

January 13 & 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In today's first reading, we learn of the prophet Samuel's first encounter with the Lord God. As we heard, Samuel slept in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. You'd think that spending time in the place where the Lord God abided among his people would mean Samuel might be somewhat familiar with God. But that was not the case, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet.

Everything in God's time, right? Some of us might have this in common with Samuel: either we do not quite understand what God is saying to us, or the Lord has not yet revealed to us what he intends to reveal. Like Samuel, the Lord is calling us but we struggle to discern what, if anything, God is saying to us. We're just regular people with jobs and families, just trying to live a good life. What could the Lord God possibly call ordinary people like us to do?

Today's Gospel story reveals at least one thing God is inviting all of us to do, something that is within the reach of any of us: to point the way to Christ, and to invite others to join us on the journey. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points his disciples to Jesus. They seek him and, after spending time with him, have been convinced that they have found not just a teacher as they initially thought, but, rather, something greater, the Messiah. Having arrived at this significant realization, how did Andrew respond? He went and brought his brother to Jesus.

How many of us have someone in our lives who doesn't know Jesus? Someone who doesn't know the joy of knowing him, of trusting in him, of receiving his love, his forgiveness, his healing and mercy? We probably all do. And so this is our encouragement to not shy away from inviting these loved ones to meet Christ.

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. The next time we find ourselves in conversation with a family member and feel that stirring sense that we should invite them to give Jesus a chance, let us ask the Holy Spirit for help. The Holy Spirit can fill us with the courage to speak, and can give us the words to lovingly extend an invitation to an encounter with Christ, the Lord.

Maybe it is true that God is not calling us to be another Samuel. But perhaps God is calling us to be one of the means through which he extends his offer of salvation to others. Let us ask for the grace to respond as Samuel did: Speak, for your servant is listening, and to trust that God will take it from there. * * * * *



Holy Angels has a new website where you can find the bulletins, announcements, and many other things. Please visit it at: holyangetslavalle.org



Get your teams together and support the youth of Pastorate 7 with a Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 7:00-10:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic School Gym, 310 2nd St, Baraboo

Cost: \$15/person or \$120 for a table of 8

Pay in advance or at the door

Hot food & cold beverages will be available for purchase.

Includes Raffle and Great Entertainment!

Deadline to Register: Friday, January 19, 2024 - Sign up below! Contact Tina for more information:

faithformation@shcreedsburg.org or go to

We hope you join us for this fundraising event benefitting our high school students attending Frassati Fest this February. We have 40 students and adults going. **Cost per teen for the Frassati Fest is \$250.00.**

Would you like to help the high school students, but can't make it to Baraboo for Trivia Night? Just put your donation in an envelope and mark the outside "Trivia Night Donation" and all gifts will be sent to St. Cecilia. Be sure to put your name and address on the envelope so we can include it on your end of year contributions. **Let's see if Holy Angels can raise \$120.00 with your help. Thank you for supporting our Pastorate 7 high school students!**

Sauk Co. Chapter Right to Life: Please join us for our annual "Rally for Life" at the Sauk County Courthouse, east grounds, from 3:00-3:30 pm, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Rose Bingham, of the Sauk County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life, will give a short talk and then we will peacefully march around the square in support of life from conception until natural death.

Welcome . . . We are glad you participated at Mass with us. How may we serve you?

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Please remove and put in the collection basket or send to the Parish Office at: Holy Angels Parish, PO Box 166, La Valle, WI 53941

Thank you

~You do not need to change your membership at another parish to receive a box of envelopes. We'd like to send you a end of year contribution statement but we need your name and address to do so.

Holy Angels Parish Masses This Week

Tue 1/16 **Holy Family** 9:00 am Adoration

Fri 1/19 **Holy Family** 9:15 am Mass-Marie Smith
Holy Family 10:00 am Confessions

Sat 1/20 **Our Lady of Refuge Chapel, Sacred Heart Million of Monicas** 9:00 am-Reflection: Recognizing Christ's Presence
Holy Family 3:00 pm Confessions
Holy Family 4:00 pm Mass-Patrick "Mike" Kelley



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◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Pause Plus Pray

Reflect

Martha and her siblings Mary and Lazarus were dear friends of Jesus. In two different circumstances, Martha is direct and tenacious in her questions toward Jesus. In a situation with her sister, she says, "Lord don't you care that my sister has left me to do the serving myself?" And after Jesus waits days after the death of her brother, in her grief, she cries out: "Lord, if you had been, here my brother would not have died." Sometimes we all have questions like these to Jesus throughout life.

Pray

Loving God,
Sometimes we overcomplicate prayer trying to fit it into a box or making it into a neat, tidy formula.
The reality is that deep, true prayer is raw, messy, and honest—just like Martha in her bold questions to Jesus.
Help me to pray like Martha—direct, tenacious.
You are never put off by me and receive me just as I am.
Amen.

Act

Put yourself into one of these two stories featuring Martha: Luke 10:38-42 (where Martha welcomes Jesus into her village) or the raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-42. What do you notice? How is God speaking to you through this experience?

Parish Support 1/6/2024

Envelopes & EFT	2381.00
Offertory	312.45
Building Maint.	115.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Solemnity of Mary/New Years	95.00
Total	\$2908.45

Thank you.

"One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is "peace". Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us. "

~Pope Francis

"Take the trouble of today and transform it with a thankful heart. This is the formula for successful living."

Praise God And Thank Him: Biblical Keys for a Joyful life
By Jeff Cavins

~Dynamic Catholic

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CHILI/SOUP SUPPER
January 20, 2024 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sample many different varieties of chili and soup. Vote on your favorites. Hot dogs will also be served.

Adults: \$8.00
Children (5-10): \$5.00
Children 4 and under are free.
Family Rate for Families with 3 or more students under 16: \$30

There will also be a silent auction filled with many great baskets and items to bid on!

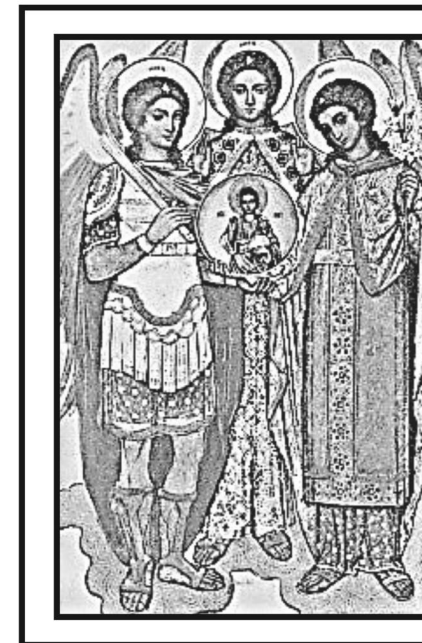
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Sacred Heart Mobile Food Pantry
Thursday, January 18
VFW 200 Veterans Drive, Parking lot
Pickup Time: 4:00 pm until food is gone.

This will be drive-through.
All persons in need of food are welcome.
Food will be placed in vehicle trunks.
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Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday
Confession 3:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle
Mass 4:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle

Weekday Mass Schedule
Friday
Confession 8:30 am Holy Family
Mass 9:15 am Holy Family, La Valle



Sacraments

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