Saint Paul and Saint Matthew did when they followed Christ the Lord.” An election of the first kind looks spontaneous; but, without some prior event(s) to stir an awakening of the soul; we cannot hear our call. What had prepared the future disciples to respond?

Amid the drudgery of life and the struggle to survive under Roman oppression, the Jewish people must have heard hope in the teachings of Saint John the Baptist. While mending their nets, the fishermen might have wondered about Saint John's exhortation: “The Kingdom of God is near.” To ease the pain of life's uncertainties, perhaps they shared their dreams about what it would be like living in God's kingdom. Maybe they prayed for the coming of that kingdom. In any event, they were ready and longing for an invitation the day that Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' words filled the emptiness in their souls, melting away doubts or the ability to doubt the carpenter. Would we accept a carpenter's invitation?

The invitation to “come after me” happens every day. Unlike the fisherman responding to the carpenter, we know that a call from Jesus is a call from the Son of God. God longs for us to articulate the hopes and dreams residing in the deepest recesses of our soul and then listen for our invitation. Where might God's invitation take us?

God invites us to move into a deeper relationship that includes the promise that God will never abandon us. The invitation does not end the uncertainty or hardships of life; but, as our trust grows, so does our ability to see God in all things and to accept the world as it is – we become more of our true selves. We grow into a person who is ready to set the world on fire. How might we prepare for God's invitation?

Let us accept an invitation to sit quietly with God, to plumb the depths of our soul, and to lift up to God our deepest longings. How does God respond?

“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my savior” (Psalm 25:4-5).

(Gladycce Janky)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23, 4:00 P.M.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Andina DalSanto

Sunday, January 24, 7:00 A.M.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Brian Cardosi

Sunday, January 24, 10:00 A.M.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Frank Trost

Tuesday, January 26, 7:15 A.M.
Mose Arseneau

Thursday, January 28, 7:15 A.M.
For the intentions of
Eleanor Small

Saturday, January 30, 4:00 P.M.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Madonna Brosseau
Phyllis Hendron

Sunday, January 31, 7:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Elaine Ziemer

Sunday, January 31, 10:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
John DesMarteau
Joanne Dressler

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns in memory of
Edwin Williams

The Holy Family Candle
burns in memory of
Lester Chinski

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Envelopes (54) = \$6,185.00

Loose cash and checks = \$60.00

Online Giving (12 families) = \$578.00

A.C.H. Giving (10 families) = \$1,013.00

Total Collection = \$7,836.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget = \$7,673.00

Prayer Line . . . Call (815) 933-6877

PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS

By way of reminder, I will mention again that those wishing to attend Mass on Tuesday morning and Thursday morning do not need reservations. Those planning to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, however, will need reservations. Very simply stated, Weekend Mass Reservations can be made, beginning after 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning, by accessing our on-line Mass Reservations site at <https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch> or our telephone site at 815-932-6716, Ext. 999. Reservations for Saturday and Sunday Masses officially close at noon time on the previous Friday.

**For the foreseeable future,
the church doors will be opened
twenty minutes before Mass begins.**

For the Saturday 4:00 Mass, doors will open at 3:40 P.M.
For the Sunday 7:00 Mass, doors will open at 6:40 A.M.
For the Sunday 10:00 Mass, doors will open at 9:40 A.M.

For Weekday 7:15 Mass, doors will open at 6:55 A.M.

**Effective as of November 14th
and continuing for the foreseeable future,
we will be using the church's Northwest Door
to enter for all the Weekend and Weekday Masses.**

**The Parish Re-Opening Team
is always ready to welcome
additional parishioners
who wish to serve as
Greeters / Ushers
Sanitizers.**

**To volunteer your services,
please get in touch with
the Parish Office.
Thank you.**

Father John

UNITED WAY OF ILLINOIS EQUITY CHALLENGE

The United Way of Illinois Equity Challenge is a 21-week program that encourages Illinois residents to engage in racial equity conversations to gain a deeper understanding about the impact systemic racism and inequity have on our state and in our local communities. United, we can help to create a stronger, more equitable Illinois economy and stronger, more inclusive Illinois communities.

100% FREE to participate.

Receive one e-mail per week

from **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on January 18th
through **Juneteenth** on June 19th.

Spend approximately 15 minutes per week completing each challenge activity.

Weekly topics include Understanding Privilege, Housing & Redlining,
Justice System Inequities, among many others.

Participants who complete all of the weekly challenges
will receive a certificate of completion, a digital badge,
and links to tips and training tools
to help continue the conversation.

To enroll in the challenge, go to:

<https://unitedwayillinois.org/equity-challenge/>

Upcoming Spirituality Programs sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

An Interactive Presentation on Anti-Racism

Wednesday, February 3

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

A Prayerful Walk to Calvary

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

For more information and to register, call:

Susan Amann at 815-348-9871 - or - Ruth Barber at 815-405-4553

**A complete listing of all the on-line programming
sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
can be accessed via their website at:**

<http://sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

KANKAKEE COUNTY PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES January, 2021

Please show your support for life by participating in any or all of the following activities during the month of January.

From Thursday, January 21, through Friday, January 29, the Novena for Life will be held. You may use the following link to access the daily novena prayers: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Today, Sunday, January 24, is the Rosary for Life. You are invited to join with other area Catholics in a “Rosary for the Unborn,” led by our young people. We will meet at the Maternity BVM School parking lot (on the Convent Street curve) at 2:45 P.M. The Rosary will begin at 3:00 P.M.

For any questions, please contact Steve Kelley at 815-214-7063.

Collection for the Church in Latin America Inspires All to “Share Your Faith”

The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be taken up on this weekend of January 30-31. The 2021 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities that we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization that their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America. To learn more about those whom the collection benefits, you are invited to visit [How to Give](#) to participate this January.

Catholic Schools Week 2021

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021 with Bishop McNamara Catholic School beginning on Sunday, January 31st! This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Throughout Catholic Schools Week, Bishop McNamara Catholic School will be celebrating our community, our vocations, our faculty and staff, our students, and, of course, you, our parishes! This is also a time when we invite new/interested families to visit our two grade school sites for an Open House. Open House tours at the Bishop McNamara Catholic School Bradley and Bourbonnais sites will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd, and on Thursday, February 4th, from 3:30-6:30 pm and on Saturday, February 6th, from 9:00-11:00 am. If your family is interested in attending one of our grade school Open House dates, please contact Dana Berg at dberg@bmcss.org and/or Sue Goselin at sgoselin@bmcss.org. If you were unable to attend Open House tours at our Kankakee site (grades 6-12) in the fall, please reach out to Terry Granger at tgranger@bmcss.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021 with our community and parishes!



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 Sunday..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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Appointments..... Please call to schedule appointments.
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