

## ***From The Desk of Father Seth...***

### **CHURCH MINISTRY**

In Christianity ministry is an activity carried out by Christians to express or spread their faith as commissioned by Christ “Go therefore to all the Nations and make all disciples in my name, baptizing them In the Name of the father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...Mt 28: 19” carrying forth Christ’s mission in the world through the church, indicating that it was conferred on each Christian in baptism. Church and ministry often work together. Ministries exist to help churches to worship God effectively. Ministries in Christianity is the activity carried out by members of the church to serve the purposes of the church. Some specific tasks or activities such as teaching CCD classes, organizing the youth in the parish, taking up lectorship, becoming an extra-ordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist, Adult Faith formation, singing, prayer intercessors, altar serving and many more. In the Catholic Church the term Minister is commonly referred to the person performing some ministerial roles either as lay or ordained, commissioned to perform some act on behalf of the church. The duties vary and may depend on which specific ministry one is assigned to act in assisting with the administration of the parish activities and the sacraments, aimed to provide spiritual guidance to the church community including weddings and funerals.

Depending on the circumstances and the necessity of the church at a given moment of the time any ministry could be set up if already not existing. The five-fold ministry mentioned in Ephesians 4:11 are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors (shepherds), and Teachers. Thus having all been baptized the Lord does not expect us to remain idle in church but to come out in leading, supporting, encouraging and cooperating with and in all ministries of the church. Everyone and anyone that feels called in a particular ministry which may not be in an existence can initiate with the permission and approval of the competent authority of the church. At the baptism of the Lord we must try to identify our vocation as children of God and serve in some form or capacity as a minister in the church. **GET INVOLVED.**

BLESSINGS,

Father Seth

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## **January 13, 2019 The Baptism of The Lord Today's Scripture**

Sat. 1/12 -5:30 St. Mary; Sun: 1/13 - 10:30 a.m. St. Mary, Avoca, 8:00 a.m. St. Patrick, Walnut

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11:** Cry out Jerusalem, make straight in the desert a highway for God.

**Tithe 2:11-14; 3:4-7:** We are being saved by the cleansing waters of re-birth.

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22:** I baptize with water, The Christ will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday, January 20:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12.

## **Mass Schedule for January 14 - January 21, 2019**

<i>Tues.</i>	01/15	8:30 a.m.	Peace Haven, Walnut	†Richard Russmann
<i>Wed.</i>	01/16	10:00 a.m.	Avoca Specialty Care	†George Wise
<i>Thurs.</i>	01/17	5:45 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Leonard Klindt
<i>Fri.</i>	01/18	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Mary Kock
<i>Sat.</i>	01/19	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Daryl Jensen
<i>Sun.</i>	01/20	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Patricia Jensen
		10:30 a.m.	St. Patrick's, Walnut	All Parishioners

### **Normal Weekend Mass Schedule:**

*Saturday:* 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's

*Sunday:* 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's(1-3-5)

St. Patrick's (2-4)

*Sunday:* 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's (2-4)

St. Patrick's (1-3-5)

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE January 13 - January 20, 2019

### Sunday, January 13th - The Baptism of the Lord

- \* Please Join Us for Coffee & Rolls following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's, Walnut.
- \* K-7th Religious Education Class #12 is 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- \* The Rosary will be lead by Allen Cordes at 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- \* St. Mary's Parish Council meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the patio.
- \* St. Mary's January Group of the Month will take down the Christmas decorations following Mass. Everyone is welcome to help!

### Monday, January 14

- \* Mary's Finance Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the patio.

### Wednesday, January 16

- \* 8 - 12 High School Religious Education #13 is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca

### Thursday, January 17

- \* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Walnut

### Saturday, January 19

- \* Father Seth's Installation Mass with Bishop Richard Pates is at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca, Knights of Columbus BBQ Rib dinner will follow at the Avoca Legion Hall. Everyone is invited to celebrate with Father Seth.

