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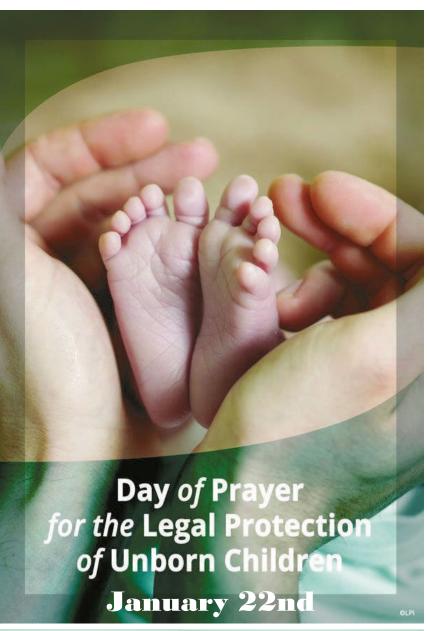
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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday:

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & 10:00am Thursday 8:15am

Eucharistic Holy Hour

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm

Next Holy Hour: March 2, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time · January 16, 2022

RE Classes:

Sunday, January 16th HS Classes (9-11) 8:30-9:45 am

Wednesday, January 19th Gr 1-8 from 6:15-7:15 pm

Sunday, January 23rd **Children of God** during the 10:00 am Mass

Please join us for our Donut Social following Mass in the school gym.

All are Welcome!



Sometimes, looking at our lives, we see only the things we lack and forget the talents we possess. Yet God gave them to us because He trusts us and asks us to make the most of the present moment, not yearning for the past, but waiting industriously for His return. ~ Pope Francis, Twitter



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Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

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!



We are sponsoring supper on Thursday, January 20th for St. John's Evangelist Homeless Shelter in Green Bay. You can drop off your donations to the school on Wednesday, January 19th from 6 am to 5 pm or Thursday, January 20th 6 am to noon the north door will be open. We thank you for your support.

The Eucharist: Jesus, Truly & Fully Present

Monday, January 17th at 7 pm Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
Surveys suggest nearly 70% of Catholics no longer believe
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Everyday Stewardship - 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

We greatly appreciate everyone that supports St. John's through donations all kinds. Along with accepting drop-off donations at the shelter, we have an Amazon Wish List and have now created a Walmart Wish List to make it easier for those that don't shop on Amazon.

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January 16, 2022

Our Gospel passage today tells us so much about Jesus. We are given insight into the relationship he has with his mother, we know he likes to have a good time with friends and family, and we see him coming of age to share his gifts with the world.

As a son, I can personally relate to this Gospel passage. Mary and Jesus are both attending a wedding. At the reception, Jesus is sitting at a table with his buddies, the disciples, reminiscing, laughing, telling stories, probably making fun of the way the old guys are dancing.

Then his mother, Mary, taps Jesus on the shoulder and says, "They have no wine."

Like any son who is interrupted by his mother, Jesus probably let out a sigh before asking, "...how does your concern affect me?" I'm sure I would have responded similarly, "What now Ma?"

We now know she was implying he reveal his divinity to the world by changing the water into wine.

Jesus reluctantly gets up from the table and follows his mother over to the servers. Mary tells the servers "do whatever he tells you," and he tells them, "fill the jars with water."

Soon, everyone is drinking wine again, the best wine they have ever tasted. This is the first documented miracle performed by Jesus. This moment changed the game; it opened the eyes of his closest friends to who Jesus was, the long awaited Messiah.

Here's what I know from this story. Jesus listens to his mother. When our mothers ask something from us, we all listen. If I need Jesus's attention, I call on Mary the mother of God to intercede on my behalf. I also know that we are supposed to share our gifts with the world like Jesus did. Oftentimes it's our mothers who encourage us to willingly use our talents and gifts to make the world a better place. Who knows a child better than a mother?

We are blessed with many spiritual gifts, but, as Paul reminds us, they are inspired by the same Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that spoke to Mary, the same Holy Spirit that moved Jesus to listen to his mother, the same Holy Spirit that guides you and me today.

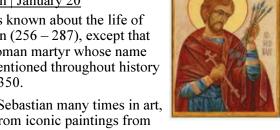
Let's remember to enjoy life as we see Jesus joyfully celebrating a wedding with his buddies. Let's remember to listen to our mothers, and mothers keep encouraging your children to lean into their spiritual gifts and share them. Finally, let's remember to share our own time and talent to make the world a better place and bring the best out of each of each other.

John Steltz, Missionary Discipleship Coordinator The Lord bless and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you; And be gracious to you. Numbers: 6, 24-25

Saint of the Week

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.



We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from

Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Open auditions for ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play, a dramatic musical based on the life of Christ, will be held on Tuesday evening, January 18th and Saturday morning, January 22nd, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Performance dates are April 7-10, with a special performance for Religious Education groups on April 6th. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a simple movement/ dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and click or tap the "Audition"

for our cast" button near the top of the page.

Living the Liturgy

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

Sunday, Jan 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are gifted, any way you slice it

We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66). "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Monday, Jan 17, 2022

Help the dream awaken

One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022

Shop with a conscience

Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022

God loves an underdog

We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do

everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Thursday, Jan 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

Listen to the peoples' laments

The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

Friday, Jan 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

I stand with Agnes

The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourth-century martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."

Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Cradle-to-grave Catholics

To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Worship Services

JANUARY 15 - JANUARY 23

Saturday, January 15 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the

Monroe & Zillmer Families

Sunday, January 16 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

All Living & Deceased Descendants of the

Vande Corput Families

8:30 am RE Grades 9-11

10:00 am Mass

† Ron Wevers

Monday, January 17 - No Services

Tuesday, January 18 - 8:15 am Mass

† Deceased Members of St John the Baptist

Wednesday, January 19 - 8:15 am Communion Service

6:15-7:15 pm RE Grades 1-8

Thursday, January 20 - No Services

Friday, January 21 - 8:15 am Communion Service at St Seb

Saturday, January 22 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Helen & LaVern Leisgang

Sunday, January 23 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert

10:00 am Mass (Children of God during Mass)

† Hailey Samson

11:00 am Donut Social Following Mass

† Denotes deceased person(s)

Beginning immediately, we are going back to the family of the Mass intention being able to carry up gifts in their loved ones honor.



Senior Citizens in Outagamie County: Help needed with your housing expenses?

If you are over the age of 65, reside in Outagamie County and need financial assistance with housing expenses, please contact us!

Catholic Charities has assistance available through the Prentice Fund to assist residents of Outagamie County age 65+ to meet housing needs.

Housing needs can include direct shelter expenses, but can also include expenses such as roof, furnace, heating or electrical bill, plumbing, water heater, or even a security deposit to move into housing.

If you qualify (Outagamie County residents age 65+), have any questions or would like more information. please contact Megan Santkuyl at 920-272-8248 or msantkuyl@gbdioc.org.

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4:00 PM

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The issue of migration, together with the pandemic and climate change, has clearly demonstrated that we cannot be saved alone and by ourselves: the great challenges of our time are all global. ~ Pope Francis, Twitter

Readings

Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4 -11/Jn 2:1-11

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

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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