

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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JANUARY 21 – SATURDAY

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

Vigil Readings: see Sunday

4:00 PM – Fr. Jim English – Barbara Smith

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy Spanish

JANUARY 22 – SUNDAY

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

9:00 AM – Fr. Rudy Spanish

11:00 AM – Fr. Pat English – Joan Fahey

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy Spanish

JANUARY 23 – MONDAY

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

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

JANUARY 24 – TUESDAY

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy Spanish

JANUARY 25 – WEDNESDAY

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

7:30 AM – Fr. Rudy English – Ken Horn

JANUARY 26 – THURSDAY

2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25

7:00 PM – Fr. Rudy Spanish

JANUARY 27 – FRIDAY

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

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

JANUARY 28 – SATURDAY

Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Vigil Readings: see Sunday

4:00 PM – English – Ed Kuderer

6:00 PM – Spanish

JANUARY 29 – SUNDAY

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

9:00 AM – Spanish

11:00 AM – English – Ed LeSaint

12:30 PM – Spanish

Ministry Schedule: January 28-29

Lectors: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – R. Pennekamp

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – B. Burns/K. Fahey/T. LeSaint

Volunteer

11:00 AM – L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM - M. Nintrup/Z. Nintrup/K. Fahey

11:00 AM - J. Ruter

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$249,000

Offerings received to-date: \$198,726

Amount needed to catch up: \$50,274

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 Bernie & Mary Ann Kreylin, Shirley Putnick, and Joan Mohan. They are the week 21 winners and each won \$25.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS

WEEK: Judy Wood (23), Jinny Riley (24), Robert Dennis (25), Ray Renner (26), Deborah Luebbe (26),

Steven Zapf (26), David McKenrick (27), Roger Thesken (28), Denise McElwain (28),

Liv Henson (28), Mary Wright (28), Raelynn Chesher (28), Abigail Randolph (28), Kathleen Landers (29), Alex Shields (29), Pablo Reed (29).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RUDY:

Each one of us, in our journey through life, experiences change. Some change is sudden like a bolt of lightning from the sky, while other changes are gradual, sometimes imperceptible, as we move from one point to another. At the end of the day, however, we must embrace change, to grow and deepen our sense of self-awareness and compassion, moving mountains if we must. There are turning points in life as well, and we make certain choices that can alter how we move forward or backward in future endeavors. We must accept these change agents because we, as human beings, are fraught with human experiences, emotions, and circumstances often beyond our control.

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and in Matthew's Gospel we are presented with three turning points for our Lord that cause major shifts in his life and work as he proceeds in step with them. Matthew opens this Gospel with Jesus learning that John the Baptist has been imprisoned by the cruel King Herod and deciding to move from Nazareth to Capernaum, then to Galilee, and beginning to interact with a diverse group of common people who were primarily Gentiles. It is not clear why Jesus made such a move, but in doing this he fulfilled one of Isaiah's prophecies that is described in our first reading today. Jesus is the embodiment of the prophet's message of light and life that God promised to his people throughout the ages.

The second turning point for Jesus in this Gospel is his engagement with his future disciples to be part of his inner circle. Jesus does not choose the rich, powerful, learned, or religious to his mission here on earth; rather he calls upon an itinerant group of fishermen to be his "fishers of men." These everyday men drop their nets and their lives, with only his call to follow him. What must that encounter have been like for these men?

Finally, Jesus begins his ministry of healing, preaching, and teaching in Galilee among a group of

people who are virtually strangers to him. His teachings and healing not only restore their physical lives, but more importantly, his ministry brings the Good News that through him all things, all light, all goodness is possible: "The people who [sat] in darkness have seen a great light" (Matthew 4:15). We too look to the light of Christ who alone can bring harmony, health, and peace to our challenging lives and chaotic world.

FOUR CHAPLAINS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

A TRIBUTE TO "THE HEROIC FOUR CHAPLAINS OF WORLD WAR II"

**11 AM MASS FEBRUARY 5, 2023
ST BONIFACE CHURCH**

This will be the 48th year this service has been held at St. Boniface. Joining us as presiders this year will be Franciscan priests LT Matthias J. Crehan USN, and LCDR Lawrence Dunham USN who served as active-duty military Chaplains. Appropriate music and hymns have been chosen for a service memorializing veterans past and expressing our support and prayers for current active-duty military personnel. Veterans and anyone with a family member or friend on active duty will especially appreciate this service. We hope that you will be with us for this tribute to the "*Heroic Four Chaplains of World War II.*" Additional information available at the St. Boniface Facebook page, <https://www.stbonifacecincinnati.com> or contact Bob Schinaman at (513-257-5703) or bobschinaman@gmail.com.

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at St. Boniface, a total of \$18,310.00 was contributed to the 2022 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is \$19,516.00. Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/CMA> Thank you!