



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
—1 Corinthians 6:19a

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Collections

January 7, 2018	
Adults	862.00
Plate	36.00
Candles	2.00
Diocese Appeal	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	180.00
	1120.00
December 31, 2017	
Adults	441.00
Christmas	70.00
Annual Appeal	100.00
Peter's Pence	2
	613.00

Thank you to everyone that purchased Serrv items. With your help we will be donating \$220 to the Homeless Shelter in North Platte. They will use it for food and medical supplies. Thank you for all of your generosity.

2018 Donation Envelopes—All donation envelopes have been mailed out. A couple were not delivered and are at the back of the church. Please update your address with our church records. No church funds were used in mailing the boxes out. A private donor provided the funds. Sorry for any inconvenience this caused anyone.

FAITH FORMATION

January 17, 2018—Elem Snack: Connick Meal: McMillan-Peters & Spurgin

January 24, 2018—Elem Snack: McMillan-Peters

STATEMENTS—Your personal statement of giving for 2017 will not be available until the end of January. Please wait until then for your record of giving which will be mailed out to you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps

50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps

89:20-22, 27-28;

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,

40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7;

Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps

57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,

19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps

25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk

1:14-20

IMPORTANT DATES

February 14—Ash Wednesday

April 1—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 8—First Communion

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 14

Rosary: Janice Spurgin

Lector: Barb Gartrell

EM: Bob & Rae Ellen Gifford, Jeremy Spurgin

Greeters: Dave & Pattie Perlinger

Gifts: Steve & Tweety Krab

Servers: Bennett Perlinger & Ryan Fox

Sunday, January 21

Rosary: Maria Fike

Lector: Tim Holzfastr

EM: Geri Dack, Nancy Durr, Carolyn Theiler

Greeters: Jim & Pat Perlinger

Gifts: Mark & Shelly Lammers

Servers: Dane Storer, Jared Fox

Please find a substitute if you are not able to keep your assignment.

We have found the Messiah



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THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

THE LAMB OF GOD



Calling Jesus the “Lamb of God” reminds us of the Exodus story. God freed his people who were being held captive in Egypt. Moses asked each Hebrew family to slaughter a lamb and place its blood on the doors of their homes. When God sent an angel to punish the Egyptians, the angel passed over the houses marked with blood. During Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples, he presents himself as the Lamb of God. Through Jesus’ blood, God makes a new covenant with his people, and frees us from sin and death.

THE POPE

Jesus changed Simon’s name to “Cephas” that is “Peter”, the “Rock” upon which he would build his Church (see Matthew 16:18). Peter always ranked first in the lists of the Apostles. Even though Peter denied him three times, Jesus commanded Peter, “Tend my sheep” (see John 21:16). Pope Francis, like all the Popes before him, is the successor of Saint Peter, the first Bishop of Rome. The Pope lives at the Vatican in Rome, Italy. He governs the worldwide Church and appoints new Bishops. At Mass, we pray for the Pope by name. The word “Pope” means “Papa”; he is the “Holy Father” who cares for God’s family on earth.

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