

## FAITH FORMATION

- Rita Kingsbury

## Parish School of Religion

PSR Family Packets are available this week in the vestibule of the church office. They are in order according to grade level. Please take whichever pertains to your family. In January, families received a letter with a unique log-in for their child so that they can receive all our PSR materials digitally. If you did not receive your letter, please call, or email Rita Kingsbury at 330-492-0757 Ext. 107 or email at [rkingsbury@chrsittheservantparish.org](mailto:rkingsbury@chrsittheservantparish.org)

## LENTEN JOURNEY WITH POPE FRANCIS



On Tuesday evening March 2, we embarked on a Lenten journey of faith with Pope Francis as we began an exploration into his timely message of hope expressed in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* and his inspirational book *Let us Dream – The Path to a Better Future*. We began as all things should in prayer, reflecting on words from both Scripture and Tradition calling us to put our love into action.

In *Let Us Dream*, Pope Francis challenges us while considering our situation in light of the Covid pandemic. Through a series of reflections, he writes about another deeply rooted pandemic one of indifference that shuts our eyes to the plight of others. In his words: "...the virus of indifference, which is the result of constantly looking away, telling ourselves that because there is no immediate or magic solution, it is better not to feel anything."

"This attitude ends up armor-plating the soul; that is, indifference bulletproofs it, so that certain things just bounce off. One of the dangers of this indifference is that it can become normal, silently seeping into our lifestyles and value judgments. We cannot get used to indifference."

As we enter more deeply into this season of Lent, we pray that we will not fall ill with the virus of indifference and that we may better appreciate and reach out in love and compassion to all those we encounter.

CONFIRMATION – 2021  
Sunday – March 14, 2021  
11:00 a.m. Mass

Please keep our young people and their families in your prayers as they gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, March 14, 2021 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Christ the Servant.

Adam Binczyk  
Jacqueline Elise Conrad DeBoer  
Ella Sueann Degenhard  
Rachel Marie Geiger  
Lanaya Serenity Hunter  
Anthony Joseph Jeffries  
Grace Catherine Joy  
Derek Kevin Kraft  
Thomas Edward Mankowski  
Edna Celestia Sims  
Nathan Douglas Tolin

God bless them as they continue to grow in the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude piety and awe of the Lord.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:  
BECAUSE OF CONFIRMATION,  
PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE  
4:30 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 13 OR THE 9:00 A.M. MASS  
ON SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 14  
AS THE 11:00 MASS MAY  
BE VERY CROWDED.**

**ALSO, PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW FOR OUR FIRST  
COMMUNION MASS WHICH WILL  
BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY,  
MAY 16 AT THE 11:00 A.M. MASS.**

## Liturgy

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” Liturgy Pastoral Secretary: PJ Chavez pchavez@walsh.edu or Mike Reed mreed@christtheservantparish.org

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday March 9**

9 AM– Mary Lou Winters by Donald Rothrouff, Jr.  
Wilbur Adams by Nancy Adams

**Wednesday March 10**

**\*\*SCHOOL MASS- STUDENTS ONLY\*\***

10 AM–Mark Prestier, Jr. by Mark, Michelle and Julie

**Thursday March 11**

9 AM–Judy Wendell by Sue Butt

**Friday March 12**

9 AM– Dee Mennett by Cynthia Schiltz

**Saturday March 13**

4:30 pm–Virginia Lanzi by Robert Lanzi

**Sunday March 14**

9AM –Joe Bogdan by Family

11 AM–Ernie Buonocore by Family  
Tyler Belden by Sue Butt

**Prayer for the Bishop’s Appeal**

Loving and gracious God,  
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.  
He gave of himself, not only on the cross, but in every moment of his life.  
Jesus saw the hungry; he fed them.  
Jesus saw the lame; he cured them.  
Jesus saw the sick; he healed them.  
Jesus saw the discouraged; he encouraged them. Jesus saw the dying; he gave them  
new life.  
Jesus gave.  
In this way, he taught us to give.  
Loving and gracious God,  
open our hearts to the many ministries offered throughout our Diocesan Church.  
Strengthen our resolve to be like your Son, Jesus Christ, to give of ourselves in every  
moment of our lives.  
Amen

## Christ the Servant Bible Study

Engaging, fourteen-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. These gatherings will meet on ZOOM and are offered at two different times to accommodate a variety of schedules. We will be making use of the study by Tim Gray found on FORMED. We will view the video as a group during our ZOOM sessions. Our hour together will start with prayer, video for that week and then a discussion on what we heard and saw. We will provide the study guide which not only has a guide for the day of our meeting, but also offers a daily guide for you to use during the week.



