



# ST MARK PARISH

602 Military Road, Rothschild, Wisconsin

## The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

### Liturgical Schedule

(Masks will be worn for weekday and weekend Liturgies)

Monday, January 11

No Sacrament of Eucharist

Tuesday, January 12

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Wednesday, January 13

*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades 3, 4, 5)

No parents or parish members at this time

Thursday, January 14

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades K, 1, 2)

No parents or parish members at this time

Friday, January 15

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Saturday, January 16

Ordinal 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 17

Ordinal 2

Sacrament of Eucharist, 10:00 am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

**Parish Offices:** 715-359-5206. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor: (Rev) Allan L. Slowiak, 715-359-5206

Deacon: Patrick McKeough, 715-359-5206

Director of Religious Education: Mary Hart, 715-359-5206

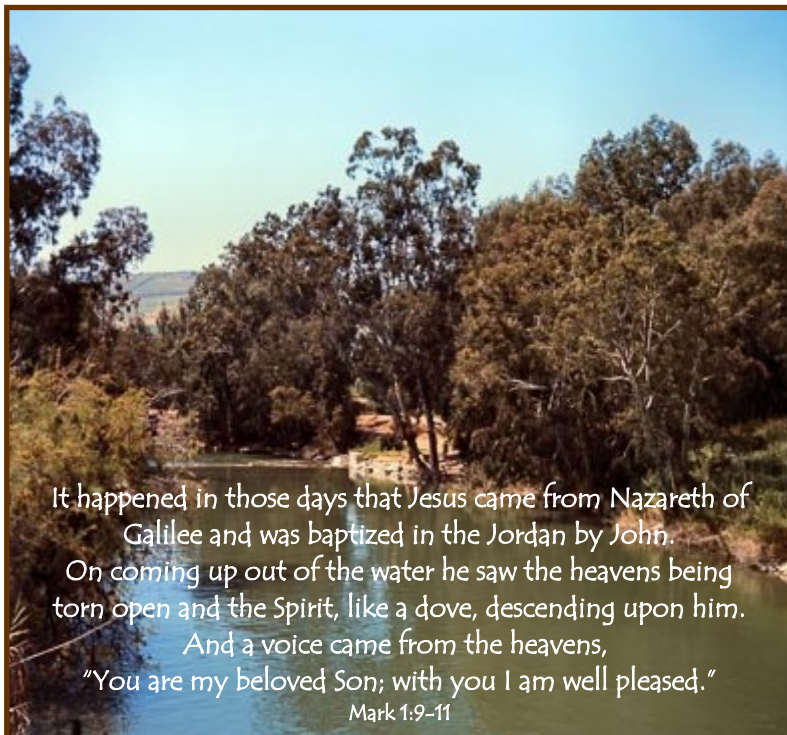
Pastoral Musician: Mary Martin, 715-359-5206

**Newman Catholic Schools at St. Mark** 715-359-9662. Principal: Tina Meyer

Email: [stmarkroths@smproths.org](mailto:stmarkroths@smproths.org)

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**Bulletin article deadline: Tuesdays by Noon**



A view of the Jordan River from the bridge just west of the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee. Picture may be used with credit given to [www.lifeintheholylnd.com](http://www.lifeintheholylnd.com)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Contact the Parish Offices for baptism dates and to register for preparation sessions.

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION** Saturday - 10:30 am

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

**RCIA** - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

**MARRIAGE** - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Offices one year prior to the desired wedding date.

**FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** with the parish, Contact the Parish Offices and ask for Father Slowiak.

Primary Accompanist: Mikki Fronek, 715-359-5206

Pastoral Care to the Homebound: Susan Soriano, 715-675-3262

Secretary to the Parish: Mary Maly, 715-359-5206

Bookkeeper: Amy Tishken, 715-359-5206

## SACRED WORSHIP



**St. Mark Parish Sacrament of the Eucharist Live Stream on Facebook, Sunday, January 10, at 10:00 am.**

Visit [St Mark Catholic Parish, Rothschild Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkCatholicParish/) "Like", "share" and "invite" your friends and family (<https://www.facebook.com/StMarkCatholicParish/>)

## Reflection of Today's Scripture Texts

—Father Slowiak

Isaiah 42:1-7 Part of one of four "servant songs." The four songs describe a servant who is anointed by God, endowed with God's spirit, who would be patient, meek, merciful, willing to suffer cruelty, abuse and even death. The return from the Exile of Babylon was understood as the result of this servant setting right the relationship between God and Israel. Christians understand that the hope of these songs are fully realized in and through Jesus Christ who established an everlasting covenant in his dying and rising.

