St. Richard Parish



Welcome to Saint Richard Parish

It is with joy that we welcome everyone who has come here to worship with us this weekend.

If you are a newcomer, a visitor, a relative of a parishioner, a familiar face, or someone we will soon know better,

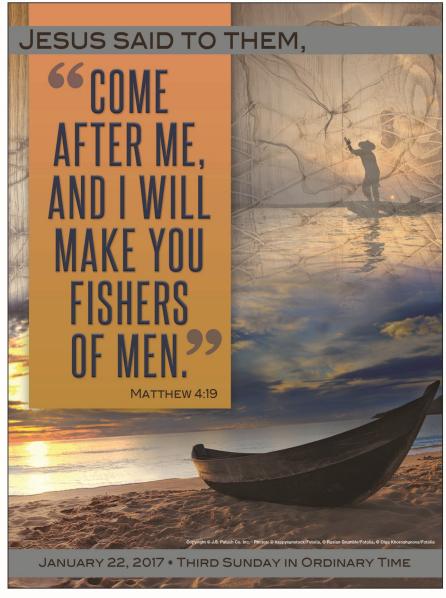
your presence here honors us, for you bring the presence of Christ into this place.

Join us as we give thanks and praise and glory to God!

If you are not already an active member of this community, we ask you to consider in sharing in what we have to offer.

Our Parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.
We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of service to you in any way.





In the gospel for this Sunday we hear about Peter and Andrew, James and John who heard the call of the Lord, dropped everything and followed Him. They were not the sort of people anyone would suspect of being religious. They were not the sort of people anyone would suspect could convince others to change their lives. They were not the sort of people that anyone would suspect could take the position of leadership in the conversion of the world. They were common, everyday people, fishermen. But they were called. They responded. And as we know God worked his wonders through them.

No one should feel discouraged from being a priest or a sister for that matter because he or she does not feel worthy enough. Who is? And no one should be deprived of the opportunity to become a priest, or a sister for that matter, because relatives want something else for them. To discourage a vocation is to discourage a

person from entering into the greatest life in the world. So this Sunday's readings should lead us to a reflection on the vocation to the priesthood and religious life. I wish I could find a way to communicate to you, and particularly to our young people, my feelings about the priesthood. It is a gift, and also a great vocation. This Sunday we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May more and more of our young men and women receive the call. May they listen to the call. May they follow, and, may they allow the Spirit to work through them. You all know how much we need priests and religious especially in this part of the world.

As many of you know we had a nice party for New Year's Eve that was organized by our Polish community. It was a good time to welcome in a New Year. I am very grateful to those who helped to make this event so special. About 130 people came and we even made some money that will go into our parish budget. So, thank you once again to those who put their time and effort to decorate and organize this event but also to those who came. I am looking forward to more events like this in the future. Also as you can see we are renting out our Parish Center to other private events. This place has become quite popular and that is good, because it brings some income to our parish. During the Lenten season, however, we are not allowing any parties at the gym.

Please say a prayer for Fr. Tom McQuaid whose birthday was last Monday, January 16 and also for Monsignor John Canary who has his birthday on January 22. I am personally thankful for their presence here at St. Richard but also for their vocation and for being good examples of priestly ministry.

Have a great week.

Fr. Kris



W Ewangelii na tą niedzielę słyszymy jak Pan Jezus powołuje pierwszych apostołów. Piotr i Andrzej zarzucali swoje sieci dzień w dzień i w niejedną noc, ale niewiele z tego mieli korzyści. Kiedy Jezus pojawił się na brzegu jeziora, nadał ich życiu nowe perspektywy, nowy sens, i to ich porwało. Tylko Bóg potrafi nadać człowiekowi nowe znaczenie w życiu. Tylko Bóg czyni życie porywającym i fascynującym, godnym porzucenia natychmiast tego wszystkiego, co dotychczas się czyniło.