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Morning Session: Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

March 16, 23, 30 - April 6, 13, 20, 27 - May 4, 11, 18, 25 - June 1, 8, 15

**Evening Session: Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

March 18, 25 - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - May 6, 13, 20, 27 - June 3, 10, 17

How Do I register?

Email at [rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org) or call at 330-492-0757 Ext. 107 with Name, Email, Address, Phone

Thank you and God bless! We look forward to taking this journey of faith with you.

We ask for a \$5.00 good will donation to cover the cost of the program.

Following excerpt taken from the Bible Study Guide:

*The Study Guide includes five daily COMMIT reflections that will help you more deeply explore the main topics of each session and more firmly commit to following Christ in your daily life. These reflections include more information on Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, as well as topics such as geography, history, and art. Some of these reflections will also include times of prayer, including the practice of Scripture meditation known as Lectio Divina.*



The Steps of *Lectio Divina*

Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to pray. Place yourself in a quiet environment. Calm your anxieties and thoughts and acknowledge God's presence. Offer a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance.

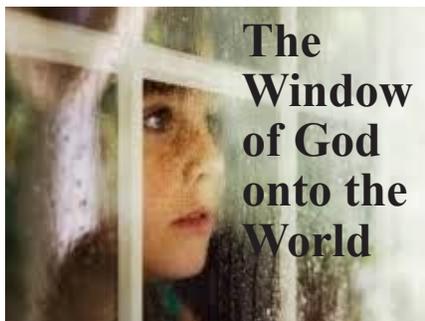
1. *Lectio*: Read the text slowly and prayerfully, constantly listening for that word that God has prepared for you. Listen and receive the Word that God speaks to you.
2. *Meditatio*: When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it. Repeat the word or phrase to yourself. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by pondering the word in your heart, reflecting on what it means to you. Memorize it and repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires.
3. *Oratio*: Prayer is your response to God's word. It begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart. Formulate a prayer, as a response to God. What do you want to say to the Lord in response to the Word spoken to you? Enter into this loving conversation with God.
4. *Contemplatio*: Rest in God's presence and receive His transforming embrace. Sit still with God, realizing that in this deep and profound relationship, words are not necessary. Be content and at peace with a wordless, quiet rest in God, which brings joy to the heart. Remember that contemplation is not your action or doing, rather it is allowing God to act in you.

2021 Annual Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities and Diocesan Ministries Faith – Hope – Charity This weekend every member of Christ the Servant Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. As followers of Jesus, we make sacrifices that will bring His love and hope to the less fortunate served by Catholic Charities. Our support will also enable our diocesan Church to provide programs which meet pastoral needs and enhance Jesus’ mission in our time and place.



Please make your sacrificial commitment to the 2021 Bishop’s Appeal. Bishop Bonnar is counting on the support of every parish family to meet our parish goal of **79,400.00**.

**If You Don’t Love Me...Who Will?**



*“...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...”*

*“ ... just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”*

## Bible Study Reflections

### When Jesus Calls Your Name – Discipleship in Luke

The Gospel of Luke provides us with many similar ideas about Discipleship as we saw in Mark and Matthew. Luke does however take the call to a more radical level. He has Jesus present the challenge of being a disciple in passages similar to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Luke 6:17-19 is titled the Sermon on the Plain. Matthew in the beatitudes focuses more on spiritual values e.g. Poor in spirit, thirst for justice. In contrast, Luke has Jesus speak more to human social conditions, the poor, the hungry, the weeping. Once again it is these who will be blessed and happy in God's kingdom. Those who are satisfied now and blinded to those in these conditions will not be blessed in God's kingdom. As in Matthew we also see Jesus call his disciples to show mercy, refrain from judging, and forgive others. The radical nature of the call is brought out especially in 3 passages: 9:57-62, 12:49-53, 14:25-33. Each of these emphasize that the disciple is to fully commit and give full dedication to the call. In Chapters 9 and 14 Jesus speaks of not putting others, even the dead or ones families before following him. In ch. 12 Jesus points out that there will be division, even among families, over following his way. This does not mean that we are to reject our family and responsibilities. The Scripture scholar PHEME PERKINS in her book Reading the New Testament says this about this radical call as presented in Luke: "Luke's emphasis on disciples 'leaving everything' to follow Jesus draws attention to an important theme in Luke: the danger of wealth and position in the life of discipleship. Luke's version of the beatitudes blesses the poor and condemns the wealthy and important persons who have achieved satisfaction of their desires in this life....Several of the parables from Luke's special material deal with the traps posed by wealth." Perkins goes on to present the parable of the sower (8:5-15) as showing "concerns of daily life will rob people of their enthusiasm for the gospel. ...true discipleship...means a whole lifetime of 'bearing fruit' which comes from the 'good heart' of the faithful disciple" Perhaps a good Lenten goal is to rekindle our "enthusiasm for the gospel" so we can "bear fruit" in bringing Christ and his love to others.

