

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019

MONDAY

Gn 1:1-19 * Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35 * Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Gn 1:20 - 2:4 * Ps 8:4-9 * Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Gn 2:4-9,15-17 * Ps 104:1-2,27-30 * Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Gn 2:18-25 * Ps 128:1-5 * Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

Gn 3:1-8 * Ps 32:1-2,5-7 * Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Gn 3:9-24 * Ps 90:2-6,12-13 * Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Jer 17:5-8 * Ps 1:1-4,6 * 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 * Lk 6:17,20-26



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 11	6:30pm	Adult Bible Timeline
Tues., Feb. 12	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	AACS Open House
	6:30pm	RCIA
	7:00pm	Bible Study-WC
Wed., Feb. 13	6:30pm	RCIA Make-up
Thurs., Feb. 14	6:30pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat., Feb. 16	5-11pm	AACS Eagle Palooza-Williams T.H.
Sun., Feb. 17	10:45am	Religious Education

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CATECHUMENS

At next Sunday's Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Blessing and Anointing with our Catechumen, Alyssa Gulvas. This Rite is a sign of God's love and the Church's tender care. The blessing is given so that Alyssa will receive courage, joy and peace as she proceeds along her journey to baptism. The anointing with oil symbolizes her need for God's help and strength not only as she prepares for baptism but throughout her entire life.

We Need Your Help! Lent bulk mailing will be prepared on Monday, February 25 at 1pm at the Parish Center. Many hands make light work!! Everyone is welcome to come help with this mailing.

Family Fun Card & Board Game Night sponsored by the Education/Formation Commission Saturday, February 23 after 4:30pm Mass. Dinner will be served. Bring your favorite family board game or use the cards and board games that will be supplied. There will be a prize drawing for all the winners!! Sign up at the entrances of Church. We hope you will join us for this fun filled night. Everyone is welcome!!



LENT 2019 MISSION – Eucharist: A Diamond in our Midst Mark your calendar: March 10, 11 & 12.

Join our parish community for three evenings and a morning hearing about the Eucharist. As a way to prepare for our Parish Mission we began 3-Minute Teachings (written by Larry Mick) before Mass this week. We will be hearing them each week through Lent. We hope you find them to be helpful as we begin to think about the Eucharist and how our liturgy is "the source and summit of our Christian life." There will be copies of each weeks' teaching at the entrances of the Church.

"Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."
Abraham Lincoln

EDUCATION/FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

What have you missed because of fear? What would you have done differently? Would you have stayed in the boat with Jesus?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Many times, Jesus cautions his followers not to be afraid. Through Jesus, the disciples experienced many things out of the ordinary, so some apprehension would be natural. Jesus, however, counsels them to trust. Sometimes we are presented with situations that seem to call forth strength and courage from us. In today's Gospel, we see that we are not to rely on such attributes; we are only to rely on God. Jesus shows the disciples that he can fill their nets, only for Peter to declare that he is unworthy. Jesus calls us as we are and asks that we put our trust in him.

► **Living the Word:** The correct tools are needed to catch fish and people. Ask your family to brainstorm to make a list of what is needed to fish. (Hint: a line, hooks, bobbers, sinkers, worms, lures, needle-nose pliers, first aid kit, sunscreen, line cutter, a boat, and a fishing hat are among the items.) Discuss how the fish will get away if you do not have the essentials. Then ask the family what is needed to bring people to the Lord. These items may not be as tangible as what fishers need. Love, patience, and kindness will be among what is required.

YOUTH MINISTRY

► **Thank You** to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl Collection for the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw. We collected \$838.10. Last year they served 80,848 meals. They truly provide meals and hope in the heart of Saginaw.



STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$11,298.00
Souper Bowl Collection: \$838.10
In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Periard: \$80.00

Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...

...I helped shovel during the winter storm. ...good all week
...taught my brother how to hit a baseball. ...clean up my toys.

February Wedding Anniversaries

50 years or more.....	Richard & Barbara LaFramboise Richard & Carol Syring Patrick & Susan Dunckel
40 years or more.....	Clarence & Ruth Boks John & Jane Anne Berry
30 years or more.....	Tom & Char Yurgaites Glen & Mary Tacey
10 years or more.....	Duane & Sherry Sylvester Ryan & Jessica Dallas Will & Diane Gehoski
Less than 10 years.....	Anthony & Tiffany Trevino



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

We know the story. Peter and his companions were overwhelmed at the catch. It was more than they could handle – physically or psychologically. Seeing what he could not understand, Peter reacted with fear. He fell before Jesus as he would before a ruler and respectfully asked him to let him be. Peter quickly assessed the situation. He saw that Jesus was offering more than he could handle. He knew intuitively that if he stayed with Jesus, nothing would ever be

the same. So in typical fashion, he tried to wiggle out of the situation. He didn't run, but he asked Jesus to go away.

