# Welcome to the Catholic Churches of SAINT JEROME And SAINT JAMES





# JANUARY 16, 2022 • 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

### Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

**Mon:** 1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22

**Tues:** 1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28 **Weds:** 1 Sm 17: 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6 **Thurs:** 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9-10a. 10b-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12

 Fri: 1 Sm 24: 3-21/Ps 57: 2. 3-4. 6 and 11/Mk 3: 13-19
 Sat: 2 Sm 1: 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27/Mk 3: 20-21

 Next Sunday: Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10/Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/
 1 Cor 12: 12-30/Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

<u>Steve's Notes (1) on Scripture</u> **The "Marriage" of Wine** 

"As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." -Isaiah 62:5

In reflecting on the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, I have normally been tempted to think about, on a literal level, the large amount of water that Jesus makes into a large amount of wine — the best wine. But this story is rich in symbolic meaning far beyond the literal or historical. Why is it that the first "sign" Jesus performs is to make wine from water at a wedding feast? Why not a miracle of healing or raising from the dead?

What this story is really about is the marriage of divinity with humanity: in the person of Jesus, God is wedded to humanity, made one in an irrevocable bond. And water becoming wine? When the water, the symbol of humanity is infused with the power of God's creative love, it is transformed into wine. This action of Jesus evokes the story of creation: the spirit of God hovering over the waters, the formless void; and when God speaks his Word and the power of God penetrates the waters, the world and everything in it is created.

This is the story of the fulfillment of the promises of God: the initiation of the Kingdom, the New Covenant. It foretells the birth of the Church at Pentecost, the rebirth of all creation, of the Holy Spirit making all things new, filling all with the power of God's love, joy, peace — LIFE.

We are meant also to see that Jesus, the Bridegroom of the great wedding banquet — the Eucharist — is himself the Cup of our Salvation, the Wine of Peace. Just as Christ enters into the bread and wine and it becomes his Body and Blood, when we eat and drink it, we, too, are changed substantially, joined forever to him in an unbreakable bond of love. And so this love shall increase and multiply. Our cup shall "runneth over" until the whole world is re-born in love and peace.

...Water "marriaged" into wine. And not just any wine: the *best* wine.



# Mass Intentions

The following are the scheduled Mass intentions:

2022 Jan 18 Tue: Ordinary Weekday 8:00 a.m. † All Souls (St. James)

2022 Jan 19 Wed: Ordinary Weekday 8:00 a.m. † Art Gremaud (St. Jerome)

2022 Jan 20 Thurs: Ordinary Weekday/Fabian, pp, mt/ Sebastian, mt

8:00 a.m. † Sanctity of Human Life (St. James)

2022 Jan 21 Fri: Agnes, v, mt M 10:00 a.m. † Curtis Loyett (Morningside of Troy)

2022 Jan 22 Sat: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children M

4:00 p.m. † Kathy Gremaud (St. Jerome)

5:30 p.m. For the parishioners of St. Jerome and St. James (St. James)

2022 Jan 23 SUN: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m. † Special Intention for Healing (St. Jerome)
10:30 a.m. † Norma Berberich(St. Jerome)

# Calendar of Events

# 2022 Jan 15 Sat:

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

# 2022 Jan 16 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome
9:40 am-10:20 am: PFF
10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome
8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

# 2022 Jan 22 Sat:

1:00-2:00 pm: Confessions at St. James2:30-3:30 pm: Confessions at St. Jerome4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

# 2022 Jan 23 SUN:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome
9:40 am-10:20 am: PFF
10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome
8:00-9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

**The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois** invites you to join us for a diocesan-wide pro-life Mass and march event on **Friday, January 21**, in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will begin with Mass at 10:00 am followed by an 11:00 am march to the Illinois Capitol. Like last year, the diocese has decided to forgo a trip to Washington, D.C., and focus on a local march. The Mass and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. RSVP at dio.org/youthministry/mfi

**10:00 am:** Watch a livestreamed Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki as presider (dio.org/live or youtube.com/diospringfield or facebook.com/ diospringfield). If you plan to attend in person, you must RSVP. Once we have reached our capacity, the sign-up will close.

**11:00 am:** Participate in a local "March for Life" from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the State Capitol. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP using the link in the first paragraph. Once we have reached our capacity, the sign-up will close.



