

January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

"You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

Jesus calls His followers "the light of the world." As followers, we cannot maintain a safe cover that hides our faith. We are called to lovingly but boldly let it be known to all.

Sometimes this happens through our words as we tell of the difference that Jesus has made in our life. Sometimes it can come through our attitudes and actions - caring for others in very practical ways, showing forgiveness to those who have hurt us, being people of gratitude and putting others' needs ahead of our own. There are many small ways that we are able to daily be the light of the world.

During this year of "setting our faith on fire" invite Jesus to make you a bright light for Him in your family, your community, and parish, and in the world.



Parishioners' Responses to "Setting One's Faith on Fire":

"Setting my faith on fire means providing spiritual sparks to every life I touch, looking for the best in everyone around me, and helping those in need"

"My family has provided me support and encouragement to live a faith filled life."

"Setting your faith on fire means doing Christian acts in small ways. These small things such as praying the rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and visiting shut-ins will build up inside you a fire that may just be smoldering. A bright flame will be created by doing these small acts little by little."

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 24	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 26	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 20	4 PM	Mark and Julie Eckstein
Sun., Jan. 21	10 AM	Jerome Prickel
Sat., Jan. 27	4 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Geis Family
Sun., Jan. 28	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 27 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Ken and Terry Harmeyer

Charles Kohlman

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantor: Sharon Miller

Lectors: Jack Ferkinhoff, Dottie Hellmich

Euch. Ministers: Jane Pictor, Beth Simon

Roseann Wirth, Janet Wagner

Sunday – January 28 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Ken and Janice Fry - *back*

Dennis and Flo Wagner - *back*

David and Jodi Meister - *side*

Servers: Connor Toops, Seth Weisenbach

Cantor: Brooke Payne

Lectors: Torie Purdy, Greg Wagner

Euch. Ministers: Dana Newhart, Joyce Muckerheide

Leslie Hicks, Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2402.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 16.61
Loose Collection	\$ 232.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2650.61
Utility Fund	\$380.00

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Love is not to be measured by the joys and pleasures which it gives, but by the ability to draw joy out of sorrow, a resurrection out of a crucifixion, and life out of death. ~ Fulton Sheen, The World's First Love

STEWARDSHIP – There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn January 21 through January 28 for Jerome and Viola Prickel.



PROPAGATION OF

FAITH – Next weekend is Propagation of Faith Sunday. Your donations help our Catholic missionary priests and sisters spread the Gospel

news to non-Catholic countries. Envelopes are in your box. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

THANK YOU – Rita Kress expresses her gratitude to all who sent cards and prayed for her during her time of illness. She is most grateful!

Patty Simon writes, "Thank you very much for the 2018 calendar and the monetary gift. Have a great year and God bless!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEALS – Some volunteers are needed to help with serving the meal that is served to the children in the Religious Education classes on Wednesday evenings. It doesn't need to be a commitment for every week but to help fill in. You would be needed from 5:40 to 7:10 PM, sometimes less than that. If you are able to help or would like more information, call Jenny Simon at 812/756-0843. **The youth group is also welcome to come and help!**

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice is hosting a community blood drive on Monday, February 5, from 1:00 until 6:30 PM. For more information, call Arlene Gehl 812-852-4394.

DID YOU KNOW – The Lenten season begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday, and Easter is celebrated on April 1.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Liturgy - Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 PM
- Directory - Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 PM
- Faith Formation - Thursday, January 25, 4:30 PM
- Parish Council - Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, January 24, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, January 28, 8:30 AM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – When I was crossing into Gaza, I was asked at the checkpoint whether I was carrying any weapons. I replied: "Oh yes, my prayer books." (Mother Teresa, *The Joy in Loving*)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Jonah's warning that the unfaithful city of Nineveh will be destroyed in 40 days inspired the people to repent. God saw this and spared the city.

Today our conflicts have again brought us to the brink of destruction. The specter of nuclear holocaust leers from the horizon. And yet, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in October 2017 to the International Campaign To Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

It is time for us to profess our belief in God and put on spiritual sackcloth – and yet to remember there is always room for hope.

Including Youth:

The first reading is very problematic for youth as well as for many adults. The translation says God "repented of the evil" God was planning to do to people. How do you help listeners understand this using today's language or examples?

The second reading is also problematic. Paul's examples need to be explained in terms of "this earth is not our home." Everyone's "time is running out." Studies show that the death rate has stayed the same in the U.S. since the Declaration of Independence.

It's still 100 percent.

