

February 1, 2015



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOOD NEWS: Capernaum, hometown of Simon and Andrew, became Jesus' home base too. On the Sabbath, he went out to the synagogue to teach with authority over physical and spiritual evils. He dramatically cast out devils, curing Simon's mother-in-law and healing many other sick people. Jesus went about the messianic work. That labor came to fruition as he cast out death itself in his passover to resurrection. Bolstered by prayer, Jesus single-mindedly set out to spread the good news. How do we join him?

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Pastor's Note(s):

Gospel Message: Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

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Parish Councils: Special meeting Thursday February 5 at 5 pm in the Education Center. Presenter: Hal Johnson, Johnson Associates Minneapolis.

Topic: Parish Development Programs. *Fr. Michael*



Lenten Scripture Series: Deacon Tim Egan will be providing a 5-part presentation on the Sunday Scripture selections for Lent. Presentations will be made on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and last one hour each. The topics for consideration will be:

Feb. 19th (the Thursday after Ash Wednesday):

The Temptation of Jesus in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke

Feb. 26th: *The Transfiguration in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke*

March 5th: *The Cleansing of the Temple and the Gospel of John*

March 12th: *The "Principle of Harmony" in 2 Chronicles and the Gospel of John*

March 19th: *Suffering in the Book of Hebrews and Elsewhere*

All parishioners are welcome as are any guests or friends they might like to bring. There is no charge.

Parish Events in Lent: Lent begins Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The events coordinators have planned a series of Soup Suppers and Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays during Lent, beginning February 27 at 5.30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm. Further details in next week's bulletin.

Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser continues for the benefit of the Crib Club at the Women's Care Center in Duluth, whose mission is to support any woman to choose life for their baby. All bottles should be returned on Sat., Feb. 7th or Sun., Feb. 8th. Thank you for your generosity!

Valentine Pot Luck: All are invited to a Valentine pot luck on February 15, after Mass. Bring your sweetheart, family and friends and a dish to pass. Join us for the kick-off event of 2015. (Football will be over by then - no games to rush home to after Mass). Please call Laura Lien at 834-9549 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Saturday	ST JOHN BOSCO	01/31/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Eleanor Lyons Reader: Confirmation Student-Quaid Cavallin Chalice: Kathy & Shawn McMahon Servers: Miles & Kate Thomasen	
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/01/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Mike Hoffman Plate: Laura Lien Chalice: Shari Hendren & Judy Fleischer Servers: Nathan Campbell & Hayden Johnson	
Monday	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	02/02/15
Tuesday	SAINT BLAISE & SAINT ANSGAR	02/03/15
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Ecumen Scenic Shores —Intention † Msgr. O'Shea	
5:45 P.M.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/04/15
8:15 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Tom Paur	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	SAINT AGATHA	02/05/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
Friday	SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	02/06/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention Carol Burger	
Saturday	FIRST SATURDAY	02/07/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Theodore Wisniewski Reader: Confirmation Student Chalice: Carol Anderson & Laura Lien Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/08/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Confirmation Student Plate: Joanne Button Chalice: Dave Hendren & Nancy Olsen Servers: Sid Hendren & To be assigned	

Men of Faith Conference: February 21 at Marshall School Fregeau Auditorium. National Speaker - Deacon Ralph Poyo. Registration deadline February 9. Register online at www.duluthcatholicmen.org. Fee: \$25 until February 9, \$35 after February 9.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Joann Ostendorf, Ron Ostendorf, and Ron Kor.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Vince Ojard, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, and Ray Weeks.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group
Mark your Calendars!!!

Family Mass: Our Next "Family Mass" will be on Sunday, Feb. 8th, followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall. The treats will be donated by the 5th & 6th grades. All are welcome!!

Cinnamon Roll Sale: We will be selling cinnamon rolls again on April 4th & 5th. Only \$5.00! The proceeds will be going toward the purchase of new Bibles for Church School.

Attention Crafters: We are looking for Crafters for our Spring Bazaar, Sat. May 2nd, from 9-3 pm. We supply the table for \$20.00. The money earned will go towards V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School). Please contact Connie Koss at 834-4433.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

The 2015 Annual Father Daughter Ball, presented by First Baptist Church, Two Harbors, is being held at Superior Shores on March 6th & 7th, seating at 5:30pm. Tickets will be sold **only** on-line @ firstbaptistth.org beginning Jan. 31st at 9:00 am until sold out. \$20.00 per person includes dinner, dancing, photo booth, and of course, fun!

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,161.55
Bldg. Fund.....	\$190.00
UCA.....	\$225.00
Latin America.....	\$194.00

