Diocesan News

- **Jan. 26** Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 9176: 10:30 am 1:00 pm at St. Matthew's Hall, 1 Dollard Drive, border of Grand Bay-Westfield and Saint John. Beans, sausages, pancakes, eggs, ham, and toast plus coffee, tea, milk and juice. For the small children, breakfast cereal and fruit cup. Adults \$ 7.00 and children \$ 3.00, or \$ 20.00 for a family of five or more.
- **Jan. 27** Bingo each Monday in Stella Maris Church Hall, Saint John. Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird Games at 6:30 p.m. Regular Games begin at 7 p.m. Bingo Packets are \$20 at the door.
- **Jan. 28** The Saint John Newcomers Centre offers conversational English classes at the Quispamsis Library on Tuesdays from 10:30 p.m. to noon. All are welcome to attend. Classes are held on the main floor at the back of the room.
- **Feb. 9** Second Sunday of the month Eucharist Adoration is offered at Holy Spirit Parish, Saint Rose Worship Site, 1:00 to 2:00 pm.
- **Feb. 13** Saint John Chapter New Brunswick Right to Life General membership meeting to be held in the board room at the Saint John Diocese, 1 Bayard Drive, at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Authorized Debit System – If you would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out the form and drop it in collection basket in an envelope, along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish, we would like to hear from you. If you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update: Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.
NameAddress/Postal Code
Phone
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New in Parish Moving out of
Moving within the Parish



MISSION STATEMENT

Go and Make Disciples

VISION

Be the face of Jesus in the world; where church matters and a relationship with Jesus Christ is central to every person

Pastor: Father Owen BurnsMass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Strategy, Parish Support Team Chair – Michele Connors

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

January 25th – 26th, 2020 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 9 1-4 1 Cor. 1 10-13 17-18 Mt. 4 12-23 Feb. 1st – 2nd, 2020 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal. 3 1-4 Heb. 2 10-11 13b-18 Luke 2 22-40

January 26, 2020 – 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.

Announced Masses Mon. Jan. 27 6:30 p.m. Bruce Palmer & Gary Gogan **Special Intention** Tues. Jan. 28 9:00 a.m. Wed. Jan. 29 6:30 p.m. **Special Intention** Brian MacDonald (Anniv.) Thurs. Jan. 30 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Adoration Sat. Feb. 1 5:00 p.m. **Beatrice Brace** Sun. Feb. 2 10:00 a.m. **Special Intention**

7:00 p.m.

Scheduled Events- January 26th - February 2nd

For Parishioners

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Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Jan. 26	Music Prac.7pm	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Mass		
	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.	Hall
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon.Jan. 27	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Music Prac. 5pm	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Mass		
	Little Rock	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Tues.Jan. 28	Music Prac. 10am	6:30 p.m.	Church
	Mass		
	Bible Timeline 2	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Wed.Jan. 29	Little Rock	9:30 a.m.	Room#1
	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Bible Timeline 1	7:15 p.m.	Room#1
Thurs.Jan.30	Mothers Prayers	9:35 a.m.	Chapel
	Adoration of the	7:00 p.m	Church
	Blessed Sacrament	8:00 p.m.	
Sun.Feb. 2	Music Prac. 7pm	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Mass		
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

If you have not picked up your 2020 Sunday Collection envelopes, these are now available in the church office. Please call Dianne to arrange a pick up time that is convenient for you.

Religious Formation – 849-5111 Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162 Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Whole Parish Catechesis

About the Gospel: Jesus invites four fishermen, Simon, Peter, James and John, to leave behind their work and families to become his disciples. Jesus offers to teach the sets of brothers how to become fishers of men, sharing God's love with all they encounter.

Exploring the Sunday Readings:

For Pre-K-Grade 7: See weekly handouts!

For Adults: How are you Christ-like and provide a reconciling presence to episodes of division? What responses to calls have shaped your life? How have you experienced the call to follow Jesus? How did you respond?

Family Corner:

In Church: This Sunday is Word of God Sunday. Read the Gospel (Matthew 4:12–23) at home as a family. Put your family Bible in a place of honor this week.

Family Prayer: God, we pray for priests, deacons, and others who share the Bible with us. Help us all to love and follow your Word. Amen.

Question of the Week: How can you be a better friend to Jesus?

Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Blessing of Throats will take place after 6:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, February 3rd. Candles are a natural symbol for Christ, the light of the world. As a Christian, Blaise beheld the light of Christ. *The prayer is:* Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from the ailments of the throat and from every other sickness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please pick up your 2019 Tax Receipts located on the table next to the Pettingill Road side entrance.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, January 19 th	\$ 3,611.25

PLEASE REGISTER St. Mark's Winter Alpha 2020! Beginning January 30th

If you're planning to attend St. Mark's Winter Alpha, please be sure to let us know you are coming. For planning purposes (meals), we ask participants to **REGISTER** in advance. There are two ways you can register: **Register online** at www.stmarksparish.ca/alpha, or **contact Dianne** at the church office (849-5111 / stmarkschurch@nb.aibn.com).

Not sure if Alpha is for you? Feel free to attend the first evening and see how it goes (registration needed).

There is no commitment and there is no cost to participate.

Alpha

- Begins on Thursday, January 30th
- Runs from 6:30 8:30 pm
- Consists of a great meal, a short video and a chance to share in small groups
- Takes place in St. Mark's Parish Hall (Please use back entrance)

We look forward to seeing you!

Home Eucharist

St. Mark's Home Eucharist Ministry offers weekly Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office, 849-5111, or Paula Binette, 849-2186 to arrange for a visit.

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents and godparents are required to participate in a baptismal preparation class. To register for the Sacrament of Baptism, and the preparation class, contact Dianne in the church office 849-5111.

New Accessibility Parking Spots

A reminder to parishioners to please respect the Accessibility Parking Spots located near the front entrance and at the side of the building facing Pettingill Road. Thank you