

ST. VALENTINE'S

SUNDAY JANUARY 14th 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Teador Lopatkiewicz; From All Souls List

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN

MONDAY JANUARY 15th ST. PAUL THE HERMIT, (WHITE)

9:30AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

TUESDAY JANUARY 16th OF THE 2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

8AM Mass for the soul of Adam Wickowski; From All Souls List.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

THURSDAY JANUARY 18th CHAIR OF ST. PETER, (RED)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY JANUARY 19th OF THE 2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Charles Hoff; From All Souls List

SUNDAY JANUARY 21st 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)

LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 **LESSON:** 1st Cor. 7:19-31 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 1:14-20

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Jack Toland; From All Souls List

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: JANUARY 18th Week for Christian Unity Begins.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: For **2024** can be found in the back of the church. Please take yours home.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: What are the Holy Days of Obligation for our Church? The Holy Days are; all Sundays, January 1st The Circumcision of Our Lord; The Ascension of Our Lord; All Saints Day; Christmas Day. What does it mean that they are Holy Days of Obligation? It means we are to attend Holy Mass.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

CALENDARS: In the back of the church you will find calendars. Take one home with you. The calendars have been donated by Salvinski & Sucharski Funeral Home.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?: Last Sunday we saw Jesus Baptized by John, this week we see the first disciples gather around Him. As Jesus is walking back to the river, John finishes what he came to do, to point out the Lamb of God. For John it must have a moment of joy and sorrow. Joy that the Messiah had come, sorrow because John's life would soon come to an end. The first disciples were followers of John, he tells them, "there is the Lamb of God." They hear what he says and follow after Jesus. It is like the time when we all leave home to begin life on our own. The disciples were Andrew and John. They approach Jesus and He asks them, "what are you looking for?" They ask Him "Rabbi where do you stay?" They do not answer what they are looking for. They go and stay with Him and begin to learn who He is and what He is about. Now we need to focus on the question what are we looking for? As followers of Jesus we must know what we are looking for. Of course we are looking for salvation, life with Jesus, a life of holiness and grace. Andrew and John had no idea what following Jesus would mean. They had no idea of the sacrifice they would be making, for Andrew it would cost him his life, being put to death on a cross in the shape of an X. For John seeing Jesus crucified caring for His Blessed Mother, being tortured, and live to 100 years old. What are we willing to make for Jesus? We are asked to put aside

all things and give our life to Christ. Can we do that to gain eternal life? So, the question to the disciples is the question to us, “what are you looking for?”

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.