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Treats Feb 1st
Pre-K...Sammee
1st....Arena
2nd-3rd....Pierce
4th-5th...Reba

Altar Servers
Sat 21... Tamela Abrahamson, Colt French
Sun22... Grace Doucette, Taylor Eggebrecht
Sat 28 Parker and Raina Mortenson
Sun 29 Jillian O'Brien, Devyn Salsbery

Gift Bearer Families
Sat 21 Lori Meeks
Sun 22 Dan O'Brien
Sat 28 Deb Sjostrom
Sun 29 Brenda Koss

COMING UP IN RE~~~~

- **NEW DATE, altar server class...** This is **MANDATORY**....there have been some changes made in serving. There are 11 families that serve and only two showed up for class scheduled for last Sat AND Sun. **SUNDAY the 22**, right after Mass will be the new date for this 15 minute class. Please have the courtesy to call if you can not make this meeting. Thank you.
- **The Meeting for the growth of our Parish..** Tues. Jan 24th at 7:00 in the church basement . Please come and bring your enthusiasm.
- **No RE Classes on the 25th of January...** Due to PRI day at school.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time~~~Reflection

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

The major theme of the Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday:

- **Answering the call when Jesus calls you to discipleship.**

Once we are in Christ, our relationship with the world will change. We know that things of this world are fleeting and we must hold lightly to the world's goods lest they hold on to us and distract us from what really matters.

IN OUR LIFE:

- How can we be a fisher of people for a more faithful life?
- Describe society's description of "having it all" as portrayed in ads, movies etc. and compare it with how our "having it all" would be if we followed Jesus.

Parts taken from In Touch with the Word
And Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time~~~Reflection

Deuteronomy 18:15-20—1 Corinthians 7:32-35—Mark 1:21-28

The major theme of the Scripture readings:

- *Jesus makes clean, the unclean Spirit*
 - *Listen to the Prophets.*

Jesus whole being radiates love and peace. He is the Son of God. He serves the man in today's Gospel by driving out the "unclean spirit." This is not about Jesus having power over others, it is about HIS love for others.

IN OUR LIFE:

- How does Jesus take our hearts of stone and turn them into hearts of flesh? What kinds of things harden our heart against God?
- Who are some of the prophets today that promise success, power, wealth and fame. What are their empty messages
 - Who is someone you can trust completely? How do you know you can?

Helping kids with homework....

Key: Homework is a time that must be supervised and modeled if children are going to be successful.

How do our children spell love? T-I-M-E. Yes, they want Mom or Dad to pay attention to them, even while doing their homework, and give hints and encouragement.

A common misconception is that children should do their homework in their bedrooms where it is quiet and easy to concentrate. Parents are often frustrated when they check after 30 minutes and their child has made little or no progress.

Key: Kids do not know how to make homework time productive.

They must be shown

Where should your child do their homework? The kitchen table or counter tends to be a good spot. It allows the child to be monitored while the adult can be preparing dinner or completing another task.

Avoid hovering over your child. Let them complete several tasks and then check to see the progress. Encourage small successes.

****Remember YOU CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens you!** Philippians:4:13

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