

FEBRUARY 8 - SATURDAY

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Kim Mitsch*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**FEBRUARY 9 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Intention of
Mary Pat Nastold*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**FEBRUARY 10 – MONDAY**

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

FEBRUARY 11 - TUESDAY

Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:7-13

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**FEBRUARY 12 – WEDNESDAY**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Annette Niehaus***FEBRUARY 13- THURSDAY**

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**FEBRUARY 14 – FRIDAY**

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Intention of
Olivia Lienhart***FEBRUARY 15- SATURDAY**

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Jerry Kleiner*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**FEBRUARY 16 – SUNDAY***Sunday Readings:*

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Manfred
Scherzinger*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: February 15-16**

Lectors: 4:00 PM – P. Wessler

11:00 AM – B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/D. Mercer

11:00 AM – L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – J. Ruter

Offertory Family:

4:00 PM: Fox

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$8,411
 Offerings received to-date: \$255,771
 Amount needed to catch up: \$17,229
 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jim Wood (09), Maggie Sacs (09), Joe Jones (10), Rita Cooper (11), Cory Bogden (11), James Schutte (13), Michael Grause (13), Cristian Aguilar-Mirando (14), Scarlett Nastold (14).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 24 winners: Robert Boland, Angela Reaves, and Don Auberger, Jr. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Imagine this: a man stands in line at a coffee shop, scrolling through his phone. He orders his latte, only to grow visibly frustrated when it's not ready in under two minutes. This yearning for immediate gratification reflects a deeper truth about human nature: our frustration when life doesn't go our way and our struggle to trust when we can't see the outcome.

In Luke 5, we meet Simon Peter in a moment of frustration. After a night of fruitless fishing, he is tired, discouraged, and likely questioning his efforts. This sets the stage for what Peter Kreeft, in *Food for the Soul*, describes as six stages of the Christian life, beautifully unfolding in this scene.

1. **The Need/Frustration:** Peter's empty nets symbolize our own unmet needs and unanswered prayers. How often do we labor in vain, only to feel disheartened when our efforts fail to yield the results we want?
2. **The Invitation to Trust:** Enter Jesus, who instructs Peter to "put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." The request likely sounded absurd to an experienced fisherman. Yet, here lies the crux of faith: trusting in the wisdom of God, even when it contradicts our instincts.
3. **A Positive Response:** Peter's response—"At your word, I will lower the nets"—marks a pivotal turning point. Despite his doubts, he chooses to trust. Faith begins where our own understanding ends.
4. **The Result of Trust:** Peter's trust is met with overwhelming abundance. The immense catch of fish reminds us of St. Teresa's words: "God will not be outdone in generosity." When we entrust our lives to Him, He answers in ways far beyond our imagination.
5. **The Reaction of Humility:** Peter falls at Jesus' feet, exclaiming, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" In the face of divine grace, Peter's humility shines. True encounters with God reveal not only His greatness but also our need for Him.
6. **The Call to Evangelize:** Jesus reassures Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men." Peter's life is forever changed as he

accepts the call to bring others into the net of God's kingdom.

Jesus' instruction to "put out into deep water" is a challenge to us all: to move beyond shallow faith and comfortable routines into the depths of trust and discipleship. When we follow God's way, we discover it is always better than "doing it my way." May we, like Peter, trust in God's wisdom, respond to His call, and draw others into His boundless love.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Boniface who has pledged to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To make a donation online, please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/cma>

WELCOME WEEKEND MARCH 29-30: Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati is hosting a welcome weekend for men ages 18-35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. The weekend takes place Saturday through Sunday, March 29-30. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Register at this link: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/event/welcome-weekend>.

ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST

LOCAL REFUGEES: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is welcoming many new arrivals in the Cincinnati area for whom we set up housing. Donations of household items and gently used furniture (especially living room and dining room) are greatly appreciated. We particularly need new or gently used twin bedding (sheets and blankets) and new pillows. If you have items you would like to donate, please call us at 513-241-7745 or email furniture@ccswoh.org. If you would like to be one of those volunteers, please contact Tonicia Green at the above number.