To dzięki Jezusowi, Jego obecności przy naszych sieciach, życie może być spełnione nawet w najbardziej przyziemnej postaci, ale Jemu chodzi o coś więcej. Chce uczynić coś wspanialszego dla człowieka. Chodzi o wyłowienie wieczności spod powierzchni doczesności albo o wyłowienie ludzi zatopionych w morzu grzechów i ukazanie im Nowego Świata. W tym krótkim epizodzie rybackim, widzimy jak wspaniały jest Bóg w Jezusie Chrystusie! Odkrył przed tymi braćmi nowy wymiar życia, pomógł im zobaczyć coś nieskończenie piękniejszego niż wodorosty, płetwy ryb, sznury sieci i słony pot. Pomógł Piotrowi i Andrzejowi wznieść swoje aspiracje wyżej. Z dna morskiego do niezgłębionego nieba. Jezus powołał dwóch braci, a nie samego Piotra, bo jesteśmy sobie potrzebni i zdarza się, że, pomagając innym, pomagamy sobie. Ale żeby innych nie wikłać, trzeba samemu być uwolnionym przez Jezusa. Dlatego Jezus najpierw uwolnił od sieci Piotra i Andrzeja, a później kazał im iść i łowić innych do nowego życia w Duchu.

Kościół to cierpliwa wytrwałość, w której jedni wyciągają drugich wyżej od siebie. Jezus nauczył Piotra i Andrzeja przywództwa, które nie jest manipulowaniem innymi, tylko służeniem innym ku ich wyniesieniu ku górze. Wyżej od siebie. Oto sens przywództwa w chrześcijaństwie. Wielu ludzi po osiągnięciu szczytów kariery wciąga za sobą drabinę. Chrystus pokazuje nam zupełnie coś innego. Nie tylko innych wyciągaj z dna, ale stawiaj ich na najwyższym piętrze nieba.

Chciałem podziękować wszystkim tym, którzy przyczynili się do tego aby nasza parafialna zabawa Sylwestrowa była tak udana. Jak wiadomo przygotowanie takiej imprezy to ogromne przedsięwzięcie i wymaga wiele czasu i ofiary, aby wszystko wypadło jak najlepiej, dlatego wielkie Bóg zapłać tym "którzy dekorowali i wszystko przygotowali. Dziękuję również tym wszystkim, którzy przyszli na zabawe. Mam nadzieję, że dobrze się bawiliście. Ta zabawa przyniosła nawet dochód, który wesprze nasz budżet parafialny. Bóg zapłać!

YOUR DEACON DAYDREAMS!

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." This is a bold statement. Stop and reflect on all of our own personal sins then multiply them by all the sins in the whole universe, so that our loving God sent His only Son to become the sacrificial lamb as our Savior. Sacrificing a lamb goes way back to the ancient Passover feast offered up to remove all the guilt for all the wrongdoings committed. Each time we receive the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, we pray to the Lamb of God to take away our sins. Do these words simply roll of our tongues automatically without any thought of what we are asking?

As long as we are talking about how and why we pray, winter is a great time to take an inventory of so many things, like how much stuff that we have that is overtaking our lives. Perhaps if we toss some of it or donate it, not only would we have more space but someone else could make better use of it. Maybe it's been some time since we went for a physical exam at the doc? Hopefully, by now we are eating more sensibly since the holiday feasts are over? Maybe we made a resolution to prepare a bucket list of things we wanted to do but have put off for a long time, like read that book, or make some time to read the Christmas letters you got in your cards or telephoned someone you haven't talked to for some time. Today is just as good a day to dust off your bible and to take time to read it. When was the last time you took an inventory of your prayer life? St. Padre Pio said: "Those who pray, have hope. Those who pray little, are in great danger. Those who do not pray, are lost." Is Jesus on your speed dial? When was the last time you had a heart -toheart with our Creator? Not long along, the game show Jeopardy category was "Religion." The lady who responded, "Who was the Holy Spirit?" won ten grand! Are morning and evening prayers a part of your daily schedule or don't you give them a second thought? There are so many things we can pray, like a rosary, a novena, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, a litany, or even the many beautiful prayers that are part of our missalettes in church, like the Anima Christi prayer or the Prayer to St. Michael or the Memorare. Are you listening regularly or have tried at least once the Catholic Relevant radio station 950 AM or online or its app? We also have a whole cable station EWTN chock full of great programs too to help us with our spiritual life. Relevant Radio will pause at 6AM, Noon and 6 PM to say the Angelus prayer, we can too. The ordained and religious of the church will recite the Divine Office, aka the Liturgy of the Hours too. Plus, the best prayer, is "Lord, help me." Every once in a while, when I do a funeral committal, I will see someone's favorite prayer tucked into their coffin and you can tell by the ragged edges or the folds or tape on it, that particular person had an active prayer life. And I've said it before, but it's worth repeating, "A family that prays together, stays together." God hears and answers all prayers, in His own time and sometimes the answer is "No." But however, you choose to pray, start today. He's on call 24/7. Get comfortable and tell the Lord what's on your mind, good or bad, happy or sad, He wants to hear from His children. Pray this week for those who will be marching for life in Washington DC. Over 59 million babies have been aborted in the US alone since Roe v. Wade was passed. Life is precious, it comes from God. See you in church! Deacon Larry email:deaconchyba@aol.com



IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

The need for volunteers for *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors*, *Cantors* and *Ushers* is critical. We need help at ALL Masses. It is such a rewarding experience to participate

at a Mass on a regular basis. Don't be a pew

potato, come on and join the group that volunteer, sometimes every week, in one or more of the above. Please contact the parish office if you are interested, 773-585-1221.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY ARCHER HEIGHTS BRANCH 5055 S. ARCHER AVE.

M & W 12-8, T & TH 10-6 F & S 9-5 Archer Heights Civic Association presents a RESUME WORKSHOP!

Looking for a new job in the new year? Learn the tips and tricks to set your resume apart from the competition and how to use LinkedIn to boost your network.

Saturday, January 28th 10AM to 12PM

Ask your librarian or visit chipublib for more info.



ST. RENE GOUPIL SUPER BOWL SUPER BINGO/RAFFLE

On Saturday, February 4th, St. Rene Goupil, 6340 S. New England Ave, is having a SU-PER BOWL Super Bingo/

Raffle, doors open at 5PM and games begin at 5:45PM.

Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the parish office, 6949 W. 63rd. Pl.

For more info call



SENIOR THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

Seen it all, done it all, and can't remember any of it.

AROUND THE PARISH



ST. RICHARD GOLDEN AGER MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tues., January 24th at 12:30PM in the church hall.

The Martello's and friends will

be serving some most welcomed goodies. We will be celebrating "Chinese New Year", so be prepared for some surprises. Terry will give an update on senior activities and Esther will be collecting 2017 dues, \$10 for the year. Unless your dues are paid, you cannot join in the fun for the lightening game, so don't delay, pay your dues now.



COME ON OUT AND JOIN THE GROUP GETTING BACK INTO SHAPE!

It's time to come back and join the Golden Trotters now

that the holiday fun and eating is over. Walking is one of the best exercises you can do for yourself and it doesn't cost a penny, so let's get into shape for the rest of the year. Have some fun with others and get out there in a nice, warm environment in our gym. Monday from 8am—9:30am, Tuesday, anytime during the day and Thursday from 1:15pm to 2:45pm.

All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are several Mass intentions available for 2017 now for those who would like to request them. Mass intentions can be requested for both living and deceased individuals or for special occasions. Mass intentions can be requested at the parish office.

If you have a mass offered for family/friend and you wish to carry the gifts for that mass, please see one of the ushers BEFORE mass has started.



ADORATION

COME VISIT JESUS IN THE CHAPEL

Continuing on Thursday we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. The chapel will be open every

Thursday for all of us to say the rosary, a litany, the Stations of the Cross, or just to get closer to Jesus.

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. We will end the day with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your healing and peace. Amen.

Joseph Adamek Jose Francisco Aguilera **Jeff Alter** Mary Averez Shanen Beltran Patricia Burke Joan Cada **Brenda Delgado Hannah Carroll Maime Cervantes** Ken Diamond Jesse Elizondo John Fitzgerald Katie Frederick Josephine Gapultos Terry Glyda **Rudy Gonzalez** Pearl Goworowski **Geri Griggs** Sophie Gumber Wilma Gumber Maria Guzman Sylvia Homa Stella Jeziorny Helen Kaprowski Hank Kaluzny Pat King Diane Kotula

Charlene Kowalczyk Shirl Kucik Pat Kujuwa Anita LaFrancis **Marcy Leno** Ann Marcis **Steve Marfise** Josephine May Colleen Michalak Rose Mrozek **Dorothy Pach** Rosalie O'Sullivan Pattie Pawlowski Cathy Pilny Florence Rybski Diane Sal **Hector Salazar** Monika Ashlev Servin **Helen Slomiany** Jennifer Smith **Dolores Sulima** Jerry Suski **Charlotte Wenta** Kazimiera Wylenda Joanna Zieba

Please contact the Parish Office to add or delete a name from this list. Also, contact us if you would like a priest/deacon/Ministers of Care to visit you in the hospital or your home.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY ESPECIALLY:

