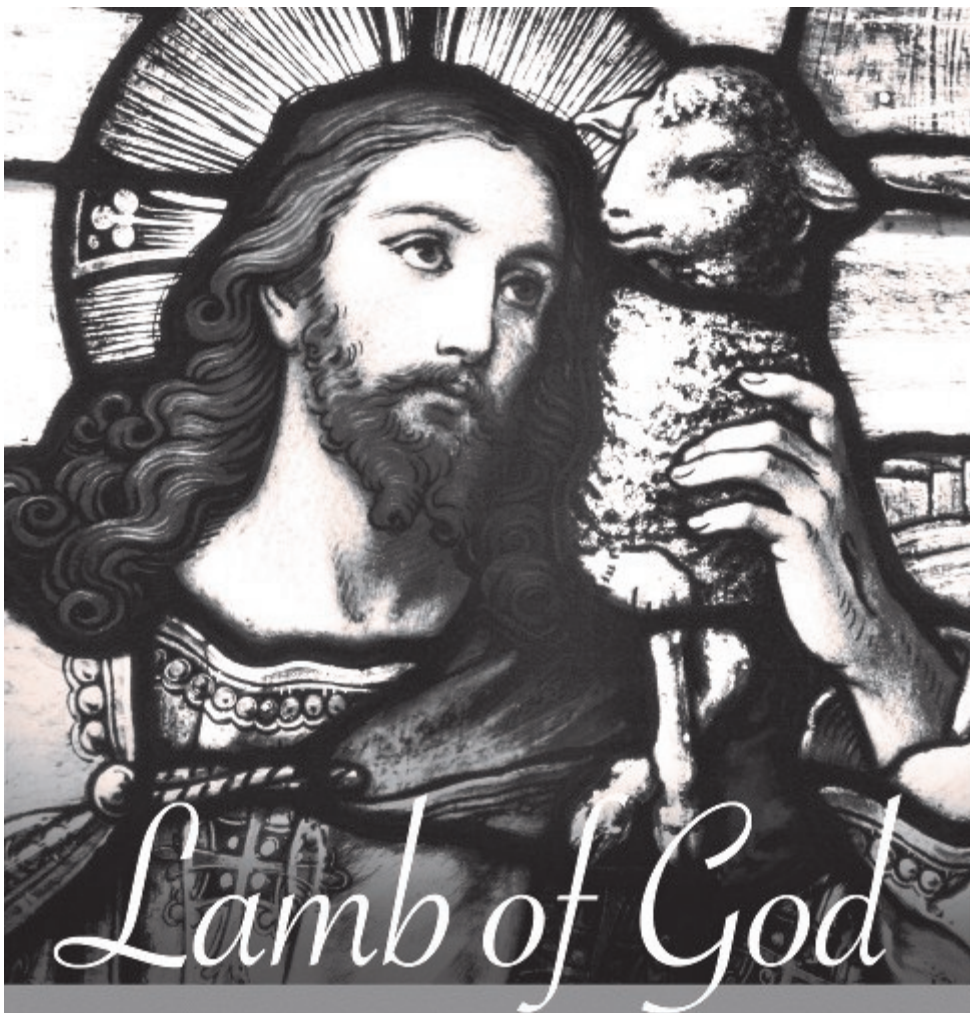


SUNDAY, January 15, 2012 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CHURCH OF THE
PRESENTATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1725 Kennard Street • Maplewood, Minnesota 55109



• John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
Jn 1:35-37

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 a.m. Fri: 8:45 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30–7:50 a.m.
or by appointment

Parish Office

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Mass Intentions

16-Mon:

8:00 am † Richard & Diane
Schwinghammer

17-Tues:

8:00 am For Thanksgiving to our
Mother of Perpetual Help

18-Wed:

8:00 am † Donald Thalhuber

19-Thurs:

8:00 am † Fredrick Pizinger

20-Fri:

8:45 am † Fr. Jerry Fenton

21-Sat:

5:00 pm Parishioners

22-Sun:

8:30 am † Margarette Casey

10:30 am † Sam & Louise Damico

Infant Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office
A preparation session is required.
Session may be taken prior to
the birth of the child.

