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January 21, 2018

Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacraments

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage

Couples are invited to call the
Parish Office, minimally six months
in advance, to prepare for and
schedule their marriage.

Confirmation

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Adult Faith Formation

Anyone inquiring about the
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The Office

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Paul, Onaway, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are dedicated to preserve, live and proclaim the Good News brought by Jesus. As a sacramental people, we are committed to welcome all into Christ's presence among us.

We may not fish for a living but we know about casting and mending nets. Days that all seem the same. One looks like another. Life is routine, lived on autopilot. Nothing changes. We don't expect much to happen. This is our life. We cast the nets. We mend the nets. Casting and mending to make a living, to feed our family, to pay the bills. Casting and mending to gain security and get to retirement. Casting and mending to hold our family together, to make our marriage work, to grow up our children. Casting and mending to gain the things we want: a house, a car, books, clothes, a vacation. Casting and mending to earn a reputation, gain approval, establish status. Casting and mending our way through another day of loneliness, sadness, or illness.

Casting and mending are realities of life. They are also the circumstances in which Jesus comes to us, the context in which we hear the call to new life, and the place where we are changed and the ordinary becomes the extraordinary.

These would be disciples, Simon and Andrew, James and John, are not looking for Jesus. They are too busy with the nets. It is another day of casting and mending. They may not have even noticed Jesus but he not only sees them he speaks to them. Jesus has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routines of casting and mending nets. That's what he did to the lives of Simon and Andrew, James and John. That's what he does to your life and my life.

"Follow me" is Jesus' invitation to a new life. If these four fishermen accept the invitation, their lives will forever be different. They will be different. They will no longer catch just fish. They will fish for people.

When Jesus says, "I will make you fish for people," he is describing the transformation of their lives, not simply a job catching new members or followers. He could just as easily have said to the carpenters, "Follow me, and you will build the kingdom of heaven." To the farmers, "Follow me, and you will grow God's people. To the doctors, "Follow me, and you will heal the brokenness of the world." To the teachers, "Follow me, and you will open minds and hearts to the presence of God." To the parents, "Follow me, and you will nurture new life."

Whatever your life is, however you spend your time, there is in that life Jesus' call to "Follow me." "Follow me" is the call to participate with God in God's own saving work. It's the work of change and growth. That work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting our life in a new direction, and experiencing that our little story of life is connected to and a part of a much larger story of life, God's life.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus called them. Mark records no discussions, no questions, no good byes. They simply "left... and followed him."

I'm afraid that if Mark were writing about me – when he gets to the part when Jesus says, "Follow me" – Mark would write, "and immediately the questions followed." "Where are we going? What will we do? How long will we be gone? What do I need to take? Where will we stay?"

But this conversation doesn't take place in today's gospel. Jesus does not offer a map, an itinerary, or a destination, only an invitation. This is not the type of journey you can prepare for. This is the inner journey, a journey into the deepest part of our being, the place where God resides. It's not about planning and organizing, making lists, or packing supplies. It's not that easy. If anything this journey is about leaving things behind. Listen to what Mark says:

- "Immediately they left their nets and followed him."
- "They left their father Zebedee in the boat..., and followed him."

The invitation, "follow me," is also the invitation to leave behind: to leave behind our nets, our boats, and even our fathers.

That's the hard part for most of us. We're pretty good at accumulating and clinging but not so good at letting go. More often than not our spiritual growth involves some kind of letting go. We never get anywhere new as long as we're unwilling to leave where we are. We accept Jesus' invitation to follow, not by packing up, but by letting go.

"Follow me" is both the invitation to and the promise of new life. So what are the nets that entangle us? What are the little boats that contain our life? Who are the fathers from whom we seek identity, value, or approval? What do we need to let go of and leave behind so that we might follow him?

Please don't think this is simply about changing careers, disowning our family, or moving to a new town. It is about the freedom to be fully human and in so being discover God's divinity within us. We let go so that our life may be reoriented, so that we can now travel in a new direction, so that we may be open to receive the life of God anew. When we let go, everything is transformed – including our nets, boats, and fathers. That's why Jesus could tell them they would still be fishermen. But now they would fish for people. They wouldn't become something they weren't already, but they would be changed. They would become transformed fishermen. They would more authentically be who they already were.

Ultimately, it's about letting go of our own little life so that we can receive God's life. This letting go happens in the context of our everyday activities: work, school, families, paying the bills, running errands, fixing dinner, relationships, and trying to do the right thing. It happens in the casting and mending of our nets. These are the times and places Jesus shows up and calls into a new way of being and our world changes. It happened for Simon, Andrew, James, and John. It can happen for you and me.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 23rd @ 9am

+ Todd Willey

req. Sally Schaar

Wednesday, January 24th @ 6pm

+ Fr. Mason Vaughn

Thursday, January 25th @ 9am

Parish Volunteers

Friday, January 26th @ 9am

+ Patricia Gosinski

req. The Gosinski Family

Saturday, January 27th @ 5pm

Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Monica

Sunday, January 28th @ 10am

+ Marlene Hopkins

req. Steve & Elaine Casey

Readings for Week of Jan. 22nd

Mon: 2Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tues: 2Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35

Wed: 2Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20

Thurs: Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

Fri: 2Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

**Sun: Dt 18:15-20 / Ps 95 /
1Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28**

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, January 23rd

AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, January 24th

Soup Kitchen 2:30– 5:30pm

Karate 6pm

Friday, January 26th

A 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Saturday, January 27th

World Youth Day Collection

Adoration 4pm

Sunday, January 28th

World Youth Day Collection

Adoration 9am

K-12 Faith Formation



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Classes Jan. 21st– Movie, class 28th

Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



Time for our Parish Movie.

THIS Sunday, January 21st

following Mass. We will

be watching "The Letters", the

untold story of Mother Teresa.

Everyone is welcome to come.

Lunch served for a goodwill

offering.

How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus? Do I share the good news through my words and actions?

Bless you for your Stewardship

St. Paul: 1/21/18

Reg. \$1,217.00 + Loose \$482.00

Fuel \$35.00 = \$1,734.00

St. Monica: 1/21/18

Reg. \$50.00

Financial Position as of 12/31/17

St. Paul

Income \$96,228.46

Expense \$80,975.44

Net Income \$15,253.02

St. Monica

Income \$5319.48

Expense \$4,731.01

Net Loss (\$415.53)



Come and check out our Parish library in classroom 5.

Mark Your Calendar

Fri. Feb. 2nd—Adoration

Sun. Feb. 4th—Knights Breakfast

Tues. Feb. 6th—Ladies Study Group

Wed. Feb. 7th—Knights Meeting



If you know of someone whom we can put on the prayer list or someone who can be taken off, please let us know at the office. We want to make sure everyone's needs are being met. Thank you. Just give us a call at 733-6053

Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Dorothy Conners	Vicki Gosinski	Mike Marx	Anya Pecova	Helen Szabo
Deb Bandish	Theresa Czajka	Catherine Green	Brittany Maynard	David Riley	Walter Szymoniak
Colleen Berry	Donna Diller	Chuck Hart	Dennis McGuire	Roger Rivard	Dave Tesmer
Mary Bower	Louise Dorton	Pat Harman	Sid Merchant	Diana Rogers	Sue Tesmer
Bill Breed	Elvin Eagleson	Gar Harris	Bob Merrick	Norma Schoolcraft	Shirley Traflet
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