

**Families and the Gospel ~** Mark 1:14-20  
It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of ‘Zebedee & Sons Fishing, Inc.’ Our children are never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

CDA Court Saint Rita #523 from Tyrone is sponsoring a chartered bus trip to **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to see Daniel.** Departure time will be 7 am from the Bull Pen in Tyrone. Other possible pick-ups will be at Lowe’s in Altoona at 6:30 am and Home Depot in State College at 7:45 am. We will arrive back in Tyrone around 8:30 pm. The cost for the trip, including transportation and the show is \$175. Meals will be on your own. We will stop for dinner around 4 pm at Hoss’s in Lewistown. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, [amylbrisbin@gmail.com](mailto:amylbrisbin@gmail.com). Please respond by **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Payment by check to “CDA” will be due on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

CDA Court Saint Rita #523 is sponsoring a Community night fundraiser at Hoss’s in Altoona (621 Valley View Blvd.) on **Sunday, January 21, 2024. Pick up an invitation card in the Gathering Space this weekend.** Dine at any time on Sunday, January 21st and present the card to your server before paying your bill. Each check/bill must be accompanied by an invitation card. You may also purchase scrip to help benefit our Catholic School.

The CDA Family Activities Committee is planning an afternoon of swimming on **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Summit Athletic Club in Altoona. The tie will be from 1 to 4 pm. We will serve pizza at 3 pm. Transportation will not be provided. At least one adult must attend. Please sign up ASAP. Forty is the maximum number allowed. Sign up in the gathering space or call/text Amy Brisbin 814-931-4702.

A Bus trip to the **Museum of the Bible in DC** on Wednesday, **April 17, 2024:** \$115 (Adult and Ages 11+) and \$99 per child (Ages 4-10). Price includes transportation, admission, and dinner. The Museum of the Bible invites all people to explore the narrative and history of the Bible and its’ impact on the world. The restaurant and gift shop (10% discount) will be open. To reserve your seat or if you have any questions, please contact Robyn Murphy (814-931-5683) or Diane O’Leary (814-935-2114). The deadline for reservations is February 25, 2024. We must have 24 for the trip. Make checks payable to Freedom Excursions.

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*Mission Impossible?*



"Jesus said, 'Come follow me ...' And at once they left their nets and followed him." Mark 1:17  
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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “*follow me*” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

**SAINT MATTHEW  
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**Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am** (weekly during the school year)

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**Saint Matthew Catholic School**  
**“serving our community since 1869”**  
**Principal:** Pauline Wiley  
**School Phone:** (814) 684-3510  
**School web-site:** [www.stmatthew-school.org](http://www.stmatthew-school.org)

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.  
*If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.*



**January 21, 2024**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday at 5:30 pm  
Sunday at 7:30 am  
Sunday at 10:30 am  
**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am  
**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:** 9:00 am & TBD  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 12:30 pm  
or anytime upon request.  
*Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend Mass you can do so at **Saint Joseph Church** in Bellwood either on **Saturday at 4:00 pm** or **Sunday at 9:00 am** and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.*

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**January 20, 2024 – January 28, 2024**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Eric Cavallucci – Tera Weber  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Jill Rodgers - Zakrzwski Family  
**Sun. 10:30 am** George & Theresa Knab – Knab Family  
Mon. No Mass  
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood  
Wed. 8:00 am Madeline MacNeill – Aye Tepsic  
Thurs. 8:00 am John J. Gurekovich –JR & Suzie Gurekovich  
Fri. 8:00 am Mae Romano – Chris and Steve Stoner  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Bonnie Ashcroft – Ron & Family  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Bertha & John Yenter Jr. - Estate  
**Sun 10:30 am** For the People

**Sanctuary Candle** for the week of January 21<sup>st</sup> is for the special intention of Jack and Cindy Zane.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Lectors – January 27/28, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Miller, J Ieraci, K Chappell

Sun. 7:30 am D Zakrzwski, S Zakrzwski

Sun. 10:30am SMS Students

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 27/28, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † L Morrison, P Lambert, R Bunch

Sun. 7:30 am † S Ronan, R Long, K Hoyne

Sun. 10:30am † D Castagnola, S Stoner, J Terosky

Altar Servers: January 27/28, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Chappell, B Ciampoli

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am SMS Students

Activities for the Week of Jan. 22nd to Jan. 28th

Wed. 8:30 am – Rosary for the unborn (C)  
6:30 pm – OCIA (GS)  
Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bingo (H)  
Sun. No Religious Education Classes  
10:30 am – SMS Students participate in the Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools week.