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Peter is invited to the home of the Gentile, Cornelius, who was attracted to Judaism and perhaps attended the synagogue but did not adhere to the dietary regulations. Luke teaches to his readers in Acts that when humankind is left to their resources or reach an impasse, the Holy Spirit begins to be experienced. Here, in a giant leap Peter's vision is broadened, his faith deepened and his grasp of God's concerns became more definite in his insight: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality."

Mark 1:7-11 A sense of urgency here. John is introduced. Jesus is introduced. Jesus is tempted, Jesus begins his ministry. The teaching? The testimony? There is no time to waste, all time is important to God and God's time is vital to us.

### Marian Shrine

Week of January 10, 2021

Geraldine B. Hopkins



## Liturgical Ministry

**January 9 and 10, Baptism of the Lord**

4:30 pm

Lector. Nick S.

Extraordinary Minister. Nancy B.

Greeter/Usher. Don B.

10:00 am

Lector. Sara G.

Extraordinary Minister. Kris B.

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

**January 16 and 17, Ordinal 2**

4:30 pm

Lector. Concetta G.

Extraordinary Minister. Phyllis B.

Greeter/Usher. Don B.

10:00 am

Lector. Pam Z.

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

**January 23 and 24, Ordinal 3**

4:30 pm

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. Nancy B.

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

10:00 am

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

## Pastoral Music —Mary Martin

The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse on Tuesday, January 12, at 3:45 pm, in the church.

## In the Liturgy of the Church —Helen Ackermann

With this Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. As Father Al mentioned in his homily this past weekend, this is the second Epiphany or manifestation of who Jesus is as God, Emmanuel with us. With Cycle C of the Sunday readings, the third manifestation is the Wedding Feast of Cana.

What can we do to make a connection between the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God during the Baptism in the Jordan and our own relationship to God? Perhaps the best we can do is to look to the celebration of our own Baptism. During this most sacred rite, we are baptized with water, we are clothed with a white garment, we are anointed with oil and we receive a candle symbolizing Christ as light of the world. When we listen to the Gospel of Mark, we hear that the heavens opened up and Jesus heard the words, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." So too it is at our Baptism. God looks upon his handiwork, and also proclaims, "You are my beloved Son or Daughter; with you I am well pleased."

Often people do not believe in the goodness which is present in their very being from their birth. God through his son, Jesus, in unity with the Holy Spirit loves us beyond

all telling. As God loves his Son so he also loves us. Henri Nouwen tells us "These words revealed the true identity of Jesus as the beloved. Jesus truly heard that voice, and all of his thoughts, words, and actions came forth from his deep knowledge that he was infinitely loved by God. Jesus lived his life from that inner place of love."

So it should be with all of us. We can be confident in the words we hear in our inner most being that we are the beloved of God. Our thoughts, words and actions should come from that inner place where we know that we are infinitely loved by God. Henri Nouwen goes on to tell us, "Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did."

**We remember this week,** Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church (Wednesday)

#### **St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church (315-368)**

It is said that Hilary began every conversation and action with a prayer. He did great things by incorporating this practice into his daily life. He was born in the city of Poitiers in Gaul which is now part of France. His parents were pagans but Hilary did not want to believe in many Gods, but rather in one God. He discovered the Scriptures and became a Christian. At the age of 35, he became the bishop of Poitiers. During this time, bishops were elected by the local priests and approved by the community of people. He became known as a wise leader. He was also a great speaker. The emperor felt that Hilary was a troublemaker and exiled him for three years in what is now central Turkey. He suffered many hardships but remained cheerful. He spent this time writing about the Trinity. He also wrote some of the earliest Latin hymns. Finally he was able to return to Gaul and spent the rest of his life writing. He is known as a doctor of the Church which means that he was a wise teacher of the Church.