Bulletin articles are due by NOON Jan 20th for the Jan 30th bulletin Please send to Jodi at stjerome@stjeromeparish.org

# Please Pray For All The Sick, Especially:



Clark Vogt, Mary Aleman, Mary Ann Friet, Ross Bushur, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Mueller, Hunter Mersinger, Tina Bruner, Charlee-Kate Grapperhaus, Mary Wilson, Ava C., Pat Aleman, John & Sha-

ron Aleman, Mary Ann Becherer, Judy Touchette, Don Siegel, Kay Grotefendt, Bula Jones, Gerald Loyet, Mike Luczak, Katie Fuller, Otto Baumgartner, Helene Kilpatrick, Millie Loyett, Nancy Varda Smith, Jessica C., JoAnn (Vesci) Graeff, Colleen Campe, Dennis Jablonski, Teresa Dickman, Austin Acree

To request a name to be put on the prayer list, contact Jodi at the office (667-6571 ext. 10 or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)



### Stewardship of Treasure: Dec 18/19

#### St. James:

Building fund: \$45 Sister Parish: \$5 Tornado relief: \$149 Weekly Collection:\$184

#### St. Jerome:

Solemnity of Mary: \$5 Christmas: \$1,025 Retried Diocesan Priests: \$10 Christmas flowers: \$135 Outreach: \$5 Cemetery Fund: \$5 Sister Parish: \$565 Catholic Children's Home: \$1100 Retired Religious: \$10 Tornado Relief: \$25 Building Fund: \$65 Weekly Collection: \$7,826.50

### Stewardship of Treasure: Dec 25/26

#### St. James:

Sister Parish: \$100 Immaculate Conception: \$5 Retired Religious: \$5 Christmas: \$1498 Catholic Children's Home: \$80 Building Fund: \$15 Weekly Collection: \$1188

#### St. Jerome:

Catholic Charities: \$153 Cemetery Fund: \$75 Christmas: \$5,559 Catholic Children's Home: \$1,911 Sister Parish: \$15 Immaculate Conception: \$10 Solemnity of Mary: \$5 Retired Religious: \$20 Building Fund: \$310 weekly collection: \$8,247.32

# Thank you for your continued support!

# Pope Francis: World Day of Peace

(Continued from last week)

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an "architecture" of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an "art" of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace. First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for "making possible the creation of a social covenant", without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

2. Dialogue between generations to build peace

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, "some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations".

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

(To be continued.)



Nurturing Our Faith Sr. Linda Mary, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

### From **"The Gospel for All Ages",** Pflaum.com 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time John 2:1–11

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' performs his first miracle—turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. We learn that Jesus is completely obedient to his mother, Mary. We are reminded to listen to her words to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Jesus gathers us in joy. In the Gospel, Jesus trans-



forms the wedding feast at Cana. Without Jesus the bride and groom run out of wine. Their

celebration could have ended in an embarrassing way. But Jesus doesn't just change a little water into wine—he changes six huge jars of water into wine. This is a huge amount of wine—more than 120 gallons. This is a sign that Jesus has enough wine for people in every time. This sign tells us that Jesus comes to gather people together in love and joy. Jesus is the new and best wine who gives us joy and gathers all who wish into his new community. Let us think together about ways that we keep Christian community alive today in our world and, like Jesus, gather people together in love.

The Church is the bride of Christ. Notice that when people go up the aisle to receive Holy Communion, they are like a bride going up the aisle to marry her beloved.

# **Questions of the Week**

How can you know what it is Jesus wants you to do?

When have you experienced the Holy Spirit poured out in you or your Christian community?

How has Jesus supplied your lack in time of need?

Think about your own sacramental journey.

How does Jesus gather with his followers and celebrate today?

Jesus, help us to be obedient, just like you were to your mother. Help us to do what you teach us. Amen. Pax.

Pax, Sr. Linda Mary



### ST. JOHN NEUMANN NEWS...

**Robotics** One of our robotics

teams, Techno Tigerz, competed in their FLL Regional Remote Qualifier on Dec 18th. They were the finalists for the Champions Award and placed 6th for Robot table performance. They were one of five teams selected to advance to the FLL State Tournament in Champaign, IL in January! Congratulations, Crusaders!

Techno Tigerz team members are: Gia B., Jonathan H., Larkin R., Mason S., Ashlyn S., Lawson R., and Myles S.

