

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 6-7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Welcome to our newest member baptized this weekend Violet Mae Auren Beck and Susan Kim Young.

Message from our Pastor:

When I was growing up, my dad and I were fanatics when it comes to fishing. We would go to Mass on Saturday evening (my dad worked overtime on Saturdays) but boy when Sunday hit, we were on the lake from sunrise till sunset...a solid 10 or 12 hours of fishing.

We were **very very** good fisherman. I know most people who fish think they are good fisherman...but we really were. That's not a fisherman's tale ☺

So I often think that it is funny that I became a priest, since Jesus so often called fisherman to be his first disciples and so often compared spreading the Gospel with fishing.

And looking back, I must confess that there are many similarities between fishing and spreading the Gospel.

First, it takes persistence and dedication. Sure you can go out once in a while and maybe hook into a few nice fish, but usually to do so is pure luck. A good fisherman makes his own luck. He figures out how it works and is on the water enough to make the catch happen on a consistent basis. He builds on previous knowledge and experience and produces results even in the most challenging conditions.

The same can be said for a true disciples of Jesus. A true disciple is someone who is working at it consistently and with dedication. He does not just get excited about being a Christian once in a while and set off to try to change the world and quickly find out that it is too hard and nothing's

biting. No. A true disciple is persistent and dedicated. He makes small gains over many weeks and years. He uses his experience to teach him how to produce results in difficult situations and he does not become discouraged if the fish aren't biting. He figures out how to make them bite.

So there are many similarities between fishing for fish and fishing for men...as Jesus says in the Gospel..."from now on you will fish for me" or otherwise said, 'you will from now on work to convert people to become followers of my message.'

BUT!

Although there are huge similarities on the fisherman side, between fisherman and disciple, there are huge DIFFERENCES between fish and potential-disciple.

For one, the fish, once hooked, is in a bad way and has been totally fooled. The fish thought he was going after something wonderful and delightful and unfortunately found out that it was NOT what he thought. This is sad for the fish...although a joy to the fisherman ☺

But for the potential-disciple (the fish), the greatest day of his life is the day he gets "caught" by a fisher-of-men. The greatest day of an unbeliever's life is the day he becomes convinced of the Gospel and becomes converted. He receives not something false, but something that is fact truer than he could have imagined. Although he is the one being caught, he is fact receiving the catch (as an aside, I will admit that there are days when being a Christian might seem like you were a little fooled...as it's not all a bed of roses...but even those days are full of the embrace of truth and God's love).

So pick up a fishing rod and go fishing. If you are reading this you are supposed to be a fisherman (fisherwoman). It is your job to catch fish...to catch believers for God. SO DO IT!

Fr. Rossi

Year to date budgeted: \$131,915.00

Year to date actual income: \$97,600.28

Current loss: \$34,314.72

January 30-31 attendance: 34-199

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday every other month at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class is February 14. Please contact Kathy Buttner if you are interested in attending the class and for scheduling your child's Baptism. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Rosary: Please join in saying the rosary each Sunday at 10:10am. There is also a need for more rosary leaders if interested. Contact Kathy Butner.

Confessions: Are offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Irish Festival: We will have meetings every Sunday after 10:45 mass. Join us!

Lent: Have you decided what you are going to "give up" for Lent? Is it chocolate? How about not "giving up" anything and instead add a daily inspiration to your day. Dynamic Catholic invites you to join their Lent program and have the BEST LENT EVER and you don't have to give up chocolate! This is an online only program based on the book Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent and then go to DynamicCatholic.com and order a free copy of the book. (See the poster in the social hall or contact Kathy Buttner.)

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

Stations of the Cross: Will be led by the Bible Study group throughout lent at St. Patrick on Thursdays at noon. Please join us.

40 Days for Life: During Lent a group of St. Patrick parishioners will be saying the rosary & prayers in front of the abortion clinic at the corner of N. Boulevard & Grove Ave. each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join in. Our hope is to change minds and save lives by just being present for an hour a week! Call Jane Murphy if interested - 267-1935

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Thank you: To those volunteers that came out to the Liberation Family Services shelter last Sunday and helped out cooking and serving dinner to our homeless vets.

MCV Hospital Ministry: At the present time Fr. Rossi, Fr. Daniel and I are the involved in providing and ministering the sacraments at MCV. We started this ministry back in August-September of 2015. Each of us split up the week and have "On call days" to serve the Catholic Community at MCV. About 75% of the patients are communion calls. All of the priests would like to expand this ministry to our parishes. **If you are an Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic minister and would like to become a part of this ministry at MCV, Please contact Fr. Frank Wiggins, at 1-804-737-8028, or email me at padreop@verizon.net.** I will also have a sign-up sheet at each parish. .

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.