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**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for
us?”**

“Here I am, “I said, “send me!”

— *Isaiah 6:8*

GOD’S SUMMONS

Confronted with God’s power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus’ instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me.”

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won’t lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God’s messenger?

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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

We are all familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz. There’s Dorothy, who wants to get back to Kansas. There’s the Cowardly Lion, who’s looking for courage. There’s the Scarecrow, who’s looking for a brain because some crow told him he was stupid and he believed it. And there’s the Tin Woodsman, who’s trying to find a heart in order to demonstrate some sensitivity. They all go to see the Wizard, who proves to be a fraud.

But as the story unfolds, you discover who’s the most courageous one in the group. It’s the Lion called cowardly. Who thinks up the best ideas? It’s the Scarecrow who supposedly has no brain. Who is it that shows the most compassion? It’s the heartless Tin

Woodsman. And Dorothy? She’s never left Kansas at all; it’s only a dream. They come to realize that only after the Wizard of Oz calls it to their attention.

Many people do not realize how gifted and talented they really are. Many ordinary individuals do not know that there’s a giant hidden within them. What’s needed are Wizards to call it to their attention.

—Rev. Richard Zajac

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Living God’s Word - The twelve disciples would never have been found in a Who’s Who? in Jerusalem or Nazareth or Galilee. They were fairly obscure and, at first glance, not very talented individuals. That didn’t stop Jesus from calling them into ministry, for he believed there was a giant inside each of them waiting to be awakened.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ’s total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God’s own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

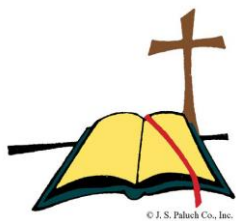
FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of February. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de febrero. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. ***Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!***



Saturday, February 8th
5:00PM-IHM – +Belinda Gomez,
 Tomas & Guadalupe Morales;
 +Socorro Ramon

Sunday, February 9th –
8:30AM– +Cirilo, Victoria y

Lucia Chavira; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Yesenia Gonzales y Michael Arce
11:00AM- For the People

Tuesday, February 11th 9:00AM – HF
 +Lupe “Lulu” Martinez

Wednesday, February 12th 6:00PM–IHM
 +Ruben Gutierrez

Thursday, February 13th 9:00AM-HF
 For the conversion and well-being of Mario and Antonio Miguel Ortega

Friday, February 14th 9:00AM-HF
 In thanksgiving for Issac Sims birthday

Saturday, February 15th
5:00PM-IHM – +Louis Torres; +Gavino Martinez;
 +Sara Gomez, Eulalio & Sarita Olvera,
 Ysidro & Elvira Navarrette

Sunday, February 16th –
8:30AM– Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Andrea Aguilera, Florentino Saavedra, Jorge Chavez, Carmen Zuniga, Misael Hernandez, Yolanda Rivera; Por la salud y bien estar de Isidro Loya
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
 —St. Louise de Marillac

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Feb. 15 – Youth Group Feb. 22 – Cursillistas



February 9

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”
 USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

CCD CLASSES – Sunday - 9:30-10:40am
 Wednesday - 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) - Classes are held on Thursdays, at 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane Street.

YOUTH GROUP meets Sunday, February 9th, 6:30pm, HF Hall.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets at Holy Family Hall, this Sunday, February 9th, from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm @IHM.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025– Please come by the parish office for your envelopes.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11

The first of the eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the humble Bernadette took place at Lourdes on February 11, 1858. On March 25, when Bernadette asked the Beautiful Lady her name, she replied: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

The devotion of people all over the world to Our Lady of Lourdes, together with the countless miracles that have been wrought through her intercession, has caused one of the most marvelous regenerations in the history of the Church.

PRAYER Merciful God, come to the aid of our frailty. May we who keep the memory of the Immaculate Mother of God rise from our iniquities with the help of her intercession. Amen.