## **Open House!**

We will be hosting our Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30th. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only new families interested in enrolling/touring SJN will be allowed to enter the building. Masks are required for all visitors. New families enrolling at the Open House will receive one month free tuition, up to \$500

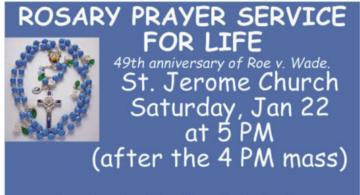


The weekend of January 23rd we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present ob-

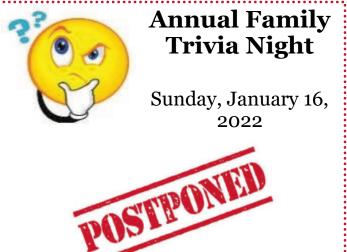
stacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www. usccb.org/latin-america.



 Luke 18 will be held on February 19-20 This retreat is for all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Registrations are available on the parish website. Any questions contact Brenda Neumann 618-975-5907



Led by the Knights of Columbus.





Check this column each week for more on the Laudato Si' Action Platform as we, the global Catholic Church, respond to the climate crisis.

Our unique "culture, experience, involvements, and talents" are needed on our journey towards greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share. (LS 14)

Caring for our brothers and sisters means caring for the home we share. This responsibility is "essential to a life of virtue" (LS 217).

The Laudato Si' Action Platform will be launched in stages throughout 2021 and 2022. At its completion, the platform will comprise three elements:

- 1. Laudato Si' Planning Guides to map your journey'
- 2. Practical guidance on ways to take action.
- 3. Resources to develop trusted communities of practice.

The platform offers:

A library of resources to provide practical, concrete guidance on ways to take action

Webinars on actions and events

Resources to strengthen your community

- Ways to connect directly with other participants
- Inspiring stories of people who are taking action

This road will challenge us, and the ideas and support of our sisters and brothers in Christ will strengthen us along the way. "We were made for love," and deeper relationships will nourish us wherever the Holy Spirit leads. (LS 58)

# **Dates Available** for Baptisms

February 25/26/27 April 22/23/24 Mav 27/28/29



Options exist for baptism celebrations either during mass or outside of Mass.

Fridays are at 5:30 PM or Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM.

To schedule a date: Please contact the Parish Office: 667-6571 or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is excited to announce that an INmarriage encounter <u>PERSON</u> Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa

Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

AA MEETINGS, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M. in the Basement of the Wayland Avenue Office (the brick building by the corner of St. Jerome parking lot). For more information call Central Service Office at 618-251-4000 or at www.aa.org.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING:** New trainings are continually being added. Please visit www.dio.org to view the full schedule.

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### A BEACON OF LIGHT pregnancy help center

JOB OPENING



ABL Pregnancy Help Center in Maryville, IL is seeking an Executive Director. The ideal candidate will have a Pro-Life heart and a genuine love and vision for a woman and family experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. The Executive Director will oversee the daily operations of the center, its programs, and staff in keeping with ABL's mission and vision as established by the Board of Directors. Experience in management, medical, and/or non-profit fields as well as a bachelor's degree are preferred but not required. Position requires at least 20 hours/week. The leader we seek will have excellent oral, written, and interpersonal

communication skills and the ability to be a team leader. Please send a letter of interest, resume and references to resume@ablpregnancyresource.org.

www.ablpregnancyresource.org



Tia and Baby T-Rod

# **Baby Bottle Campaign** January 16 - February 13

You help transform lives and save babies from abortion when you fill a baby bottle with coins, cash or a check!



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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

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**St. Jerome** ~ John Hopkins (Chairperson), Maggie Brorby, Amanda Detmer, Georgeine Hays, Tom Mines, Andrew Schwierjohn, Greg Schrage, Nathan Krisch

**St. James** ~ Tina Kunz, Judy Touchette, Dennis Daiber, John Nonn

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St. James ~ Janet Highlander, Dan Dickman, Laura Reilson

### St. Jerome "Build or Not" Committee:

Along with Fr. Kevin: Dan Jackson, Alice Lehnhoff, T.J. Norrenberns, Paul Baumgartner, Steve Stack

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#### **NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms**  $\sim$  Please contact the Parish Office for registration information. Prior to baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism -preparation session. Parents may attend this before their child is born.

**Penance** ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at St. James and 2:30 p.m. at St. Jerome or by appointment. Communal services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

*Marriage* ~ If you are considering marriage, a minimum of six months is required for preparation. A wedding date cannot be set until after the first meeting with the pastor. At that time, the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

*Anointing of the Sick* ~ Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or having surgery, should contact the pastor for the celebration of the sacrament.

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* ~ The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

#### ST. JEROME CEMETERY INFORMATION

St. Jerome owns and operates two cemeteries – St. Jerome Cemetery, located on Troy-O'Fallon Road, and St. John the Baptist Cemetery – located on Lebanon Road. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



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