



They left everything
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11



Unsolicited Calls

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Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

*Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?*

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Feb. 9, 2025

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of Feb 10, 2025

Mon.	Feb	10	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Feb	11	7:00	AM	SJ	Rex Walz
Wed.	Feb	12	5:30	PM	SA	Ben Neal
Thurs.	Feb	13	5:30	PM	SB	Bruce Pandorf †
Fri.	Feb	14	8:30	AM	SJ	Molly Walz
Sun.	Feb	16	8:00	AM	SJ	Steve Nowak †
Sun.	Feb	16	9:30	AM	SA	People of the Parish †
Sun.	Feb	16	11:00	AM	SB	Joe Brogan

 *Happy
Anniversary*

Carrie Duponcheel Feb 10th

Mike Pandorf Feb 11th

Robin Garlett Feb 11th

Rick Beshaler Feb 13th

Rex Walz Feb 13th

Molly Walz Feb 15th

Abby Stallbaumer Feb 15th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Feb 16	St. Agnes	St. Boniface	St. John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Aleta & Conrad P.	Rod & Janel B.	Youth
Lector	Aleta A.	Mike P.	Youth
Server		Ellie P. & Emmett P.	Youth
EMHC	Aleta & Conrad P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Steve & Cindy F.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Kristen B.	Music: Youth

<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. John's</u>
Our Gifts to God & Church Feb 2 2025	Our Gifts to God & Church Feb 2 2025	Our Gifts to God & Church Feb 2 2025
<u>Total Collection:</u> \$509.79	<u>Total Collection:</u> \$1219.00	<u>Total Collection:</u> \$629.00
<u>Diocesan Appeal</u>	<u>Diocesan Appeal</u>	<u>Diocesan Appeal</u>
Dollar Goal = \$2345 of \$4014 Donor Goal: 5 of 16	Dollar Goal = \$6820 of \$7306 Donor Goal: 15 of 19	Dollar Goal = \$5500 of \$5001 Donor Goal: 11 of 17
Thrift Store Open Feb 21st from 9AM to 4PM		
• CCD Class Feb 12th	• CCD Class Feb 12th	• CCD Class Feb 12th
Mass Feb 23rd will be at 9 AM	St. Boniface CCW meeting at 6 pm on Monday, February 10th.	Supper : K. Walz
	OCIA: February 11th at 6 PM Topic: The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation	Breakfast Potluck Feb 16 MASS FEB 22ND 6:00 PM <u>NO SUNDAY MASS FEB</u> <u>23RD</u>

Join us for a three-day weekend where you will experience how God's grace works within you and how you can share this grace with others. Talks presented by clergy and laity, fellowship with others, and prayer through song and word, will inspire, educate, and motivate. Held at Comeca Camp & Retreat Center in Cozad, this Friday evening through Sunday evening experience is sure to be a memorable one full of insight, growth, and perhaps a few laughs along the way! Register at <https://gdiocese.org/cec>

WOMEN'S WEEKEND:
FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025

MEN'S WEEKEND:
FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025

Saint Catherine Dei Ricci (1522-1590) Feast Day February 13

“We must force ourselves to detach our heart and will from all earthly loves, except for the love of God. We must love no fleeting things.”

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done."

Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

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