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February 1/2, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....\$5039.00
 LOOSE PLATE.....1199.42
 CCD.....931.00
 ROSCOE.....340.00
 TOTAL COLLECTION.....\$7509.42

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#15 - Prayer over the Offering

After the gifts have been prepared, the priest extends his hands towards the congregation and asks them to pray that my sacrifice and your sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father. And the congregation responds by praying out loud, asking the Lord to accept the offerings. In the Book of Genesis, the sons of Adam: Cain and Abel, both offered a sacrifice to God. Cain offered some grain, and Abel offered the first-born unblemished lamb. God accepted the sacrifice of Abel, but not the sacrifice of Cain. We are begging the Lord to accept the sacrifices that we have offered, and we are acknowledging that this is the best we can offer right now. The reason Cain's sacrifice was not accepted was because he did not give God the best. He gave him the leftovers.

The word sacrifice should remind us that Christ's sacrifice on the Cross will be made present on this altar, and we have a part in this sacrifice. We are invited to offer what little we have in union with Christ for the salvation of the world. When we fast, when we pray, when we spend extra time helping others, when we endure suffering big or little, we are invited to bring any and all of those instances to the altar. We declare, Lord, I want to offer my little bit to imitate you. And Christ who sees our little offerings is pleased because we show that we want to be like him in every way.

The congregation stands to respond to this prayer because it shows that we are ready to enter into this holy sacrifice. On the night of the Passover, the Lord instructed the Israelites to eat the lamb standing with staff in hand, ready to leave immediately. Our posture expresses our attention and readiness to offer our sacrifices in union with Christ.

Then the priest prays the prayer over the offerings which is similar to the Collect at the beginning of Mass. This is wrapping up all of the offerings that we have presented into a single package and asking the Lord to receive these offerings and give us the Body and Blood of his Son.

Después de que se han preparado las ofrendas, el sacerdote extiende sus manos hacia la congregación y les pide que oren para que mi sacrificio y su sacrificio sean aceptables a Dios Padre Todopoderoso. Y la congregación responde orando en voz alta, pidiendo al Señor que acepte las ofrendas. En el Libro del Génesis, los hijos de Adán: Caín y Abel, ambos ofrecieron un sacrificio a Dios. Caín ofreció algo de grano, y Abel ofreció el cordero primogénito sin defecto. Dios aceptó el sacrificio de Abel, pero no el sacrificio de Caín. Estamos rogando al Señor que acepte los sacrificios que hemos ofrecido, y estamos reconociendo que esto es lo mejor que podemos ofrecer en este momento. La razón por la que el sacrificio de Caín no fue aceptado fue porque no le dio a Dios lo mejor. Le dio las sobras.

La palabra sacrificio nos debe recordar que el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz se hará presente en este altar, y nosotros tenemos una parte en ese sacrificio. Estamos invitados a ofrecer lo poco que tenemos en unión con Cristo para la salvación del mundo. Cuando ayunamos, cuando oramos, cuando pasamos tiempo extra ayudando a otros, cuando soportamos un sufrimiento grande o pequeño, estamos invitados a traer todos y cada uno de esos momentos al altar. Declaramos: Señor, quiero ofrecer mi poquito para imitarte. Y Cristo, que ve nuestras pequeñas ofrendas, se complace porque demostramos que queremos ser como él en todo.

La congregación se pone de pie para responder a esta oración porque muestra que estamos listos para participar en este sacrificio santo. En la noche de la Pascua, el Señor instruyó a los israelitas a comer el cordero de pie con un cayado en la mano, listos para partir de inmediato. Nuestra postura expresa nuestra atención y disposición para ofrecer nuestros sacrificios en unión con Cristo.

Luego el sacerdote reza la oración sobre las ofrendas que es similar a la Colecta al comienzo de la Misa. Esto es envolver todas las ofrendas que hemos presentado en un solo paquete y pedirle al Señor que reciba estas ofrendas y nos dé el Cuerpo y la Sangre de su Hijo.