

January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HE CALLED THEM
AND THEY FOLLOWED HIM**

"Come after me," he said.

*They dropped their nets and followed
the deep desires of their hearts.
They learned to heal, to love.*

*Lord, thank you for calling us too.
For accepting the beauty, the blindness of us,
the warmth, the cold of us.*

*Teach us to leave our nets and our works
to come and follow you in love,
to seek out your people.*

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Is Christ Divided?

(By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!" Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul!" "I belong to Apollos!" "I belong to Cephas!" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on the one who baptized them, the members thought of themselves as superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The relative uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ. We are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 22 – Lucille Simon
January 29 – Bob and Sharon Miller
50th Wedding Anniversary
February 5 – Dale Tunny

MASS INTENTIONS

January 21 – Charles Simon
January 22 – Richard Wagner
January 28 – Pat and Marjorie Haunert
January 29 – Dale Tunny

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 28 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ella Wagner
Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – January 29 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – February 4 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ava Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – February 5 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2954.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 21.49
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 505.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3480.49
Criterion	\$548.00
Capital Improvement	\$300.00
Utility Fund	\$465.00
Latin America	\$25.00

MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER

Electronic Giving for December	\$2,250.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$101,792.00
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$91,988.00

UCA – The Archdiocese of Indianapolis' Office of Stewardship & Development has informed us that there has been an issue with their post office box in Indianapolis that resulted in some United Catholic Appeal pledges/checks that were mailed directly to that box to be returned to sender. This issue has been resolved, and they know that these pledges/gifts are for the 2022 tax year. In an effort to get these back to the Archdiocese and processed as quickly as possible, we ask that parishioners put the original returned envelope with its contents in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. We will forward all envelopes to the Archdiocese as soon as we receive them. We greatly appreciate your stewardship to the United Catholic Appeal and apologize for this inconvenience.

PSALM RESPONSE – Remember, you are invited to pray with the cantor the verses of the psalm response, which follows the first Scripture reading. We continue to sing the response after each verse.

MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE – The Mary & Martha Circle will meet in the Hall on Thursday, February 2, at 6:00 PM, to start planning for the Spring Smorgasbord. Anyone who would like to help is most welcome and urged to attend!

175TH COMMITTEE – At last week's meeting, the committee discussed a new Pictorial Directory for the early fall of 2023; a possible history book; cook-out near the feast of St. Maurice; service at the cemetery near the feast of All Souls Day; a possible children's play...These are ideas under discussion. If you have any other ideas you would like to see happen during this year of celebration, contact any of the committee members. They are Mary Bultman, Tara Johannigman, Greg Kinker, Patty Simon, Joyce Muckerheide, and Marge Thole.

SOUP LUNCHEON – The soup luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, following the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule asking for parishioners to make the soup.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – We still have openings for the Sanctuary Light starting in mid-February. You can put \$5.00 in an envelope with the name you want to remember and drop it in the collection basket.

ADDITIONAL 2023 DATES

February 19, 11:00 AM – Soup and Salad Luncheon
April 6 – Holy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter Sunday
May 5-6 – Spring Rummage Sale
June 11 – First Communion Mass
September 22 – Feast of St. Maurice
October 6-7 – Fall Rummage Sale

Please Note: Fr. Dan Bedel was scheduled to celebrate Masses here on the weekend of March 18-19. Because of his duties at the seminary, that date had to be changed to **April 29-30**.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

January 28 – Ken Harmeyer, Steve Gilland
February 4 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner
February 11 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch
February 18 – Steve Gilland, Ken Hellmich
February 25 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

January 29 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
February 5 – Kevin Tunny, Steve Wagner
February 12 – George and Mary Bultman
February 19 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
February 26 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

ASH WEDNESDAY GREETERS - 7:00 PM

February 22 – Paul Simon, Joe Wagner, Gary Wagner (3rd for Side Door and Hall, if needed)

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED – Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet for class on Wednesday, January 25, 6:45 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

– Classes for Grades 6 through 10 will meet next Sunday, January 29, at 8:30 AM.





BLOOD DRIVE

– St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 to 1:00, and from 2:30 until 5:00. Donors can schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

– How long should a doctor practice medicine? Until he gets it right! (Lisa Eisenberg and Katy Hall, *101 Hopelessly Hilarious Jokes*)

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Mass 10:00 AM	New Year's Day (observed)				 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM - Noon	Mass for Epiphany 4:00 PM Pick Pockets
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
175th Committee Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM FEAST OF EPIPHANY Mass 10:00 AM Pick Pockets	FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD  "You are my Son."		Faith Formation Committee Meeting 4:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Liturgy Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM	Martin Luther King Day		RE Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
RE Classes 8:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM Day of Prayer for Unborn Children		 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PEACE	RE Classes 6:45 PM FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
RE Classes 8:30 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass 10:00 AM				<u>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u>  For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.		