Marriage:

Begin arrangements with
the priest or deacon at least
1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

This sacrament is available to
anyone who is seriously ill or
suffering from a prolonged illness.
Please call the Parish Office for
arrangements.

First Communion, First Confessions, Confirmation, Adult Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office
at 651-777-8116

Anyone wishing to register
as a member of the parish
should call the Parish Office at
651-777-8116. If you move, or
change your phone number,
please call the Parish Office
and let us know your new address.

Prayer Line:

Call Bernie Brees at 651-774-5525

From the Director of Administration and Finance

Your Servant Is Listening

My reflection on today's readings is centered on the first reading where Samuel is called by God.

On one level, it is a simple story of the young Samuel hearing the voice of God for the first time. This new voice was unfamiliar to Samuel. It took the elder Eli's advice to dispose Samuel to respond to the call. And the response that Eli advised was: Speak. I am your servant. I will listen.

This simple advice is quite profound and I wonder how many of us follow this advice in our own daily lives. Do we ask God to speak to us? Do we offer ourselves as ready and willing to be "servant" to God's wishes for us? Do we listen? And if so how?

I, for one, forget the first piece of Eli's advice; ask God to speak. Though I expect it and try to dispose my self to listen, I often forget to ask God to speak to me. There are those trying life moments where we "implore" God to speak to us due to our need for clarity in the moment. But on a daily basis, at least for me, it seems like I skip this step too often.

Then, do we orient ourselves as "servant"? We often try to control our own surroundings and life to fit our plan rather than dispose ourselves to whatever comes our way via His plan. Perhaps each day I should begin with, "What would you like of me today Lord?"

Then, listen.

Are we open to the direct contact of God in our lives? I think most of us, and I'll include myself, have a much more distant ear for God. We see God in a beautiful sunrise or sunset or perhaps in the touching way a child might act. But do we see and hear God in all things? Do we hear Him speaking directly to us? Perhaps one of the reasons we do not hear as well as Samuel did is because of all the noise in our lives. So many distractions of this world get in the way of truly being able to listen to God.

For me, I listen best when I can quiet my mind and therefore my soul. It is then that I am better able to really listen to God.

So, my advice to you: act on Eli's advice to Samuel, and particularly try to quiet yourself to listen.

In Christ, Steve Blessing

Mass For Life With Bishop LeVoir

Sunday, January 22, 2012

12:00 noon

Cathedral of Saint Paul

Please join Archbishop John C. Nienstedt on this 39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade in thanksgiving for the gift of life as we pray for an end to abortion. (Most Reverend John M. LeVoir presiding) After the Mass For Life the congregation will be invited to march to the State Capital where a prayer rally will begin at 2 pm. For further information, visit www.mccl.org or call 612-825-6831.

Faith Formation



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Congratulations to the 34 children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past Saturday. Our sincerest thanks to their catechists and parents who nurtured God's presence in them as they prepared for that sacrament. They will now begin their preparation for their first full participation in the Eucharist which they will celebrate during the Easter season.

- S. Kathy

Social Concerns

Justice: Father John Dear, SJ shares this piece of wisdom:

"The New Year has arrived. If we dare to dream about the highest ideals, we could wish for the end of the U.S. war in Afghanistan; the abolition of the death penalty, hunger, and nuclear weapons; and a national change of heart that will bring true universal health care, as well as decent jobs, housing and education for all, and a global rededication to the earth. For ourselves, we long to remain centered in the peace of Christ, to live and breathe that deep peace and to cultivate that peace in our own personal lives, our workplace, our families, and in the various movements for social justice and disarmament we support.

As we wage peace, we send a ripple of peace into the world to join the waves of nonviolence that wash over nations and empires and disarm us all."

- Dear, John, A NEW YEAR OF NONVIOLENCE

Charity: Two families have been blessed with kitchen tables and couches as of this past week. Many thanks to the donors and those who transported them where they were needed. Now we are in urgent need of kitchen chairs as neither family has any. Also needed is a microwave for a single mom and her two children. Call Sister Kathy or the Parish Office if you can help meet those needs.

