

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan. 19	8:00am	† David Mergen
Tuesday, Jan. 20	8:00am	† Bernard Rosemeyer
Wednesday, Jan. 21	8:00am	† Fr. George Horath
Thursday, Jan. 22	8:00am	† Fr. George Horath
	10:30am	Consecrated Women of the SJCP Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Jan. 23	8:00am	For Eunice Banwarth
	11:00am	Living & Deceased Members Sylvester & Rosemary Gassman Families
Saturday, Jan. 24	8:00am	Living & Deceased of the Tony Langefeld Families (TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Jan. 24	4:00pm	† Jerome & Jeremy Schaefer
Sunday, Jan. 25	9:00am	† Jane Marie Budden
	12 noon	Misa

REFLECTION—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm.

St. Agnes, Feast Day is January 21.

Saint Agnes was only a teenager when she had to decide between life and dying for Jesus. She had been ordered to sacrifice her virginity to pagan gods, and she sacrificed her life instead. She is the patron saint of engaged couples. Please pray for those who are dating, planning to get married, divorced and lonely, co-habiting, married without the Sacrament, and everyone else who is facing the temptation of sexual relations outside of marriage. Help them to grow in their intimacy with Jesus, and teach them to rely on Him to remain pure and chaste.

St. Vincent of Saragossa Deacon, first Martyr of Spain. His Feast Day is January 22.

Vincent was born in Huesca, near Saragossa, Spain, sometime during the latter part of the 3rd century.

Vincent spent most of his life in the city of Saragossa, Spain, where he was educated and instructed in the Catholic religion. He was ordained to the diaconate by Saint Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa, and commissioned to do the preaching in the diocese. Because Valerius suffered from a speech impediment, Vincent acted as his spokesman. When the Roman Emperor Diocletian began persecuting Christians in Spain, Vincent answered in the bishop's name and both were brought before Dacian, the Roman Governor. He spoke eloquently for both his bishop and his church, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and condemning paganism.

Because of this, by order of the Governor Dacian, they were kept in prison for a long time. Then Valerius was exiled, but Vincent was subjected to many cruel torments, suffering agony yet singing the praises to God, he was overcome by wonder, and confessed in that hour his conversion.

On hearing this, the Roman governor was infuriated, but finding all his efforts to unnerve his victim were useless, gave orders for the torture to stop - perhaps to win Vincent by clemency or to prevent him from becoming a martyr. For a time Vincent had some relief. But he did not survive long and died of his injuries in prison on January 22 in 304.

St. Francis de Sales, Feast day is January 24.

Born in France in 1567, Francis was a patient man. He knew for thirteen years that he had a vocation to the priesthood before he mentioned it to his family. When his father said that he wanted Francis to be a soldier and sent him to Paris to study, Francis said nothing. Then when he went to Padua to get a doctorate in law, he still kept quiet, but he studied theology and practiced mental prayer while getting into swordfights and going to parties. Even when his bishop told him if he wanted to be a priest that he thought that he would have a miter waiting for him someday, Francis uttered not a word. Why did Francis wait so long? Throughout his life he waited for God's will to be clear. He never wanted to push his wishes on God, to the point where most of us would have been afraid that God would give up!

Jesus told Saint Francis to "Leave all and follow Him," he developed a life of devotion to Him, through self-discipline, prayer, and kindness toward all. Now he is the patron saint of authors, the Catholic press, and journalists. St. Francis died December 28, 1622.

Saturday, Jan. 24
4:00 pm

Max Frommelt **Altar**
Mic Frommelt **Servers**

Lector & Leader of Prayer

Barbara Stevenson
Kent Scheuerell

Sacristans: Christine Del Priore
Musicians: Kim & Youth

Rosary: Rose Kuhn
Greeters: Volunteer

Sunday, Jan. 25
9:00am

RJ Schmitt
Andy Eggers
Vince Momot

Diane Eherenman
Chris Brunette
Mark Ihm

Connie McCabe
Classic Choir
Jeanette Klaas
Connie & Cynthia Powers

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

January 11, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,891.00

Offertory.....\$ 437.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19—1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20—Jn 1:35-42.

