

GOOD NEWS!

JANUARY 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1: 14-20

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today’s readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also “call narratives.” Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God’s mercy to others. This is a call to “catch” others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God’s mercy was stronger than Jonah’s spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus’ invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus’ disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God’s mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word gospel, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word gospel wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to gospel— evangelion—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

Scripture Readings for the week of Jan. 25—31

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 22:3-16	2 Tim 1:1-8 or	Heb 10:11-18	Heb 10:19-25	Heb 10:32-39	Heb 11:2,8-19	Dt 18:15-20
Mk 16:15-18	Mk 3:31-35	Mk 4:1-20	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 7:32-35
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From the Priest's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Included in this week's bulletin is a six month update on the Parish financial situation. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support during these difficult months of the pandemic. I met with the four individual finance councils this past week and they, too, wanted to express to you all their gratitude for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. We thought it helpful to give a mid-year update in addition to our end-of-year report in July.

If you have any questions about this mid-year report, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the finance council. Three of the four parishes are showing an operating surplus at this point with the other parish only slightly in the deficit. St. Gabriel's bottom line number may be a little surprising, but that reflects a \$40,000 investment to the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation for a perpetual endowment that will be used for the upkeep of St. Gabriel's church far into the future. Endowments are an important tool for planning for the future needs of our buildings and grounds. All four of our cemeteries have endowments that bear interest that can be used for the perpetual care of the cemeteries long after all of us are gone.

In the far right-hand column you will notice we provided a total of all four parishes added together. Even though the finances of our four parishes are tracked separately, the vast majority of our expenses are shared in some way. Not one of our parishes could sustain the expenses alone. By working together and sharing expenses we are being good stewards of the gifts that have been given for the mission of our parish. I sometimes hear comments from people who talk about our parishes as if they are in competition with each other. That could not be further from the truth of the matter. It is only by working together and sharing resources that we are able to continue to shine the light of Christ in our communities.

In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing about some of our plans for capital improvements of our parish facilities and grounds so that we can better evangelize and grow in the future.

Again, thank you all for your stewardship and support as we move forward in faith bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of our communities.

God bless,

Rev. T. A. Bischoff



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael	<i>Protection of all life from conception to natural death</i>
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Catherine	<i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Donald Zielinski</i>
11:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Jim Barth</i>
Monday, January 25,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Conversion of sinners</i>
Tuesday, January 26,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Respect for all life</i>
9:30-10:30 am, Adoration & Confession at St. Anne		
Wednesday, January 27,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Gabriel	<i>Ruth Spurlock</i>
9:30 am Rosary,	St. Gabriel	
5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine		
Thursday, January 28,		
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Don Zielinski</i>
9:30-10:30 am Adoration	St. Catherine	
Friday, January 29,		
NO MASS		
Saturday, January 30,		
3:30 pm Confession,	St. Raphael	
Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Raphael	<i>Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael</i>
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday)	St. Catherine	<i>John Dumont</i>
9:00 am Mass,	St. Catherine	<i>Craig Rolston</i>
11:00 am Mass,	St. Anne	<i>Charlie & Jan Dettling</i>

We remember all the faithful departed from our parishes and especially those who passed away this past week: **Joseph Bielusiak**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$62,182.67	\$75,224.55	\$16,097.90	\$21,471.02
Actual year-to-date	\$64,023.42	\$76,009.29	\$15,449.52	\$22,777.02
Jan. 17	\$2,127.00	\$3,165.00	\$220.00	\$1,167.75
Other Collections:	\$100.00	\$10.00		\$27.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. T. Patrick Maher
Monday—Rev. Benjamin Martin
Tuesday— Rev. Pablo Marinez
Wednesday— Rev. Greg McCallum
Thursday—Rev. John McCracken
Friday—Rev. Bryan Medlin
Saturday—Rev. Paul Megge

New Parish Website

We are excited to announce to you the launch of our new parish website. Go to www.resurrectionacgr.org to check it out. The home page features aerial views of our churches, easy to find buttons for the video Mass, bulletins, online giving, and much more. You can find an up-to-date calendar of all parish events. On the homepage you will find posted all of the latest news and events. Bookmark the website and check it out for the latest news about our parish.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation for children

If you have a child or know of a child who is currently in 2nd grade or above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation please register for the upcoming class.

To register:

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The class for First Reconciliation will begin on .Wed, Feb. 3rd and will be held every Wed. through March 24th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Catherine's parish hall . All adults of our parish are welcome to join in-person or virtually during the parent class if they wish to learn more and support the young parents of our parish during this important time of faith formation. The topics covered will be good for EVERYONE!! The topics will include: Baptism, Sin, Forgiveness, Redemption, Penance, Reconciliation, Lent, and Holy Week.

Six Month Income & Expense Report (July - Dec 2020)

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael	TOTAL:
Envelopes	\$53,912.28	\$61,841.29	\$12,605.52	\$18,603.56	\$146,962.65
Loose	\$3,761.13	\$11,003.00	\$1,324.00	\$2,224.00	\$18,312.13
Other	\$23,595.92	\$28,765.61	\$672.02	\$5,075.13	\$58,108.68
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$81,269.33	\$101,609.90	\$14,601.54	\$25,902.69	\$223,383.46

Salaries	\$23,927.14	\$37,461.25	\$3,468.39	\$5,828.47	\$70,685.25
Benefits	\$4,527.54	\$6,721.59	\$1,251.62	\$1,854.71	\$14,355.46
Office Exp.	\$3,097.74	\$3,291.74	\$622.97	\$1,090.96	\$8,103.41
Faith Formation	\$1,906.06	\$900.50	\$225.12	\$378.49	\$3,410.17
Utilities	\$5,970.26	\$9,698.81	\$1,780.85	\$1,948.18	\$19,398.10
Maintenance	\$11,021.65	\$13,593.59	\$150.00	\$2,696.19	\$27,461.43
Vehicle Exp	\$1,808.87	\$1,818.89	\$398.78	\$736.71	\$4,763.25
Tithe to Charity	\$2,374.94	\$2,505.00	\$605.00	\$1,663.00	\$7,147.94
Misc.	\$160.00	\$138.10	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$418.10
Worship	\$3,866.60	\$6,457.16	\$517.88	\$1,740.80	\$12,582.44
Capital Impr.	\$13,546.15	\$20,450.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,996.20
Transfer to NMCF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$72,206.95	\$103,036.68	\$49,140.61	\$17,937.51	\$242,321.75
NET INCOME:	\$9,062.38	(\$1,426.78)	(\$34,539.07)	\$7,965.18	(\$18,938.29)
				\$5,460.93	

*St. Gabriel invested \$40,000 from savings to the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation for perpetual upkeep of the Church

CEMETERY

TOTAL REVENUE:	\$270.00	\$2,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,395.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$711.56	\$2,382.50	\$600.00	\$1,100.00	\$4,794.06
NET INCOME:	(\$441.56)	(\$257.50)	(\$600.00)	(\$1,100.00)	(\$2,399.06)

ST CATHERINE FAMILIES IN NEED FUND (Supports St. Vincent de Paul and other direct outreach in our area)

TOTAL REVENUE:	\$75,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$34,000.00
NET INCOME:	\$41,100.00