"Believe you can make a difference. We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What is important is that we CARE and we ACT."

- Charlotte Lunsford

H.E.O. Update

Thank you for your donations to area food shelves.
100 lbs went to Roosevelt Homes/Merrick on January 9.
January 17 (Tuesday) — Julee Lang, Dayton's Bluff
Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastoral Care

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center lower level. For more information, please call Colleen at 651-295-9853.

Stewardship



In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

Capital Campaign Update

SECURING OUR FUTURE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THE HOME STRETCH

Final Phase of Debt Elimination

As of early January, payments of \$273,000 toward the pledges of \$406,000 (or 67%) were received in the final-year Home Stretch of the Securing Our Future Capital Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to eliminate our debt to the Archdiocese and begin setting aside funds for capital improvements. Currently, the debt to the Archdiocese stands at \$89,000. With \$133,000 still to be collected in the Home Stretch phase, we are on track to have our debt completely paid by June 2012. A Debt Retirement Party has been scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 2012 with a celebration following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 17th.



Presentation School News

- ◆ **Presentation School's Open House & Kick Off to Catholic School's Week** - Our annual Open House is fast approaching - Sunday, January 29th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please join us for Mass at 10:30 then stop over at the School for a tour to see what has been happening. Don't forget the hearty Pancake Breakfast (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Fr. Finley Council) from 8 am—12 noon on the 29th—YUM! The annual Book Fair and Basketball Tournament are also a part of the day. Any one interested in enrollment opportunities at Presentation School should plan to attend the Open House or call the School Office at 651-777-5877 to schedule a visit.
- ◆ A second **Kindergarten Information Night** will be held on February 16th at 6:30 pm. All who have children ready to start kindergarten in the fall of 2012 are invited! If you have questions about our kindergarten program or need more information, please call the School Office at 651-777-5877.
- ◆ Our annual **Middle School Science Fair** will be held on January 26th in Kenney Hall. Good luck to our budding scientists!
- ◆ **Presentation Basketball**—Come cheer on your Panthers this week at the following basketball games: Monday, January 16th—5th/6th Grade Boys at 4:30 pm and 5th Grade Girls 5:45 pm; Thursday, January 19th—6th/7th Grade Boys 4:00 pm. Go Panthers!!!

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 29th 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in Kenney Hall served by the Knights of Columbus #4374. All you can eat pancakes hot off the griddle with ham slices, fresh scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee or milk. Adults \$7, Children 6-12 yrs. \$5, Children 5 and under are free. Take out is also available.



January Women's Bridge Winners

- 1st Place—Jane Babler/Suzanne Plank—3,480
- 2nd Place—Mary Ann Anderson/Viv Forsberg—2,980
- 3rd Place—Annette Mackenroth/Anne Carlson—2,870



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers, Roger Bruett who has died recently. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Retirement Fund For Religious

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

PCLC News



Did you know that bears, woodchucks, turtles and even ladybugs hibernate?

The RRR children learned this week all about winter animals that hibernate.



We made our own hibernation huts and put animals that hibernate in them.



Parish Spring Festival



Let's Think Spring!

Even though it's cold outside now the Spring Festival is only months away! Consider making a basket for the Theme Basket Booth. Many stores now have ideal clearance items for a basket.

Questions?

- Pam Dupre—651-785-8985
- Peg Ferguson—651-501-7946
- Mary Swor— 651-776-8901

Ramsey Nursing Home Foundation's Bingo Night

Come to Ramsey County Care Center on January 23rd any time between the hours of 5—8 pm for your chance to win cash prizes. All ages are welcome. Snacks available for purchase. Bingo cards 3/\$1.00 or \$50/each.

All proceeds go to the Ramsey Nursing Home Foundation, to benefit the community of Ramsey County Care Center and the Ramsey County community as a whole. Get a coupon for a free BINGO card on the flyer at the Kennard Street entrance.

