

JANUARY

RECAP ON SUNDAY

The sermon acknowledged, supported and encouraged “the Priesthood of All Believers” 1 Peter 2.9 by highlighting Ephesians 4.11-16 and then showing how one of the readings 1 Cor.12.1-11 explains the Ephesians passage.

Application: Every believer has a role to play in God’s Kingdom mission. The Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity that decides and enables each role in individual believers lives.

NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Luke 4.14-21

The Annual Business Meeting affirmed Norm Bailey, Mark Lewis, and Walt Sicard to the Vestry. They join Gary Katt, Helga Costello, and Margaret Smith. The highs and lows of last year were noted especially as it related to the financial status.

Reports from many ministries were heard and appreciated. Father Rick encouraged the members of the parish to keep their eyes open and ears attuned to needs they may come in contact with in the community in their everyday lives. This is how we would like to start ministries in 2019. Need based and parish appropriate. An example in Acts 6 was cited.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTED

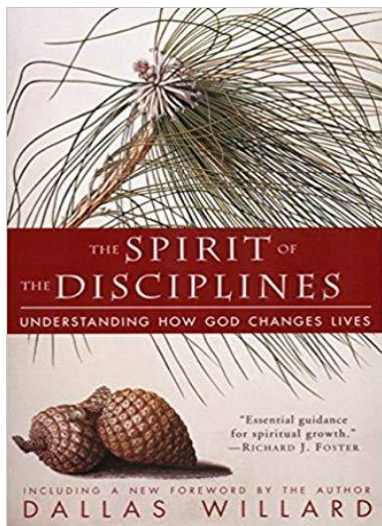
*“Faith today is treated as something that only **should** make us different, not that actually **does** or **can** make us different.”*

“We believe in our hearts that we should be Christlike, closely following our Lord. However, few of us, if

any, can see this as a real possibility for ourselves or others we know well.”

“How can we be like Christ always—not just on Sundays when we’re on our best behavior, surrounded by others to cheer and sustain us? How can we be like him not as a pose or by a constant and grinding effort, but with the ease and power he had—flowing from the inner depths, acting with quiet force from the innermost mind and soul of the Christ who has become a real part of us?”

These are representative quotes from Dallas Willard’s The Spirit of the Disciplines. A book I am devoted to reread every year. It is so significantly instructive on the interior life and training of a believer to know and live exactly like Jesus. \$13.38 on Amazon.



FROM THE PRIEST’S DESK

As Dana and I are in our 4th year as your pastor, I have great anticipation for what the King of the Kingdom has in store for our parish and you individually. We as a parish and individuals have not so much as scratched the surface of what the Lord has for us and our community. Would

you join me in prayer that He would enable us to tap into His dreams for us in 2019 as we enter a more fruitful time? I sincerely hope that you will, this next year, choose to take part in the ministry of “**IN TRAINING**,” this is the title I have given to the initiatives for further growth and relationships. The themes for **IN TRAINING** will follow the seasons of the year. Fall will focus on the fundamentals of the faith. This fall Alpha will be offered. I’ve been through Alpha at least 8 times and each time I have learned something new; not to mention it is so well done. Consider bringing a friend with you this Fall for ALPHA. Winter will be a general focus, often on our parish. This winter beginning Feb. 13 a catechism class is being offered. Sign up in the parish hall next Sunday. Spring will focus on spiritual growth.

With our new building we have options open to us that weren’t there before. Please take advantage of the blessing of our new worship center and choose to be involved in **IN TRAINING**.

It is the heart of Dana and I to get to know you, your dreams and history. To that end we would like to share a meal with you in 2019 either at your initiative or ours. Let us re-up for the glory of God in 2019 to see His Kingdom strengthened and advanced.