Remember that approx. 35 minutes before weekend Masses the Rosary is recited. Please consider participating.

Financial Report – January 14, 2024		
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$6,551	\$40(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700	

Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$148,352
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$166,300
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$296,400
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 960
Second Collection	\$ 199
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 241
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 75

Good Samaritan	\$ 65
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ TBD
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 2,104

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Lauren Bochart, Carol Brantner, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Anna and Charles Cannistraci, Sue Chambers, Jordan Coffman, Nancy Damico, Sharon Dannaway, Ryan DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Cheryl Diebold, Ed Dionis, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy Fleming, Jack Futrick, Catherine Garland, Barb Gaval, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarmrl, Mike Gurekovich, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Bill Hall, Shirley Hall, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Carl Isenberg, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Michael Long, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel & Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Colette McCaffrey, Tucker McCloskey, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Alberta Naylor, Peggy Nelson, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Donna Romano, Lucille Romano, Suzanne Ross, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, MaryJane Shank, John Scott, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Snyder, Evelyn Stever, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Mark Turiano, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Bill, Vyhonsky, Patty Walsh, Mary Ward, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

Mass Scheduling for 2024 Mass requests are being accepted. Each family is limited to 3 Mass request per year with one being on a Sunday. All Mass requests for the recently deceased will be placed in the Mass schedule as received.

The Annual Collection of Palm and religious Goods Exchange will begin this weekend through February 11th. Give what you don't need and take what you can use for your spiritual growth. Afterward all items will be disposed of in accordance with Church policy.

The Sweetest Ministry - Please consider volunteering to assist at the monthly refreshment weekend socials. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. Remember that without volunteers this ministry cannot continue. Please be generous with your time and talent.

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as steward to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day. In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them. Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him.

Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our net for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

All families that attend the Saint Joseph Academy's Open House (Grades 9 to 12) on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition voucher. Two \$100 tuition vouchers will also be raffled off. At the open house, families can meet teachers and administration, tour the school, and see how Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy's traditional, classical education grounded in faith serves as an extension of the family. Be sure to RSVP at www.stjoeacad.org

All Saints Parish (Somerset County) will offer a lecture on Italian culture by Sam Patti on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 pm at their parish hall (505 Center Street), entitled "Understanding Italian American Culture: Reading , Listening Watching, and Googling into Clarity." Sam is the owner of LaPrima Coffee Company in Pittsburgh and has been a student and teacher of Italian American history and

culture for over 45 years. He has done graduate work in the field at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania. All are welcome refreshments will be served for more information or to register, please contact the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551).

Franciscan Friars Lenten Series – Although we may still be recovering from the celebration of Christmas. Lent is quickly approaching. During these weeks, the Church and Scriptures for the season invite us back into the desert – a place of quiet – to simplify our lives so we can deepen our relationship with God and one another and grow in the awareness that only God can satisfy our deepest hungers.

Join the Franciscan Friars for four weeks of Lenten Reflections, beginning on Wednesday, February 21st. Through reflection, prayer, and fellowship we will journey together towards the abundant life of Easter!

The first 30 registrants will be assigned to the Daytime Lenten Reflections which will begin at 10 am and include a Lenten reflection, the celebration of Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. The workshop will be \$20 per class or \$60 for the four-week series. If there is enough demand, we will host Evening Lenten Reflections which will begin at 6:30 pm and include a Lenten reflection and a prayer service. The evening class will be \$10 per class or \$30 for the four-week series.

All classes (February 21st and 28th & March 6th and 13th) will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register for the workshop, please send your payment to: Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. For questions, please call 814-695-3802. We look forward to seeing you!

Bishop Mark Bartchak announces a plenary indulgence is available to Catholics who visit Franciscan parishes between now and February 2nd in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, by Saint Francis of Assisi.