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION**

### **Religious Education** —Mary Hart

**In-person sessions** resume January 13. We have done very well keeping the youth and catechists healthy and safe during the first part of the year. Thank you, parents for your role in this partnership. We ask for your continued support as we move into the second half of the year by keeping your children home if they are not feeling well or are in quarantine. Kindly call or email me if your child will not be in class and I will email you their work.

**Remote Learners:** January 20 marks the half way point of the Religious Ed year. We appreciate you doing your best to keep up with your studies. Grades 1-5 continue to do a chapter a week online and we will keep meeting monthly

for our Zoom lesson. Grades 6-9 should email, mail or drop off your completed work. Grades 7-9 complete your current course by January 26 since you be starting a new topic on January 27. I will be contacting families by phone or Zoom over the next couple of weeks.

### **Upcoming Dates in Religious Ed . . .**

January 10	Confirmation Session 4 after the 10:00 am Liturgy
January 13	6:15 pm, Sessions for Grades 1-9

## **Newman Catholic Schools**

The NCS Mission Statement reads:

*Newman Catholic Schools provides excellence in education in a Catholic environment and enhances the personal and spiritual growth of our students to meet life's challenges.*



### **NCES: St Mark**

January 13	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades 3, 4, 5 No parents or parish members
January 14	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades K, 1, 2 No parents or parish members

## **FAMILY LIFE**



**The family of St. Mark extends sympathies to the family of:** Geraldine B. Hopkins who passed on December 25, 2020. God, grant Geraldine the fullness of Eternal Life.



### **JUNE BUG 21**

The JUNE BUG '21 meeting scheduled for January 12 has been canceled. Watch for upcoming information.

**Wisconsin Right to Life** invites your participation in the **Annual Pro-Life Signature Ad**, which will be printed in the **City Pages** in the January 21, 2021 weekly publication. Let the community know your understanding that human life is sacred, holy, to be protected and nurtured spiritually and physically. Use the slip provided in this bulletin on page 4.

Place your slip along with your donation in the tithe basket or bring to the Parish Office **by January 10**. A donation is asked for each name to fund the ad. Checks are to be made out to "WRTL" or "Wisconsin Right to Life."

For the option to donate online visit:

<https://wrtl.salsalabs.org/signaturead2021/index.html>

**What is Wisconsin Right to Life (WRL) and Pro Life Wisconsin:**

**Wisconsin Right to Life (WRL)—**<http://www.wrtl.org/>

## WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFESIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN - CITY PAGES

Please print name (s) and enclose a donation for each name to be listed in the January 21 signature ad

Name (s) 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_



***Drop in the Tithe Basket or Return to the Parish Office by Sunday, January 10.***

Older of the two

Organized into county/local chapters (Chet Rucinski heads the local chapter)

Involved in political and legislative discussions

Firm in its acceptance and teaching of the human person from conception to biological death

Leary of promoting a proposed personhood amendment; experience is moving WRL to note that this might/could/would cause strategic harm because of other laws on the book.

Predominantly Catholic

Promotes various fund raisers

Organizer of the signature ad and the rose sale

The bishops of Wisconsin give tacit approval

**Pro Life Wisconsin—<http://www.prolifewi.org/>**

Younger of the two

Organized into local chapters (The head of the local chapter has not introduced his/herself at this time)

Involved in political and legislative discussions

Firm in its acceptance and teaching of the human person from conception to biological death

Promotes a proposed personhood amendment

Catholic in origin and in practice

Promote various fund raisers

Organizer of the 40 Days for Life

The bishops of Wisconsin give tacit approval

Does not really communicate with Wisconsin Right to Life

Summary courtesy of Christopher Ruff, Diocese of LaCrosse, Office of Social Justice, 10 January 2013



**For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person.**

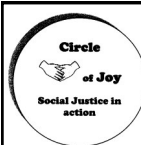
Spoken in existence by God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics

to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

**Parish members are invited to A Time of Prayer Focusing on the Sanctity of Human Life, January 21, 6:30 pm.**

**The 2021 Calendars** were compliments of Peterson Kraemer Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc. We greatly appreciate their contribution to our parishioners.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**



**Circle of Joy.** Is in need of saltine crackers and box cereal Thank you; your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **LADIES COUNCIL OF ST. MARK PARISH**

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** gatherings will resume on January 14 in the Catechetical Resource Room in the school from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Prayer shawls are available in the Parish Offices for anyone who has need of one. Donations of yarn are greatly appreciated!

