

# St. Christopher Catholic Church

January 15, 2012

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## An Evangelizer—Who Me?

by Theresa Doyle

God calls each of us to himself because he loves us and desires us to be one with him. We are created by God for God. What could be more wonderful! But what does it really mean? As we read through the scriptures, it is clear that those who hear and respond to God's call cannot keep their awareness of God to themselves. It is the very nature of being in communion with God that it must go beyond the individual. God's love cannot be contained as if put into a closed box. So, it means the one who has received God needs to be attuned to how God intends to go beyond.

In today's first reading, Samuel, who did not yet know the Lord, is told by Eli to respond to God's call as a servant. He is to say, "Speak, for your servant is listening." A servant's attitude is to hear their directions and act on them. As Samuel grew up he stayed close to the Lord and God assured all his words were effective. Samuel made a difference in the world for God.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist, like Samuel, is faithful to God's call and directs all those he meets to Jesus. After encountering Jesus, Andrew immediately goes to his brother so he might know Christ; and on it goes. The disciples are instructed to become fishers of men. Jesus clearly intends his followers to go beyond their own encounter with him and bring others to know him as Christ their Savior.

To whom have you said; "I have found the Messiah. Come and see!"

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## Returning To Church

St. Christopher's parish would like to welcome anybody who has been away from the Church for any reason to consider coming home. Even if you haven't been thinking about it please do think about it. You have a place here.

**Please Come Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room 1**

This is an opportunity to come together with others who have also been away from the church. It will be a time to consider what the Catholic Church is really about and what has kept you from coming.

Both meetings will be facilitated by, Dr. Devin South. Devin is a Doctor of Clinical Psychology. He is a parishioner of St. Christopher. A father of 2 young children, Devin himself is a returned Catholic.

If you know someone whom would benefit from these meetings on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, please invite them.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

8:30 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Children's Church  
     3 yrs.-Kindergarten  
 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. 1st-8th grades  
 9:45 am. RCIA  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Children's Church  
     3 yrs.-Kindergarten  
 12:30 p.m. New Altar Servers Mtg.  
 5:00-7:30 p.m. Quest Ice Skating/Glacier Pointe  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Returning to Church

**Monday, January 16, 2012**

7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP team  
 7:00 p.m. Administration Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP team

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians  
 6:30 p.m. RCIA team

**Saturday, January 21, 2011**

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 8th Grade  
 Confirmation Retreat

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

8:30 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Children's Church  
     3 yrs.-Kindergarten  
 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. 1st-8th grades  
 9:45 am. RCIA

**11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass**

11:00 a.m. Children's Church  
     3 yrs.-Kindergarten  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Returning to Church  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. Quest Movie Night



**Quest**  
 Sunday, Jan. 15  
**Ice Skating**  
**at Glacier Point**  
**5:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Meet in Social Hall**  
*\$5 if bringing skates, \$7 if renting skates*

*Next Week @Quest*  
 Sunday, January 22  
**Movie Night**  
**7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Quest Room**  
 All high school youth welcome!



**Bagel Sale**  
**January 14 & 15**  
*after all Masses*

*for the Tennessee Mission Trip*

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For those of us who have come to know the Messiah it is our responsibility to invite others to meet him. If you are like me you might struggle with how to do this. I take great consolation in the famous quote often attributed, to St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times and if you must use words." I am grateful I do not have to get a soapbox and stand on the corner. But yet in another way the words of this quote are no less demanding. St. Francis is telling us that the way we live our life must be a proclamation of the Good News, a witness and an invitation to everyone we know and encounter to come and meet Christ Jesus the Lord. That's a tall order! The way I live my life and all my actions and encounters are meant to reveal Christ!!!

Then there is the second part of St. Francis' instruction, "... if you must, use words." So we are meant to also speak the Good News. Many people do not know Christ and his Church because they just simply haven't heard about him.

And yes, it is we who claim to know Christ that are to be the Good News. In fact we may be the only Gospel some people will ever hear. When was the last time you invited someone to "... come and see"? Ask God to show you who he wants you to bring to him and to let your words be effective, as he did Samuel's. After all it is really God who does the calling. We are simply his voice.

As a parish we are trying to let all people know that they are more than welcome to be part of us. Today and next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. we are inviting those who have been away from the church or those would like to find out what it means to be Catholic to "Come and See". Who could you personally invite or encourage to attend? We are all meant to be "fishers of men".



**This Sunday's Gospel**  
 John 1:35-42

In today's Gospel we experience the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The baby born in a manger has now come to the place of fulfillment of the very reason for which he came into the world. To those who can truly hear and recognize him, they leave everything to follow.

1. When was there a time you changed your direction in life for the better? Who or what helped you do that?
2. What was the hardest thing for you to leave behind, in order to follow Jesus?
3. Jesus asks those who were following him, "What are you looking for?" What are you looking for in your life right now?