Sgt. Daniel Frost - U.S. Army

Armando Murillo - U.S. Marines - Iraq

Edmundo Erestain - U.S. Navy

Raul Madrigal, Jr., Special Forces - U.S. Navy

Pfc. Armando J. Rios - Ill National Guard - Iraq

Radek Mazur - Ill National Guard - Afghanistan

George Harlan - U.S. Air Force

Juan Carlos Mendoza - U.S. Air Force

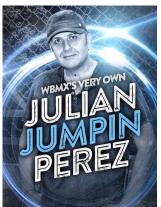
Angela A. Cervantes - U.S. Navv

Chelsea Botello - U.S. Army

Lance Corporal Nicholas Raymer - U.S. Marines

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

DJ House Music Event



Invite everyone age 21 and up:

Half Way to the House Music Showcase Saturday, January 28th starts at 9:00pm

Featuring:
Julian Jumpin Perez
Caveman
DJ Threejay
Gaby GetDown
DJ Money
Patrick Wayne



5025 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL

Sunday, January 29th 10:30am — 1:00pm

(After the 9:30am Family Mass)

Visit: www.StRichard.net for Referral Program incentive.



BE THE CHANGE

Make a real difference in your community by becoming a Chicago Police Officer.

After 18 months, Officers earn \$72,510 per year plus benefits.

Sign up at www.chicagopolice.org — DEADLINE to APPLY: JANUARY 31, 2017

You must be at least 18 years old. No fee to apply. See website for more details, or call 312-744-4976 or 311 with questions.

SCHOOL NEWS JOHN POINEAU & MICHELLE NAPIER



Our students are working on their art projects for the Catholic Schools Week Art Fair. Each student is creating an art piece based on the style and design of a famous artist. The teacher for each homeroom has chosen an artist. These

pictures will be on display in school during our Open House on Sunday, January 29th. Parents and guests will be able to purchase the art pieces. All proceeds will be used for additional art supplies for our students. The art design pictured is another example from last year.

The second graders made their First Reconciliation last week. The sacramental ceremony was moving and prayerful; the parents were proud of their children and mindful of their roles in the sacramental life of the Church. These same students are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers on this journey of faith. We would like to thank Sr. Eunice, Ms. Joanne Gaus, and Mrs. Sue Moy for helping the children prepare for this sacrament and facilitating the ceremony.

Our students have completed the practice testing in preparation for the Aspire test later this school year. The results will be shared with the teachers to help improve our classroom instruction.

Our January Family Mass is scheduled for this weekend, January 29th, Sunday at 9:30 am. This Eucharistic celebration officially kicks off Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, January 29th through Friday, February 3rd. We have a variety of activities planned both for our students and parents. As part of our Sunday celebration, we are holding our Art Fair and Open House from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

If you know of any families who are interested in our school, please invite them to the St. Richard Open House. Parents interested in our school can also make appointments to tour our school during the regular school day.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." Through special events and activities, our school focuses on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

The daily themes this year include celebrating our faith, knowledge, and service in our parish, (Family Mass, Art Fair, and Open House); celebrating in our community (Career Day); Celebrating our students and families (Movie Time); celebrating our Nation through service (Book Drive); celebrating vocations (Vocation Awareness Activities); celebrating faculty staff, and volunteers (Sports Dress Down Day).

INFANT BAPTISMS

All arrangements should be made at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Offfice. Baptisms take place normally on the 1st (English) & 2nd (Polish) Sunday of the month. In preparation for the child's baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent Preparation Session which both parents must attend. These preparation sessions are held once a month.

WEDDINGS

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be made before first meeting with the parish priest. Arrangements should be made by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with one of the priests. According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements begin at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

We ask that you please help us remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to receive Communion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM/C.C.D.

Our Religious Education/C.C.D. Program enhances and supports the Christian values taught and lived within the family. We provide formal religious education and sacramental preparation classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Please call the Parish Office to register.

SAINT RICHARD SCHOOL

Saint Richard School is a vital Catholic School which provides an excellent Catholic education for the children of the community.

St. Richard School is an integral part of our parish community. We provide an environment for three -year-old preschool through eighth grade that encourages each child to learn to the best of his or her

ability. We are committed to educating the whole person - through an excellent academic curriculum and the practice and teaching of Christian values. Education is done in conjunction with parents, who are the primary educators of their children.