## **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

### **Budget Committee**

#### **Time and Talent**

Volunteer/community involvement this week by parish members, 40 Hours

#### **Mass Attendance**

	24-Dec	25-Dec	27-Dec	3-Jan
4:30	75		57	61
8:00	75	61	0	0
10:00		<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>
Total	150	116	112	121



## Operating Income

	3-Jan	1 Jul-3 Jan	2021	Balance
Adult	17,629.00	292,750.32	585,000	292,249.68
Student		0.00	500	500.00
Offering	63.00	2,779.50	23,000	20,220.50
Debt Rdctn	235.00	7,835.55		
Totals	17,927.00	303,365.37		

## Adult Tithe Summary

Tithe Budgeted Per Week	11,250.00
Received this Week	17,629.00
	6,379.00

Avg Contribution this Week 136.66 129 families/individuals

Received Weeks 1-27	292,750.32
Budgeted Weeks 1-27	303,750.00
Budget	(10,999.68)

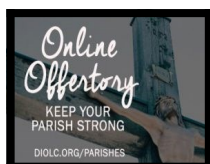
## Other Income/Transfers

Circle of Joy	0.00	3,555.00
Votive Candles	0.00	560.95
Reunite Rebuild Rejoice	0.00	53,940.00
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>905.00</b>	<b>13,370.20</b>
Christmas Memorials	0.00	1,445.00
Retirement Religious	0.00	862.22

### About Tithe and Gifts to the Parish

The tithe and gifts that were received on or before December 31, 2020 will be credited to the 2020 tax year. Any tithe or gifts received on or after January 1, 2021 will be credited to your 2021 tax year.

**We welcome** your continued financial support during these uncertain times. Your tithe is appreciated and it can be mailed in or brought to the Parish Office.



Or, go to <https://diolc.org/st-mark-parish-rothschild/> to use the "Online Offertory" designated to St. Mark Parish, Rothschild, set up for us by the Diocese of La Crosse.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal



**HIS CHURCH**  
IS STILL HERE  
IT STILL PROVIDES  
IS YOU AND ME

**The 2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish is \$88,760.00.** As of 3 January, 163 parish members have contributed 38.7% of the target, \$34,351.66.

Direct questions or concerns to Amy Tishken, Parish Bookkeeper at 715-359-5206.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Registration for Celebrating the Lord's Day Liturgies:

We are authorized a seating capacity of 25% per seating. 25% of the nave and wings is 75 persons with social distancing. We will open the 8:00 am when 75 gather at 4:30 pm and at 10:00 am. Register to attend the 4:30 pm or the 10:00 am Liturgy by calling the parish office **by Noon on Friday**.

## LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW

-Father Slowiak

A conversation on the journey of conversion. "I just can't believe a lot of stuff in the Bible," a student said. "The miracles, a lot of the stuff that Jesus does. And the Old Testament. I come away from all that with more doubt than with faith and belief. It just doesn't make sense to me. What should I do with the parts of scripture that I just can't believe?"

And I replied, "Just keep reading."

"What?"

"Just keep reading. The holy Spirit will enable you to see what you have missed. Just keep reading; the holy Spirit will do the rest," I said.

"But where do I get the holy Spirit?" she asked.

"You've received the holy Spirit in the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, God settling in with you. Sensing the holy Spirit is part of the conversion journey, thus you may not understand yet, but that doesn't negate the presence. Just keep reading, keep listening and watching in friendship with God. The holy Spirit will step in and do the rest."

## PARISH OFFICE

**Parish Website:** The parish website is currently down. The design of a new website is in process to be launched later this month. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## FROM THE DIOCESE —Diocese of La Crosse



**The diocesan Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman:**

Measures have been taken to secure the area and restoration

will begin shortly. We are now setting out prudently and swiftly to fund the costs of restoring the diocesan Cathedral. The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign will repair the Cathedral structure and preserve it for years to come.

