

A mosaic artwork featuring a central figure of the Lamb of God, a white lamb with a golden halo, set against a background of various colored tiles. To the right, a portion of a man's face, likely John the Baptist, is visible, looking towards the lamb. The overall style is traditional mosaic art with a rich color palette including gold, white, green, and blue.

As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk by, he said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36

SECOND *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**
January 17, 2021

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The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary

people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

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**2ND SUNDAY IN
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JANUARY 17, 2021**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Robert Robbins req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 9:00am

Peg Hansen - Special Intention - req. by Marilyn & Craig Ciepely

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Saturday, January 23, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – 9:00 am

Special Intention of Dan & Lynne Phelan

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, January 23 - 5:45pm	Doug & Eva Luehrs	Jerry Kinsella
SUNDAY, January 24 - 9:00am	Roberta Stauffenberg	Steve Hoehn

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY 24, 2021 – Horath



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
Lisa Bernard
Requested by
Ruth & Steve Hoehn**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, December 27.....\$1,758.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for on-going expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2020

Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$9,600.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

A big THANK YOU to Jerry Kinsella for fixing the light on the pole in the back of church, between the church and the rectory. It was extremely dark and Jerry came with his bucket truck and replace the light.



Combined Collection for Latin America and Africa

January 23-24, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Collection for the Church in Latin America For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Partnership in Mission, Diocese of Joliet In response to the Gospel's call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.

During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at your parishes on January 23 and 24, or by giving online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list. Thank You.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH JANUARY

- May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold
God in everything.
—St. Julian

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 17, 2021



- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Thursday: St. Agnes
- Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

*Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children*



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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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