

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 6
2022



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Isn't it comforting to know that others have struggles with low self-esteem? Today Isaiah calls himself a man with "unclean lips." Paul is "not fit to be called an apostle." Simon Peter tells Jesus (perhaps unnecessarily) "I am a sinful man." All of these may be true, but God chose these three—unclean, unfit, sinful—as important, essential messengers in the work of salvation. We all can remember this whenever we are tempted to view ourselves as unqualified for (or excuse ourselves from) sharing the Good News. Having a low opinion of ourselves isn't humility. Truth be told, it's a kind of arrogance to think that God cannot work through us. It's a good thing to be aware of and honest about our failings or limitations, but we also give glory to God by acknowledging what we are able to do, by sharing the gifts that God has granted us.

RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the "call" stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural "call" stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a "call" as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a "spillover" from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]
Luke 5:1–11

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

ISAIAH 6:8

Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani

5:15 pm Agnes Elbert †

WEDNESDAY, February 9

7:00 am Stanley & Mary Kopacz †

THURSDAY, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 am Annette Taylor

FRIDAY, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 am Mickey Crisp †

8:30 am Larry Lone †

SATURDAY, February 12

4:30 pm Dominic DeFrancesco †

SUNDAY, February 13

8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

10:00 am Viola Stengel †

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, February 7

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)

6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)

6:30-8:00 pm—RCIA (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, February 9

7:00-8:30 pm—H.S. Youth (4th St. Bowl)

7:00-8:30 pm—Choir Practice (church)

THURSDAY, February 10

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus (pc)

SATURDAY, February 12

6-9:00 pm—Sock Hop (pc)

subject to be rescheduled

SUNDAY, February 13

Coffee & Donuts following each Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: 1 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

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Year End 2021 Donation Letters

St. Mary 2021 donation letters were mailed last Monday (01/31). Please contact Steve (417-623-3333) at the parish office if you did not receive a letter or you have any questions regarding your letter. Thank you!

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.
—Anonymous

TESTED LIKE GOLD

God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

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January Income Report

January Income	Week 3 (15th-21st)	January Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	17,243.00	70,083.34	Needed 15,181.92
Plate	93.06	666.67	Needed 475.60
Maintenance Estimated	2,278.14	3,000.00	Needed 759.36
Utilities Estimated	3,075.00	4,100.00	Needed 1,025.00

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. **Make plans now to attend the weekend of March 18-20, 2022 at the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage, MO.** For more information, or to register for a weekend, visit www.wmme.org, or call/Email Kim Brayman at (417) 866-0841, kbrayman@dioscrg.org.

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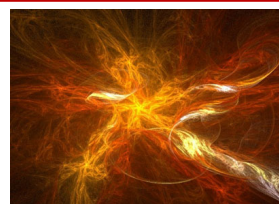
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CONFIRMATION

September 10, 2022

4:30 pm Mass



The first class will be on **Sunday, February 20th** following the 10:00 am Mass. This will be a two hour meeting. If you weren't at the initial meeting with Fr. Joe on Sunday, January 23rd call Stephanie at the parish office.

THE 3RD ANNUAL

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday
Feb. 26
2022

In cooperation with the diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

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St. Mary's/St. Peter's YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Event—Plan now to join us!

Wed., Feb. 9 *BOWLING NIGHT! 🎳

Meet at 4th Street Bowl—bring \$5 7:00-8:30 pm

**Please mark your calendars and bring a friend!*

If you'd like to help with Youth Group please contact Margie Black 417-540-7887 THANK YOU!

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with masks**.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule February 5-6

4:30 Mass

Altar Servers

Volunteer
Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Joan Merrill
Tracey Welch

Lector

Carrol Page
Mary Ann Soerries

Usher

Denis Desmond
Ivan Johnson
Jim Mobley
Volunteer

Guitarist

Jeff Bruggeman

Cantor

Mary Lou Bruggeman

8:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Brenda Glynn
Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Patty Wheeler
Volunteer

Lector

Patrick Cahalan
Jan Woody

Usher

Chuck Crandon
Martin O'Toole
Fred Wheeler
Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Terry Wachter

10:00 Mass

Altar Servers

Kayden Williams
Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Heather Anderson
Volunteer

Lector

Lisa Green
Chris Perrey

Usher

Pam Black
Warren Black
Andy Ostmeyer
Volunteer

Organist

Maureen Mitchell

Cantor

Bill Williams

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers will need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER

Are you searching for God's call for your life?

Has the thought of becoming a priest ever crossed your mind?

Have you ever been told you would make a good priest?

If you said YES to any of the above, this is for you!

Join like-minded young men searching for what God has planned for their lives. Share a meal with Bishop Rice and our local priests, hear their discernment stories, and voice any questions you may have.