Saint Richard School also offers a before and after school program from 6:30AM until 6PM. to meet the needs of working parents. For more information about our school, please call the School Office at 773-582-8083.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION-ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which those who are not baptized, those who are baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic, and those Catholic who were baptized as infants but have not celebrated either Confirmation or First Eucharist are invited to complete their adult Christian initiation. The program begins in September and runs through April. The RCIA is an engaging, dynamic, respectful, challenging and enjoyable journey. If you are interested in registering for this program, or if you know someone who is interested in this program please call the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:15PM or by appointment whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish! Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To become a registered member of our Parish family, we ask that you please either visit or call the Parish Office. Registration can be taken over the phone for your convenience. Contact us today at 773-585-1221.

PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF

Fr. Krzysztof (Kris) Janczak, Pastor Michelle Napier, Co-principal John Poineau, Co-principal Larry Chyba, Deacon Teresa Jimenez, Marketing Mary Lou Juarez, Bulletin Assistant Sr. Mary Francine Lagocki, CSSF Pastoral Minister Robert Neal, Music Director Sr. Eunice Olbrantz, CSSF, Catechesis Director Kim Osowiec, Business Manager Sharon Skala, Bulletin Editor Rocio Vergil, School Secretary

Oneida White, Parish Secretary

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:30PM (English)

SUNDAY 6:45, 9:30, & 11:00AM (English) 8:00AM (Polish)

<u>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE</u> 8:00AM (English) Monday — Saturday

Weekday mass is celebrated in the Chapel located off the Kostner Avenue lobby

PARISH OFFICE

5030 S. Kostner Ave. 773-585-1221 — Fax 773-585-4959 strichardparish.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM-8:00PM Saturday 9:00AM-3:30PM

<u>SCHOOL</u> 5025 S. Kenneth Ave.

773-582-8083 www.strichard.net www.facebook.com/strichardnet

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE 773-582-8083 x23

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM 773-582-8083 x22

Mass Intentions for the Week of Jan. 23rd - Jan. 29th

Monday, January 23, 2017

8:00 AM Kay Drozdz (St. Richard CCW)

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

† Rose Dusza (Mary Ann)

8:00 AM Wednesday, January 25, 2017

† Anthony Kubas (Kubas Family) 8:00 AM

January 26, 2017 Thursday,

8:00 AM - Terry Glyda (St. Richard CCW) 8:30 AM **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL 7:00PM**

January 27, 2017 Friday,

8:00 AM - Oneida White (Successful Surgery)

January 28, 2017 Saturday,

8:00 AM - Terry Glyda (St. Richard Golden Agers)

10:00 AM † Celina Elizalde 4:30 PM - Kash Family

January 29, 2017 Sunday,

6:45 AM - Parishioners of St. Richard

8:00 AM † Wiktoria Cirkosz

† Wojciech Sarna

Jozef Maryniarczyk I Anna Jaronczyk

† Aniela & Josef Zolna

9:30 AM † Robert Janik

† Parishioners of St. Richard

† Bruno Costa (Dan & Barb)

11:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Richard

Liturgical Ministers for Jan. 28th & Jan. 29th

4:30 PM	Fr. Tom McQuaid	R. Ordzowialy	T. Poineau, J. Poineau, S. Skala, H. Saternus, L. Saternus	D. Gonzalez	Erik V., Isaac A.
6:45 AM	Fr. Tom McQuaid	L. Zamarron	L. Kaluzny, E. Sauleiko. B. Mrozek, F. Gatan	V. Munoz	Danny R., Daniel H.
8:00 AM	Fr. Jan Wachala		A. Bobak, K. Macias		
9:30 AM	Fr. Kris		M. Escobar, M. Juarez, M. Dusza, Sr. Eunice, J. Gorz, A. Cervantes	D. Gonzalez	Sofia B., Isabella B.
11:00 AM	Fr. Kris	E. Shelley	M. Chyba, L. Bejar, L. Jimenez, J. Adamek, W. Kucik	W. Kucik	Julianna G., Amanda A.

Tabernacle Lamps



In Loving Memory of Frank Matusewick (Rose) I Love & Miss You Frank (Diana) In Loving Memory of Irene Norushis In Loving Memory of Joseph Turrise (Wife) In Loving Memory of Joan Mancari (Fred) In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne (Minonne Family)

In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi (George) In Loving Memory of Lucille & Frank Skowron (Frank Jr. & Dan) In Loving Memory of Frank Matusewick (Rose) In Loving Memory of Rose Dusza (Mary Ann)

Consider honoring a loved one, living or deceased, by lighting a Tabernacle Candle.

Sharing of our Time, Talents and Treasure

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22 Just as Jesus called the first apostles. He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Envelopes \$ 4,407.50

Loose 555.00 Children 104.00

Total \$ 5,066.50