#### How You May Participate

We are inviting every family within the Diocese of La Crosse to make a difference and help in restoring the diocesan Cathedral. While onetime donations are appreciated, we encourage you to consider one of the three year pledge plans. This allows your intention to flourish and take full advantage of the \$2 for \$1 matching opportunity; to each dollar contributed Saint Ambrose Financial Services, the diocesan bank, out of its reserves, will contribute two dollars.

Your gift may be tax deductible/exempt.

- For those who itemize, all annual contributions to our campaign are tax deductible.
- Consider an IRA charitable gift if you are aged 70½ or older, as part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). Only distributions payable directly to the Campaign are not taxed as income.
- Gifts directly to the campaign of appreciated stock, held for more than one year, qualify for a tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax.
- Pledge cards are available in this bulletin, at the main entrance of the church, and in the parish office.
- Donating is available online at:

<https://cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone/givenow>

**Thank you for your consideration and generosity!**

#### Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27.

This retreat is for men 35 years of age or older who feel a yearning to give more in their service of God and the Church; preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar. If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhilts@diolc.org](mailto:bhilts@diolc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

**What Are You Looking For?** The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is an invitation to the vocation of priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.

## FAITH ENRICHMENT

**St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon,** for information about retreats and events visit <https://sarcenter.com/retreats-and-events/> or call 715-443-2236.

- Silent Retreat: "Separating the Wheat from the Chaff in Our Lives" | January 29—31, 2021 | Cost: \$200 | Presenters: Lee Ann Niebuhr, Rita Simon, Elizabeth Schussler, Deacon Mike Harvey, and Fr. Frank Corradi.

We have all been moving through dramatic and incredibly challenging times this year. Perhaps this upheaval in our "normal" lives has called you to reevaluate what is really important in your life and what, at the core, really matters. Let us explore the gift of dark times, when we are drawn to go deeply into silence with deep listening, allows the Spirit to lead us to new life and transformation. Check in begins at 3:00 pm Friday evening, followed by orientation at 6:00 pm and supper at 6:30 pm. The retreat concludes after the noon meal on Sunday. Guests will be asked to wear a mask or face covering in common areas **except at mealtimes**. We strongly encourage each guest to bring his/her own face covering; however, a limited number of masks will be available for those who do not have their own. All sessions are limited to 20 participants! Register early by calling 715-443-2236 or email [info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com)

## IN THE AREA

### Join Wisconsin Right to Life . . .

#### *Light the Night for the Unborn*

Friday, January 22, 5:30-6:00

- + Meet in front of the court House, 500 Forest Street
- + Signs will be provided
- + Dress warmly and bring flashlight
- + Parking is available near the Court House or the Mall

**St. Matthew Church, Wausau,** Mass for Health and Healing, January 10. Sacrament of Individual Reconciliation from 2:00 to 3:23 pm with Mass celebrated at 3:30 pm.



#### DIocese of La Crosse GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals **are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities**. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## **SCRIPTURE TEXTS—Ordinal 2**

Opening Prayer: Lord God, as I meditate on Your Holy Word, help me to answer God's call to me. Allow me to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ with all my heart, mind and soul. I make this prayer in His name, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

### **1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

### **Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**

R. (8a and 9a) **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

### **1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

### **John 1:35-42**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. In this week's Gospel, Jesus is called Lamb of God, Messiah and Teacher. What do these titles tell you about Jesus?
2. How do we understand the call we have received by God? How does this call affect our daily lives?
3. Who are the people in your life who have enabled you to hear the call by God to follow his son, Jesus Christ? Take time to give God thanks for them.

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, I give You thanks for your call to follow Your Son Jesus Christ. Assist me as I go day by day always doing all for Your greater glory. Help me to lead others to Your Son, Jesus, He who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

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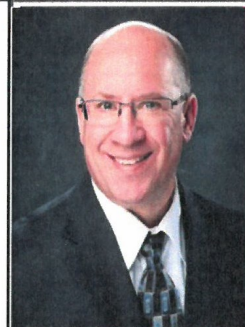
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