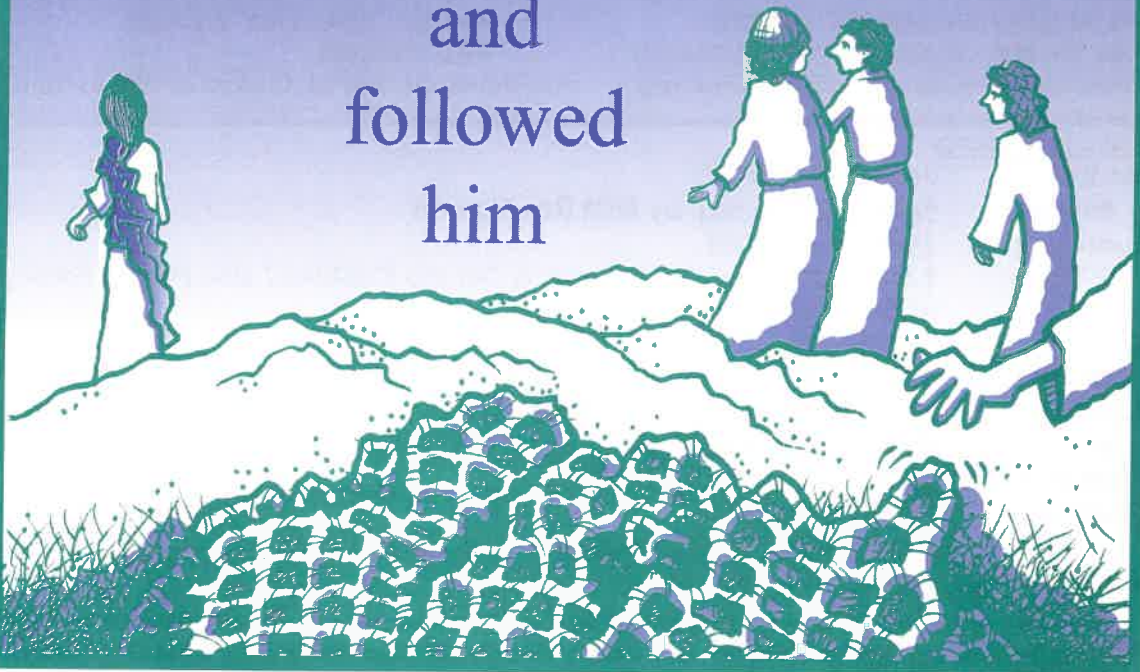


# They abandoned their nets and followed him



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January 21, 2018 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon and Andrew, James and John were working when Jesus called them. They immediately put down their nets and followed Jesus. Can you imagine? The disciples walked away from their previous way of life and toward another, in which Jesus and his way take precedence. They put aside anything that would stand between themselves and the life of discipleship. Jonah acted similarly—he per-

ceived the Lord's call and responded without question. He literally walked a different path, toward Nineveh. No doubt, Saint Paul's own dramatic conversion was in his mind as he wrote to the community in Corinth. The path of discipleship is about holy perspective. Do not let anything stand between you and Christ.

**SAINT PATRICK  
CHURCH**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 21, 2018**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>January 20, 2018</b>
5:00 pm	†Alice Galvez req. by M/M Ron Vinson
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 21, 2018</b>
9:00 am	†Jerry Robbins req. by Doris & Debbie Robbins / also Parish Family of St. Patrick
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>January 22, 2018</b>
9:00 am	Special intention of Dan & Lynne Phelan
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>January 23, 2018—NO MASS</b>
6:00 pm	<b>ADORATION until 9pm</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>January 24, 2018 - NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>January 25, 2018</b>
9:00 am	†Les & Rita Robbins req. by Bob & Helen Lewis
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>January 26, 2018</b>
9:00 am	<b>NO MASS - Adoration until 11:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>January 27, 2018</b>
5:00 pm	†Alice Galvez req. by Edie & Andy Pomykala
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>January 28, 2018</b>
9:00 am	†Rose Smith req. by Kathy & Bruce Clover / also Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday, January 27 - 5:00 pm**  
Brent Bieschke, Matthew Jasinski;  
Sarah Hoehn  
**Sunday, January 28 - 9:00 am**  
Jimmy Quigley, Gabriel Barta