**Next Week's Readings**  
*Jonah 3:1-5,10*  
*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*  
*Mark 1:14-20*

**NEW PARISHIONER MEETING**  
*This is the first step in joining the parish.*

**Tuesday, January 24**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Social Hall**

**Changing Lives Together**  
**Final Report**  
 (as of 1/11/12)

Commitment Cards Received  
**350**  
 Pledges Received  
**\$350,515**

**We are at 75% ~Thank you.**

**Weekend Liturgy  
January 21 & 22, 2012**

Day/Time	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m. Confirmation
<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Maryellen Roehl</b> by Eleanor & Tom Sturgis  <b>Bertha White</b> by Marilyn Cruickshank	<b>Parishioners of St. Christopher</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Gerald O'Brien</b> by Rosemary Taylor
	Fr. Art Baranowski	Fr. Art Baranowski	Bishop Michael Byrnes
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Sheehy Joe Pavlov	Ron Horbes Ronni Booth	Alan Miotke Carrine Sylvia
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	John VanTiem Mike King Elizabeth Moore Marilynn Pavlov Mike Roosen	Mariol Schmitt Cheryl Borowski Donna Orr Nancy Hubbard Linda Tokarski Barb Stocker Rollin Stocker	Julia Szczygiel John Szczygiel Cori Krohn Russ Hill Fely Nurenberg Steven Rose
<b>Altar Server</b>	Brock King Chase King	Jay Bennett	Dominic Chreck Ryan Leto Ben Babich
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Jerry & Lorraine Frendt Bonnie Wylin Paul Urben	Charlie Peyerk Don & Julie Wilson Mindy Lepine	Ralph, Jodi, Elise, Ian, Elle Beaufait
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	Julie Edwards	Docherty, Daniels and DeLacy	Ellery & Hong

**Readings for the Week  
January 15, 2012**

**Sunday, January 15**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20  
John 1:35-42

**Monday, January 16**

1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 17**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 18**

1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51  
Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 19**

1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7  
Mark 3:7-12

**Friday, January 20**

1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 21**

2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27  
Mark 3:20-21

**Next Sunday, January 22**

Jonah 3:1-5,10  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**Weekday Mass Intentions  
January 16, 2012 - January 20, 2012**

<b>Monday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Shirley McCaffrey, by Kathleen Tillinger
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Francis O'Connor, by Ron & Patricia Cooley
<b>Thursday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention for the Rioux & Cockburn families
<b>Friday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's**

Jan. 7 & 8, 2012.....\$10,624.25  
Christmas Total.....\$49,603.00  
Youth.....4.38  
Children .....1.30

**Remember to Keep in Your Prayers:**

Greg Verkest, Dan Jaworski, Karl Kleinhardt, Richard Kane, John Knuth, Kim Stephenson, Maxine Smith, Baldy Kelch, Margaret Miller, Ed Letzgus, Catherine AuFrance, Gerry McGraw, Jim Shafran, Kay Stinson, Bradley Gilliatt, Stan Sulkowski, Joseph Ciamarella, Keegan & Ethan Nelson, Marie T. Goulette, Howard Myers, June Beauchemin, Mary Lou Hurttgam, James Smith, Donald Smith, Elwood Reifert, James Beesley II, Dennis Riedel, Linda Smith, Paula Nedela, Sandra Hobson, Barbara & Peter DeFrank, Carrie Edwards, Jacob Ziarko, Bobby Frisch, Kenneth Small, Marilyn Lau, Laura Cataldo, Pat Christopher, Tom Smith, Ron Graham, Sue Kindsvater, Mary Standley, Troy James Caplinger, Helen Robinson, Sherry Schultz, Annie Tissue, Jim Schlinkert, Rosette Huysentruyt, Jim Shepley, Louise Durcan Marsh, Johanna Polk, Geri Mexicott, Loreen Gregg, Mary Prevost, Corey Simpson, Dale Kruger, Karla Davidson, Brian Boucher, Peter Heim, Joey Caretti, Bill Bier, Carolyn Buse, Leona Rosbury, Doris Cataldo, Rosemary Mechan, Eugene Mozal, Dr. Andrew Livingston, Gene & Bernice Melczarczyk, Melanie Geise, Dan Ryan, Kathy Forsyth, Linda Kandt, Cheryl Belanger, Jack Wessel, Jill Jedrzejewski, Marty Tomalo, John Washburn, Will McGregorr, Jennet Robb, Jackie Earl, Ralph White, Patrick Owens, Sherry Peterson, Marisa Cozza, Fred Hill, Velma Minor, Mary Danna, Linda Hall, Connie Green, Jerry Hurley, Kevin Shaw, Gayle Smith, Betty Visga, Dorothy Horn, Helen Ferris, Karen Carty, Marlene Konik, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Mary Hodges, Kyle Stivers and those who care for them.