

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Ministry Schedule: January 21-22

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz
11:00 AM – R. Schinaman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/T. LeSaint/M. Sonenschein/
Volunteer
11:00 AM – J. Ruter

Servers: 4:00 PM - S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein
11:00 AM - L. Finke

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$241,000

Offerings received to-date: \$191,933

Amount needed to catch up: \$49,067

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.* To take advantage of this convenience, please call 541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB:

Congratulations to Jim Kuhn, Adam Erickson, and Jan Wilson. They are the week 20 winners and each won \$25.

Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Al Stigler (16), Mary Wehby (16), Ashley Erwin (16), Nora Young (17), Lisa Biedenbach (18), Gabriel Albacarys (18), Irayci Orozco Lopez (18), Jessica Hermes (19), Cathy Mathews (20), Bridget Hochwalt (22), Randy Lazo Torres (22).

JANUARY 14 – SATURDAY

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*

4:00 PM – Fr. Jim *English* - Ken Horn

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish* -Black Jesus of
Esquipulas

JANUARY 15 – SUNDAY

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

9:00 AM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat *English* - Deceased members of
the Harris and Tribbe families

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 16– MONDAY

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the
Parishioners

JANUARY 17 – TUESDAY

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 18 – WEDNESDAY

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

7:30 AM – Fr. Rudy *English* – Intention of
Artie Hughes

JANUARY 19 – THURSDAY

Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy *Spanish*

JANUARY 20 – FRIDAY

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

7:30 AM – Fr. Pat *English* – Intention of the
Parishioners

JANUARY 21 – SATURDAY

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*

4:00 PM – *English* – Barbara Smith

6:00 PM - *Spanish*

JANUARY 22 – SUNDAY

Is 8:23 – 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

9:00 AM – *Spanish*

11:00 AM – *English* – Joan Fahey

12:30 PM – *Spanish*

FATHER RUDY'S DESK:

As some of you may know, the Gospel of John opens with a profound statement: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Following a few sentences that introduces this thought, John's Gospel introduces us to the prophet John the Baptist who paved the way for the ministry of Jesus Christ. When depicting this important prophet, many artists have John standing in or close to the water with his arm outstretched, pointing the way toward an unknown other, who would bring light into this world of darkness. "[John]came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light" (John 1:7-8). And so, this man, a cousin of Jesus Christ, began to baptize his followers in the name of who was to come, in accordance with the prophet Isaiah, who had urged his people to "make straight the way of the Lord."

Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, and in today's Gospel we consider John the Baptist as he sees Jesus coming toward him. The light of recognition suddenly falls over him, as he realizes Jesus is the one that he has been preaching about and waiting for. Can you *imagine* the depth of feeling he must have had in realizing this moment had now arrived for mankind's salvation? He utters a breathtaking comment as he sees our Lord coming into his line of sight: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," an expression replete with Jewish history and prophecy now fulfilled. Jesus Christ would mirror the sacrifices of the Jewish people who slaughtered lambs as offerings in God's honor. As we know, our Lord was later slaughtered by his own people to save them from their sins and to redeem their lives. No greater sacrifice could have been made on our behalf.

In thinking through the moments of our own lives, let us consider the certitude of John the Baptist whose faith compelled him to do great things in God's honor, whose hope was extraordinary and profound, and whose great love for his fellow man gave him the strength and stamina to stand day after day in the river Jordan and baptize his people as a sign for them to repent of their sins. As followers of Christ, we, too, are called to cultivate faith, hope, and love to anyone and everyone we meet in our lives. It's the ultimate message of Jesus Christ.

GREAT NEWS FOR STUDENTS OF ST. BONFACE SCHOOL: CISE has received a \$50 million pledge from Harry and Linda Fath to the CISE Foundation. This is the largest donation in CISE's 40-year history and will strengthen our high school scholarship and support program. The funds will be used to establish an endowment that will award Catholic high school scholarships to graduates of CISE-supported Catholic elementary schools. In addition, the pledge will expand and strengthen our vital student support systems helping CISE students transition to and succeed at these Catholic, high schools. The Fath's have a long and distinguished history of support for CISE. Harry and Linda Fath have been loyal contributors to CISE for several decades. Harry was a long-standing member of the CISE Board of Trustees and now serves as an Emeritus Member. He also played an instrumental role in creating the CISE Foundation. The Fath's continued support will enable CISE to provide the resources necessary for our students to continue their Catholic, value-based education. A quality education is the best investment we can make in our children and community. CISE currently supports nearly 2,300 students attending 10 elementary schools and an additional 406 students attending a Catholic high school.

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

It is time to kick off the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese! More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our over-goal stays right here in our parish to be used toward a parish ministry. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. For more information or to donate online, please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/CMA>
Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORTING THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS!

You've honored the 700+ consecrated religious men and women in our archdiocese by your support and, thanks to you, many are receiving medical care through this fund. In turn, we offer our gratitude and prayers for you!