



February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus went to the 'house of Andrew and Simon' to relax but discovered that 'Simon's mother in law' was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew & Simons who told Jesus about it at once.

•SURRENDER! CONTINUES AT PRINCE OF PEACE!

Please join us for short, weekly meetings on the Surrender! Program that James Browne from Ireland presented at Prince of Peace last November. Evening meetings are Friday at 7:30 PM; afternoon meetings are Wednesday at 1:00 PM. All are invited whether you participated in the Surrender Retreat or not. Learn to better live in the Kingdom of God in our midst and for the next Kingdom to Come. Questions? Call Deacon Jim or Barb Perri (231) 744-3321.

•Baby Back Ribs and Perch Dinner at Knights of Columbus Hall (2915 Fairfield) on Friday, February 9 from 4:30-7:30 PM. Enjoy delicious fall off the bone ribs, real lake perch or combo plate for \$12.50/adult portion, \$10.50/senior portion ~ perch only). **Public welcome ~ take outs available.**

•Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 20 at Muskegon Catholic Central from 8 AM—1:45 PM in the high school gym. You can schedule an appointment by calling 755-2201x327 or visiting www.redcrossblood.org. **Walk ins are welcome.** The need is great ~ come and donate!

•ATTENTION CLASSMATES MCC CLASS OF 1973! Our 45th class reunion will be held on July 14 at Knights of Columbus Hall (2915 Fairfield). For questions or to RSVP, contact Tom Tejchma (231) 286-5808.

•Mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's Conference on March 10 from 8 AM—4 PM at West Catholic High School, Grand Rapids. This year's theme is **BEHOLD THE MAN**. It will be a day of dynamic speakers, powerful development, reinvigorating fellowship & an opportunity to encounter the One Man who changes hearts and transforms lives—Jesus Christ! Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Walkowiak. For more information or to register, call Deacon Jim (616)292-0422 or visit www.buildingalegacy.org. **Early registration ends February 23 and is limited!**

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We especially pray for:
Timothy F. Wheeler

St. John Vianney Seminary
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

“Everyone is searching for You.” If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Ron Hutchinson at (616) 243-0491 or visit www.grpriests.org.

Did you know Eucharistic Adoration is held one hour before Masses on Monday at 11 am at Our Lady of Grace, Wednesday at 5:30 pm at St. Mary, Thursday 11 am St. Mary and Fridays at 11 am at St. Mary. Come adore with us!
Candlemas on the first Friday All the faithful are welcome to being their new candles for their home altars to be blessed at the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary.

**Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM)
(231)726-5341 or www.cwestmi.org**

•Soup's Along the Lakeshore on Monday, February 12 at 6 PM at Trillium Events Center (17246 VanWagoner Rd., Spring Lake). Tickets \$40 and available at CCWM office (1095 Third St.) or by calling (616)551-5663 or email events@ccwestmi.org. *Filling the Lakeshore with hope one bowl at a time!* If you'd like to volunteer at this event, contact Holly Salas by email hsalas@ccwestmi.org.

•Food Pantry is in need of plastic grocery bags and non-perishable food items.

•Baby Pantry is in **URGENT** need of clothes (*new or gently used*) for boys and girls size 24 months—6, socks, shoes and boots. We can also use children's books, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, **diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6**, pull ups all sizes, baby food all stages, and baby formula. **Please note: We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.*

•We are still in need of regular, ongoing volunteers at the Muskegon Food Pantry on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am—Noon to shop, stock and unload food donations (*many of our volunteers are gone during the winter months*). Please contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator at (231) 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org.

•On behalf of Catholic Charities West Michigan, the Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign, we raised \$97,560 to continue our mission of addressing food insecurity in Muskegon. This is the largest award our food pantry has received to day in one campaign! We look forward to being more innovative in the coming year to promote health & feeding the hungry of Muskegon!

•**Cherish Marriage event is coming to our diocese** on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6-10 pm at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. Couples will enjoy an evening of dinner, inspiration and dancing to strengthen their marriage. Details can be found on Facebook (Cherish Marriage) or www.cherishmarriage.net

•**Euchre Party on Saturday February 10 at St. Patrick/St. Anthony Family Parish center.** Check in at 6 pm, games start at 7 pm. Cost \$15 per player. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffles and cash bar. (*bring quarters for euchres*) Proceeds benefit Tri-Cities Catholic Education. If you would be willing to provide a snack or small door prize, contact Mellan Hansen (616)842-0001 x120 or mellanhansen@stpatgh.org.

Muskegon Catholic Central Faith.Moving.Forward
(231) 755-2201 or www.muskegoncatholic.org.

•**All are welcome to attend Mass with Bishop Walkowiak Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 AM.** If you want to learn more about Catholic education, schedule a visit today!

•**MCC is looking for Host families for two German exchange students** who wish to attend MCC for one year. These students pay full tuition and help to add cultural awareness for their fellow students. Both boys are 16 years old, have very good grades and enjoy playing sports. They come with their own health insurance and spending money. For more information, contact Peg Alexander (231)755-2201 x3270 or Sarah Boucher (517)331-3460.