Mass Readings (Week of January 16)

- 16-Mon:** 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Ps 50: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2: 18-22
- 17-Tues:** Eph 6: 10-13, 18; Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:
16-26
- 18-Wed:** 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144: 1-2, 9-10;
Mk 3: 1-6
- 19-Thurs:** 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Ps 56: 2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:
7-12
- 20-Fri:** 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Ps 57: 2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3: 13-19
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 21-Sat:**
- 22-Sun:** Jn 3: 1-5, 10; Ps 25: 4-9; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1:
14-20

Homebound Communion Ministers

Homebound Communion Ministers scheduled to deliver
Communion on:

- January 15th** Sheila Blanda/ Pat Blaskowski/
Cindy Betz Lynda Semlak
Mike & Deb Braun Kari Heimer/
Val Davis
Morris & Mary Ellen Holes—MCC
- January 22nd** Joanne Cunnien Chris Jacobson
Maryann Leo Carl Ostling
Steve Swor & Tom Bieter—MCC

Altar Servers Schedule

- Saturday, January 21—5:00 pm**
Noah Rohleder, Jay & Kimberly Delveaux
- Sunday, January 22—8:30 am**
Maya Aflakpi, Emily O'Brien, Grace Miettunen
- Sunday, January 22—10:30 am**
Sophia Eschiti, Jacob Luczak, Greg Dobihal

Free Educational Seminar

"Where There's a Will..."
(Estate Planning Basics)

Thursday, January 26, 2012
3:30 pm
Ramsey County Care Center
2000 White Bear Ave
Maplewood, MN 55109

Ever wondered what "Estate Planning" means? Curious about what happens when someone dies without a valid will? Join us for answers to these questions and much more in a free, one-hour educational seminar, presented by Cindy DeRuyter of DeRuyter Law, LLC.

Please RSVP to lorna.leistikow@co.ramsey.mn.us or 651-251-2420. RSVP appreciated but not required. Refreshments served.

Stewardship of Treasure

What I am is God's gift to me ...

Amount needed in January	\$77,500
Sunday Envelopes	\$18,896
Automatic Deposits.....	\$4,962
Plate Collection	\$356
Children's Envelopes	\$2.00
Weekly Total (thru Jan 9).....	\$24,216
January Collections to Date	\$36,219

...what I become is my gift to God.

Archdiocesan debt from past obligations is \$89,000. The most recent payment of this debt was made on December 27, 2011 in the amount of \$10,000. The elimination of the remaining debt is the principal goal of the final-year "Home Stretch" of the Securing Our Future capital campaign.

Parish Calendar

- 15-Sun:** 10:30 am Joy Program (S)
10:30 am Nursery (FFC)
11:30 am Baptisms (C)
4:00 pm Confirmation Candidates (KH)
- 16-Mon:** OFFICE/SCHOOL CLOSED
7:00 pm Parish Festival Core Group (CR)
- 17-Tue:** 11:45 am 55 Club (Offsite)
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg. (MR)
7:00 pm Faith Formation Comm. (MRS)
- 18-Wed:** 6:30 pm Faith Formation (KH/S)
- 19-Thur:** 2:30 pm Rosary Ramsey Care Center
6:00 pm Troop 53655 (KH)
6:00 pm SAC (MRS)
7:00 pm GA (MR/FR/KR)
9:00 pm Volleyball (G)
- 20-Fri:** 8:45 am All School Mass (C)
10:45 am Ramsey CCC Comm. Service
- 21-Sat:**
- 22-Sun:** COFFEE SUNDAY
10:30 am Joy Program (S)
10:30 am Nursery (FFC)

KEY TO MEETING PLACES:

Parish Center: PC-Parish Center, SFC-St. Francis Chapel, CR-Conference Room, FR-Fireplace Room, KR-Kircher Room, MR-Modesta Room, UCR-Upper Conference Room, AR-Assisi Room

Other Areas: C-Church, KH-Kenney Hall, G-Gym, S-School, BR-Band Room, FL-Faculty Lounge, FFC-Faith Formation Center, MRS-Mary's Room in School, R-Rectory, RF-Raymond Field, WR- Wold Resource