More so than any of the other gospels, Luke speaks of the women disciples. Mary is shown to be the ideal disciple. In the first chapter we see Mary answering God's call: "May it be done unto me according to your word." (1:38) This is followed by her beautiful canticle praising God, we know as the Magnificat. (1:46-55) Later in 8:19-21 Jesus says: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." This certainly was Mary and Jesus is telling us it can be us as well.

We also see in Luke's infancy narrative important roles given Elizabeth and Anna. Continuing through his Gospel he presents women in prominent roles and as true disciples. Daniel Harrington SJ in his book Meeting St. Luke Today has this to say on Luke and the role of women. "According to 8:1-3, a group of women followers accompanied Jesus and the apostles and contributed greatly to his public ministry. Along the way to Jerusalem, sisters Mary and Martha offer hospitality to Jesus and his companions (10:38-42). Women are featured in Jesus' parables of the lost coin (15: 8-10 and the persistent widow (18: 1-8). The women disciples at the cross see Jesus die and see where he is buried (23:49, 55). When they go to his tomb on Easter Sunday morning, they find it empty and report that fact to the apostles (24: 1-12.)"

As we see Luke as espousing the important roles of women in the life of Christ, today we can see Pope Francis espousing the importance of women in the life of the Church. He has appointed women to positions only held by men previously and in February of this year appointed a woman, French Sister Nathalie Becquart as co-undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops. This will be the first woman to have the right to vote in the all male assembly. I believe Luke as well as Jesus is pleased. Additionally in 2016 Pope Francis appointed Phyllis Zagano, of Hofstra University to a commission to study

feasibility of women deacons in the Church. No conclusion was come to and study continues.

Further reading: <https://Catholic-resources.org/Bible/Luke-Discipleship.htm>

[www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2020/4/27/review-phyllis-zagano-makes-case-women-deacons](http://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2020/4/27/review-phyllis-zagano-makes-case-women-deacons)

Song reflection: "Jesus Christ is Waiting" by John Bell Many versions on youtube.com Jim

Parish Life

**Parish Life Pastoral Area Mission Statement**

As servants of Christ, through the various Parish Life ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing diverse opportunities for fellowship, mutual support and ministry to our Parish community, led by Christ’s example of hospitality and inclusiveness.” Parish Life Pastoral Secretary: rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org.

**DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS** The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

**General Parish and School**

**Activities 50/50**

Every Monday a winner will be drawn the winner will be posted in the following weeks bulletin.

Put a dollar in the envelope to participate.

The envelopes are found in your Stewardship Packets.

1/3/21 #45890 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$60.25

1/10/21 #30870 was drawn and won \$99.25

1/17/21 #25860 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$41.50

1/24/21 #60240 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$87.00

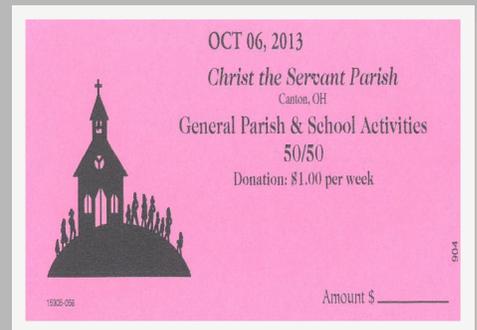
1/31/21 #48030 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$110.00

2/7/21 #36890 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$156.50

2/14/21 #46020 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$201.00

2/21/21 #61690 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$249.50

2/28/21 #36420 was drawn and did not play and would have won \$294.50



**CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass from St. Columba Cathedral can be live streamed on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 am. Doy.org/Media/CathedralLiveStream.

For more information please contact CTNY at 330.533.2243

**St. Joseph Senior Living**

**2/28/2021 \$16,897.00**

**For stewardship or any other donations to the parish or school, please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Parish— Thank you**