**Extraordinary Minister:**

**Saturday, January 27 - 5:00 pm**  
Jim Kreske, Linda Cakora  
**Sunday, January 28 - 9:00 am**  
Roberta Stauffenberg, Paul Engler,  
Josh Kreske

**Lector**

**Saturday, January 27- 5:00 pm**  
Kelly Hoehn  
**Sunday, January 28 - 9:00 am**  
Anne Marie Smith

**Usher:**

**Saturday, January 27- 5:00 pm**  
Howard Bieschke, Bill Phelan  
**Sunday, January 28- 9:00 am**  
Andrew & Joshua Barta

**Music: Cathy Engler**

**Collection Counters : Hoehn & Cakora**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

**Sunday, January 14 ..... \$1,777.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

***Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,635.00
Amount Pledged:	\$12,615.00
Amount Paid:	\$12,030.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 1,677.00



**Thank you for your generous response.**

*This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection! To learn more about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A 2017  
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT—PLEASE  
CALL LINDA AT THE RECTORY**

**NEXT SUNDAY  
OUR 4TH AND 7TH GRADERS  
ARE PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
LITURGY. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM WITH  
YOUR PRAYERS AND  
ATTENDANCE AT MASS**



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at [stpatrickwilton-center.org](http://stpatrickwilton-center.org). to sign up.



**Our Two Week  
Candle is  
burning for  
Grace Niemiec**



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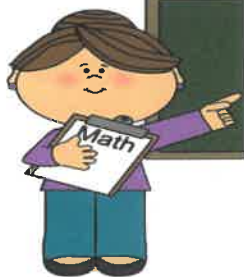
[www.JesuitRetreat.org](http://www.JesuitRetreat.org)

**The 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway!**

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this month to all CMAA donors at St. Patrick Parish. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit every parish in the Diocese, including ours, as well as our friends and neighbors most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is \$10,600. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Please review the information you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.



**HELP NEEDED:**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION needs a second grade religious education teacher. Please see Roberta Stauffenberg if you can help.

**BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS**

**BY FEBRUARY 4**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14**

*We are collecting old palms that will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a container in the Narthex for your old palms.*



Remember to make your Amazon purchases By first going to our parish website at [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and log into your amazon account from the link on our site. "We are a participant in the Amazon Services LLC Associates Program, an affiliate advertising program designed to provide a means for us to earn fees by linking to Amazon.com and affiliated sites."



Saturday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free all from such afflictions and every ill to all those who receive this blessing. Father will Bless throats at the 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning mass and 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening mass on February 3, 2018.

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**GIFT**

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

--Anonymous



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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec;  
Cathy Engler, Loretta Long,  
Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,  
Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack

WITH THE NEW YEAR WE ARE  
UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE  
PRAYER LIST.

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list  
should contact the office.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 21, 2018



Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10;  
Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 2 4:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JANUARY

- That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

**1st Semester  
Honor Roll  
Providence High School  
Joseph Nugent  
Congratulations**

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope  
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales  
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus  
Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training on Sunday, February 4 during regular CCD class time. For students third grade and older wanting to participate as altar servers. This is also a good time for our experienced servers to get a little brush up and perhaps lend a hand and guide our new servers.





## LEAVE BEHIND

Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. The nets were their livelihood, the most important tools for their work as fishermen. For these first disciples, their nets represented all they knew life to be about, and all it could be. Yet they put the nets aside, risking an unknown future in order to “catch people” as Jesus promised. What do you need to leave behind? Most people will not be asked to give up their livelihood in order to answer Christ’s call. Yet we certainly must abandon everything that prevents us from living our lives authentically as followers of Jesus. Sometimes we must let go of the life we know in order to embrace a living, compelling, meaningful life of faith in Christ. Prayerfully examine your faith and life. Is there attachment to material possessions? Are there relationships or feelings that prevent you from living and growing in faith? Is there a negative habit that gets in the way? Let go of what stands between you and the Lord. Invite God’s healing presence, forgiveness, and mercy to transform the nets—all that holds you back—and risk answering Christ’s call to discipleship.

## WALK TOWARD

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult.” Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn’t only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.

Today’s Readings: Jon 3:1–5, 10; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Cor 7:29–31; Mk 1:14–20

1/21/2018