All young men, high school age through adulthood, are welcome. Parents are invited to join us!

**Tuesday, Feb 15th, 7:00 PM
St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin
Our Lady's Hall (Basement)
RSVP: puma2828@gmail.com**

SOCK HOP

Saturday, February 12, 2022

6pm-9pm



Bring your family/friends and *bebop* over to the Parish Center
for a Rockin' Good Time!

Sponsored by St. Mary's PCCW

Food

Root beer floats

DJ

Best Costume Contest

(Prizes for Adult and Children's categories)

Games

Dancing

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St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes

January 25, 2022

Present: Father Joe, Patty Wheeler, Scott Lone, Karen Long, Steve Williams, Rick Metsker and Kristy Buccieri. Stephanie Elbert recorded the minutes.

Absent: Margie Black, Denis Desmond, Wayne Wilmes, Tracy Borgmeyer and Jim Mobley

The meeting began with a prayer led by Rick Metsker

Finance Report:

Fr. Joe pointed out items from the December financial report written by Denis Desmond. Collections for December were \$25,736 above budget. Expenses were \$4,352 above budget. Major expense items were: repairs to three HVAC units (\$2,839); purchase of ice melt (\$920); sprinkler inspection (\$224); annual test of fire alarms (\$1,120); cleaning of school (\$805); and rectory garage door repair (\$157). Other expenses were in line with the budget. YTD envelope collections were \$19,494 over last year. YTD receipts exceed disbursements by \$14,639.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Men's Bible Study resumed on January 10th. They are studying the Gospel of John.

Women's Bible Study will resume on February 7th. They will study "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. They have 8 ladies in the morning and 3 in the evening classes.

PCCW Since the last Council meeting: The pictorial directory was completed and is at Universal Church Directories for processing. A total of 186 families participated in the photo sessions. The "Box of Joy" campaign for Cross Catholic Outreach netted 125 boxes. St. Mary parishioners and students participated. PCCW provided an ice cream treat to reward the hard work of the students. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was well attended. Frances & Wayne Wilmes and many volunteers made this event possible. PCCW get together in addition to monthly meetings: October – Sunday afternoon of fun and games; December – Bingo with "white elephant" prizes; January – "Create n Sip" and preparing and serving a meal for Caring Bridges. In February they are planning a "Valentine Family Sock Hop" with a live DJ, dancing, food, and games.

Welcome Ministry Patty Wheeler met with 10-12 people between November 17- December 5 to share with them the vision for this new ministry. Mary Metsker volunteered to take the lead on the project. Few were inspired to commit, and some didn't think it was a viable ministry. Patty and Mary will meet with Fr. Joe to re-think the approach.

Pastor's Time: Father Joe met with students (and their parents) who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to some bookwork, Fr. Joe would like for them to experience living their faith. Examples would be going with him on Communion visits, serving on the weekend in the various ministries, etc. The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 20th following the 10:00 am Mass. This will be a two-hour meeting. If you missed the initial meeting on, January 23rd come by the parish office to sign up and receive your assignment for the February meeting.

Synod Father Joe gave each council member a handout from the Diocese called The Synod on Synodality 2021-2023. A synodal Church walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members. The objective of this Synodal Process is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term. Pope Francis is asking the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal roots and to reflect on how the path of synodality is the way for the entire People of God to journey forward together. "...the objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times" Further discussion and additional information will follow as it evolves.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next Council meeting will be March 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm.



JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website: <https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> Please see the information under Updated COVID Guidance—Jan. 2022

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Parents/ Guardians will be notified of JACS closings via School Messenger.

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be dismissed at noon on Friday, February 18th for Teacher Professional Development.

Joplin Area Catholic Schools will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

Mercy Meals

Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at development@jacss.org to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

JACS Auction Donations

The annual auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. And we are seeking items to include in baskets or as live auction items. Items include:

- * Kitchen and cooking items
- * Children's toys and books
- * Branson activities or timeshare
- * Movie night at home
- * Car care
- * Golfing related items
- * KC Chiefs, KC Royals and St. Louis Cardinals items

Or check out our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2OVCP9Z6A2TVP/guest-view>

If you would like to donate, please contact auctionadmin@jacss.org or call 417-624-5003 ext. 207.

St. Mary's Open House

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St. Mary's is hosting a Preschool and Elementary Open House for interested families on Saturday, February 26 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The I Spy themed morning will include school tours, a fun I Spy game to complete, time spent in classrooms visiting with teachers, and information about what sets St. Mary's apart from other private or public schools in the area. For more information, please call the St. Mary's office, 417-623-1465.

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-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am

Tuesday—5:15 pm

Wednesday through Friday—7:00 am

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Saturday 3:00—4:00 pm or by appointment.

ADORATION

Thursday, 7:30 am—7:00 pm

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