Monday: Heb 5:1-10—Mk 2:18-22.

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr—Heb 6:10-20—Mk 2:23-28.

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17—Mk 3:1-6.

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.

Heb 8:6-13—Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: St. Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14—Mk 3:20-21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10—1 Cor 7:29-31—Mk 1:14-20.

Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the World Meeting of Families Event is for Grandparents.



Preparing for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia September 2015 opportunities that are aimed to strengthen your families and bring you closer to God. **Love is our Mission Book Study**—Sign-up sheets are at the North and South entrances of the church to order books and indicate what type of study that you would like to participate in. We will be ordering the books at the end of January so sign-up now. Book payments (\$8.00) can be dropped in the collection plate or in the parish office.

Family Adoration Prayer Instructions—We encourage everyone to try and stop in to pray for our weekly family prayer intention during the offered Holy Hour at adoration each Thursday. Each week's intention will be listed in the bulletin. When you stop to pray please sign your name in our special "Family Prayer" binder located in the back of church. You may also write any personal prayer intention on a card and leave it in the prayer basket so that those stopping in can pray for your special intention. If you pick up a card to pray for a special intention please leave it in the basket when you are finished so that others can pray for the special requests.

Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE

The January cinnamon roll sale brought in \$326 for the general operating fund in the parish. Our next sale will be Feb. 15. Donations of butter, corn syrup, flour, brown or powdered sugar can be placed on the back counter in the church hall kitchen with your name on it and labeled "cinnamon rolls". Thanks!

Church Women United of Platteville area will have their Martin Luther King Luncheon on Monday, January 19th at noon at First English Lutheran Church. All ladies invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

On Monday, February 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. On this day, forty days after the birth of Jesus, in observance of Mosaic Law, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple and offered two turtle doves for the redemption of their first born son. It was here that they encountered Simeon. Luke's Gospel record that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord." (Luke 2:26) Simeon's prophecy declared Jesus to be the Lord's salvation and "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2: 30-32)

The celebration of Candlemas beginning in the late fifth century was focused on Simeon's prophecy as this day's celebratory Mass was attributed to the light of God's glory that was manifested in Christ Jesus. During Candlemas candles are blessed, lit and borne in procession in celebration to Jesus being the light of the world.

Parishioners of St. Mary will celebrate Candlemas on the Feast of the Presentation, Monday, February 2nd at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Those in attendance can bring their own candle to be blessed or we will have candles that will be blessed, lit and carried in procession. The candles blessed at the Candlemas will be available for families to pick up on the weekend of February 7 & 8. Families can take the blessed candles home to light at their dinner table and celebrate Christ the central light of their family.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.
Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm)
Grades 6-11 (7:15-8:25pm).

KC and PGL Spaghetti Supper--January 25th

St. Augustine's Church--Serving at 4:30pm till 7:30pm. Proceeds will go to help Platteville PGL (Promoting the Gift of Life).
Cost: Adults: \$6.50--Students/Senior Citizens: \$5.50.
Children 6-12: \$3.00--Children under five: free.

October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Income		
Offertory Income	\$60,580.42	
All other Income	30,489.63	
Total Income		\$91,070.05
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	\$67,267.37	
Liturgical & Worship Expense	5,294.66	
Office & Administrative	5,718.72	
Repair & Maintenance	8,457.66	
Utilities	11,068.69	
Other Expense	5,524.20	
Assessment Expense	5,224.08	
Total Expense		\$108,555.38
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (17,485.33)
Outstanding Invoices 12/31/2014		\$2,947.75

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Hearing the Call

In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord - sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too, heard and followed - words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us - personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise - that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

(Dr. Scott Hahn, This Sunday's Bible Reflections)