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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.” - Jn 2:4

## IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

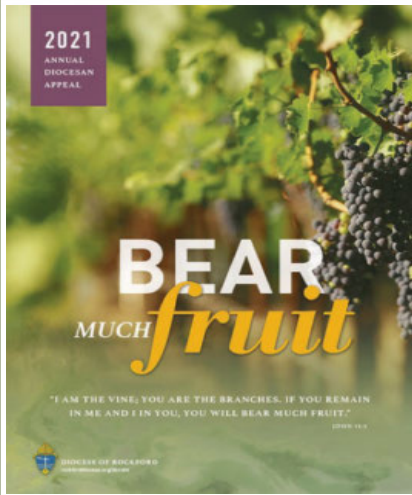
we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!





# 2021 | DIOCESAN APPEAL

## DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD



Thank you! We have surpassed our goal at both Oregon and Polo Parishes. To all that continue to contribute faithfully and generously, it is sincerely appreciated.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 22, 4:30 PM (Oregon)	Jan 23, 8:30 AM (Oregon)	Jan 23, 10:15 AM (Polo)
Lector	Terri Preston	Bob Hanson	Iris Empen
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Lauer	Tracy Harvey	M. Thomaschefskey
Altar Server	Jennica Ciesiel	Asher Kramer	
Ushers	Matt Freed Larry Holland Tom McPhillips Volunteer	David Head Patty Head Ryan Fletcher Volunteer	Larry Plachno Joel Gorzny
Altar Linens		Donna Bauer	Nancy Adams

### OREGON PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On January 1-2, 2022 we received 45 envelopes out of 251 sets

Envelopes .....	\$1,310.00
Offertory .....	\$47.00
Online .....	\$1,000.00
Subtotal .....	\$2,357.00
Holy Day.....	\$375.00
Maintenance .....	\$95.00
<b>Weekly Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,827.00</b>

### POLO PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On January 2, 2022 we received 8 envelopes out of 101 sets

Envelopes .....	\$555.00
Offertory .....	\$22.00
Subtotal.....	\$577.00
Christmas .....	\$1,000.00
Holy Day .....	\$135.00
<b>Weekly Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,712.00</b>

*Sincere thanks to all those who contribute faithfully and generously.*  
~ Fr. Naill & the Finance Committee

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Rev. Joseph P. Naill

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### December & January R.E. Class Dates

01-12-22: Classes Resume

01-19-22: Class

01-26-22: Class

All class times are on *Wednesday evenings*  
6:30pm– 7:45pm at the Parish Center.

Please contact the Parish Office for more info.

Ask for Marie, CRE 815-946-2535 or 815-732-7383  
[mariemonaco@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:mariemonaco@rockforddiocese.org)

## Join us for the **Eagle Brunch**

at  
Lorado Taft,  
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1414 N River Rd, Oregon



Sunday, January 23, 2022  
Doors open at 9:30AM

There will be an informational talk about bald eagles in the area. This will take place in the room with a wall of windows which overlook the Rock River. Eagles on the river can be viewed during this event. Field glasses will be available. You are also welcome to bring your own binoculars. A casual brunch will be served after the presentation.


**Tickets only \$20**

Tickets are still available  
at the Oregon Parish Office.



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## Christian Book Library Exchange



Have a great Christian book you want to share with everyone? Bring a book or take a book. Located in the bottom stairwell near the kitchen entrance at St. Mary Church, Polo.

### **DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**


The deadline to submit information for the bulletin is as follows:

All information must be received by the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday one and a half weeks before the bulletin Sunday date.**

This allows time to complete and submit the bulletin for printing.

### **Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands!—Psalm 100:1**

Inviting all singers! We are excited to announce that choir practices will be starting next month at the Oregon church! Practices will be held on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM The first practice will be held February 3, 2022. Please consider using your time and talents to make music for our Lord. All voices are welcome!



**-CHOIR PRACTICE-**

## COMBINED PARISH CALENDARS WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Oregon
  Polo
  Both

### Saturday January 15

4:30 PM Mass: +Daniel Nicolini  
 5:15 PM CDA Soup Supper - SAH

### Sunday January 16

8:30 AM Mass: +John Klinger  
 10:15 AM POLO - Mass: +Tammy Wilkinson-Webb

### Monday January 17

8:30 AM Communion Service  
 7:00 PM KC Meeting - KC Room

### Tuesday January 18

8:00 AM POLO - Rosary before Mass  
 8:30 AM POLO - Mass: +Elsa Pereira

### Wednesday January 19

8:30 AM Mass: +Mary Mead  
 6:30 PM CCD Classes

### Friday January 21

8:30 AM Communion Service

### Saturday January 22

4:30 PM Mass: +David Sheets

### Sunday January 23

8:30 AM Mass: +Reggie & Bernice Abramowicz  
 10:15 AM POLO - Mass: +Francis & Lucile Vock



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Submit a Mass Intention

There is no more powerful prayerful petition than having a Mass said for an intention.

\*Find strength through prayer. \*Birthday Blessings  
 \*Thanksgiving \*Anniversary  
 \* A Mass in Loving Memory

Call your Parish Office to submit your mass intention.

### Second Hand Rose Schedule

January 2022

18 Tuesday	11-2	N. Miller/B. Green
	2-5	K. Clothier/ K. Bickford
19 Wednesday	11-2	R. Jacks/D. Doeden
	2-5	C. Glenn/K. Scholl
20 Thursday	1-5	N. Adams/L. Kenney
21 Friday	1-5	N. Gray/S. Brockwell
22 Saturday	9-12	J. Hagemann/L. Hall



## Join us for Mass

Saturday:	4:30pm, Oregon
Sunday:	8:30am, Oregon 10:15am, Polo
Mon, Wed, Fri:	8:30am, Oregon
Tue:	8:30am, Polo
Confessions in Oregon:	3:30-4pm, Saturdays
Adoration:	Not available at this time



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