### January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- \* Father Seth's Installation Mass with Bishop Richard Pates 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Avoca. Coffee & Rolls will follow to greet Bishop Pates & congratulate Fr. Seth.
- \* Father Seth's Installation Mass with Bishop Richard Pates is at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's, Walnut. A meet and greet luncheon will follow.
- \* K-7th Religious Education Class #13 is 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- √ 8 - 12 High School Religious Education #14 is Wednesday, January 23rd from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- √ Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, January 24th beginning at 7 p.m. with a Rosary and meeting at 7:30p.m. at the Avoca Legion Hall.

**ALPHA IN AVOCA** - Sunday evenings January 13th through March 3rd at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 5:30 -7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a short video on ALPHA questions and answers. Everyone is welcome, bring a relative or friend, non denominational. Free Will Donation. For information contact Lon Schroeder at (402)889-1195 or Mary Pearson at 307-6279.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will begin on Tuesday evening, January 29th at Rhonda Hope's home from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets in the entry-way of church.

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK - Living Life by Design Not by Default - Live This Year Intentionally** - Fr. Michael Schmitz explains why and how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within this technological age. Discover how, with a few small steps, you can stop going with the flow and live by design. **GO TO: FORMED.org**, the Parish Code is **R2Z2VN**, then create your account.

**"ST. MARY'S - BOOK EXCHANGE"** Feel free to share and/or borrow any Good Catholic Reading materials in back of church.

**FIFTEEN DECADE ROSARY FOR LIFE** is Sunday January 20th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

**ST. PATRICK'S NEOLA ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION** is Saturday, January 26th. Mass is at 4:00 p.m., Staley's Chicken Dinner (\$10) and Raffle at 4:30 p.m. and Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK'S. Audubon, CATHOLIC WOMEN ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** FEATURING Dad's Belgian Waffles is Sunday, January 27th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center. Adults \$9; 6 - 10 yrs. \$5 and 5 & under free.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS & MASSES:** Robert Stuart, Kenny Blum, Judy Poore, Donnie Bauerkemper, Helen Juelsgaard, Helen Dea, Eileen Denning, Paul Koster, Marie Manuel, Patricia Koster, Kenneth Suhr, Doris (Jeannie) Mertz, LaVern Mertz, Carol Porter, Doyle Gilland, Mike D'Angelo, Sharon Sorrells, Marie Suhr, John O'Keefe, Janet Doyle Antony, Lori Reinig, Judy Willoughby, Tim Tuel, Roland McLaughlin, Monica McLaughlin Merryman, James Hoffmann, Mary VanCamp, Cole Geraghty, Eleanor Brown, Marcus Upton, Shelly Mattox, Ted Aikman, Dan Noonan, Angela Brisbois, Darla Snyder, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Leona Bladt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Nancy Blum, Sherman Snyder, Carol Gubbels.

**TITHES St. Mary:** 1/6 Tithes \$3445 Plate - \$51.75. **St. Patrick:** 1/6 Tithes \$270; Plate \$51.

**St. Patrick's Breakfast: Jan. 13 Laura & Lou Totilas, Judd Gross. Jan. 27 Gaylean & Donnie Bauerkemper, Denny Book.**

### Ministry 01/19 SM 5:30 p.m.

**Lector** Lynne Carroll  
**Comm** Dave Strenberg  
 Deb McCarthy  
 Barb Butcher  
**Servers** Nora Paulson  
 Evan Pattee  
 Grace Fichter

**U/G** Tom Pattee  
 Bill Dea

**Gifts** Tom/Kathleen Pattee

### 01/20 SM 8:00 a.m.

**Lector** Cody Roskens  
**Comm** Dennis Piittmann\*  
 Chris Martin\*  
 Greg Martin  
**Servers** Ellie Peterson  
 Jace Peterson  
 Jonni Poore

**U/G** Josh Peterson  
 Jett Peterson

**Gifts** Erin/Jett Peterson

### 01/20 SP 10:30 a.m

**Lector** Cindy Gross  
**Comm** Lou Totilas  
 Laura Totilas  
 Randy Sandbothe  
**Servers** Miraylie Stuart  
 Alaina Bruce

**U/G** Dave Muell  
 Judd Gross

**Gifts** Judd Gross Family