The fishing story was but a symbol of Peter's underestimation of Jesus' purpose and power, not to mention his love. Jesus was not about to leave, nor was he going to let the fishermen get away too easily. Making a pun that probably lightened the tension, Jesus ignored Peter's protest about being too sinful and told him and his friends that instead of catching fish, they would now be taking people captive. It was an offer they would not refuse. That day on the boat was decisive. Peter and company had heard and seen Jesus. They had broken bread with him and seen his healing power. But the experience on the boat threw it all into a new perspective.

Luke tells us this story about Peter and his buddies so that we can find ourselves in it. As we read the Gospel, we will note that the extraordinary catch was just that. Their days were not filled with unmitigated success. But that one experience had caught them up in Jesus' net. They saw enough to know that they couldn't imagine what was possible – and that was the good news Jesus preached.

Perhaps the question of the day is whether we are willing to allow Jesus to commandeer our boats. Peter would warn us that allowing Jesus onto our turf will not turn out as we might expect. We will become painfully aware of our inadequacy and sinfulness. And in the midst of that, we may be captivated and discover how our small faith and tiny hopes can grow into extraordinary and miraculously realistic expectations.



Isaiah's Call and Response (Is 6)

[Celebration](#)

While the history Isaiah recalls was momentous, the vision he had was absolutely overwhelming. Isaiah had an experience of the God whose presence was so immense that just the hem of God's garment filled the entire temple. God was attended by fiery angels who taught the church one of our most oft-sung hymns: *Holy, Holy, Holy*. This is the hymn that joyously proclaims that humans and angels can glimpse the glory of the God who created the universe. The proclamation that God is "holy" asserts that God is beyond everything humanly knowable. Yet this God fills creation with signs of what divinity implies.

This vision led Isaiah to crumple. He had the reaction Scripture calls "fear of the Lord." God's immense greatness was overpowering. In the face of thunder and fire, angels and earthquake, Isaiah could only cry out, "Woe is me!"

Nothing could be more honest than Isaiah's reaction. Like parents who glimpse pure innocence and eternity when they behold their infant, like people who are moved to tears by seeing the sunset over the ocean, like a prisoner who gazes on the Milky Way for the first time in years, Isaiah's encounter with grandeur brought him to his knees in awareness of his insignificance and sinfulness.

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible." Walt Disney

Isaiah's recognition of his own unworthiness opened the way to his transformation. When he acknowledged that God's ways were too great for him, the angel purified his lips, and he was prepared to speak God's word. This is the irony of vocation: The realization that we are unworthy, incapable and even unwilling, can open us to the grace we need to accomplish what we are unable to do on our own.

Remember the Gospel (1 Cor 15)

[Celebration](#)

In this selection from his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us of the "Gospel" he preached. He offers this selection as if he were giving us the executive summary of everything he tries to say in his preaching and the writings that came from it. Paul is the first Christian author to use the word "Gospel," and he uses it more than any other Christian Scripture writer.

Paul's Gospel is knowledge of the sort that one gains by falling in love. Lovers can say something about the theory of love, but words are only feeble attempts to explain their actions and motivations. Analogously, Paul's Gospel is more like an invasion by the Spirit than a theological proposition.

Paul began this selection saying, "I am reminding you." He wasn't reviewing the catechism but inviting his people to remember how they fell in love with Christ, how the Gospel turned their lives upside down and brought them joy that was deeper than any circumstances they might experience. We who hear the reading are invited to the same act of remembering so that we too can be reenergized by the Gospel that saves us from everything we could ever fear, everything that would prevent us from acting in love.

The Necessary Step (Luke 4)

[Celebration](#)

When Jesus had finished teaching, he used a highly symbolic phrase, asking Simon to put out into the "deep" for a catch. Simon answered that they had tried all they could, but like Mary at the Annunciation who couldn't imagine how the angel's promise would come to pass, Simon Peter obeyed a command that made no sense on a professional level.

When he saw the results of his obedience, Peter was overwhelmed. He realized that Jesus was more than a builder and healer – he was extraordinary in a way that could only have to do with God. Peter realized that the difference between Jesus and the fishermen was too great for him to breach. He was a sinner, so speaking for the group, he asked Jesus to leave them.

Without denying their weakness, Jesus let them know they were capable of more than they had ever dreamed of. Peter, the spokesperson, had heard Jesus and seen his healing power. He had invited him into his home and work space. Ultimately, he had obeyed Jesus' command, even though it made no sense, and that was the step that changed Peter's sense of everything.

Today's readings combine to invite us to recall the reasons for our faith. Like Isaiah, we need to take time to remember and cherish our moments of marveling at God's grandeur and love. Like Peter, we need to renew our awe at the power and love that has led us to fall on our knees and recognize our littleness and our desire to become all God intends us to be. We also need to be prepared for the fact that opening ourselves to a renewed encounter with Christ will change us. He will again come into our homes and invade our workspace. And all of that is simply a prelude to transforming our lives and enticing us into his mission.

**"LORD, MAY I BE A CHANNEL
OF YOUR PRESENCE."**