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United in Christ Cluster

JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Sacred Heart | Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9:30am
St. Matthew | Sunday 8am

Daily Mass

St. Matthew | Tuesday 8am
Sacred Heart | Mon 5:30pm
Wed & Friday 8 am

Reconciliation

Sacred Heart | Saturday 3:30pm
Or by appointment

Office Hours

Open Mon-Wed 9am-4pm
Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-noon
by appointment only

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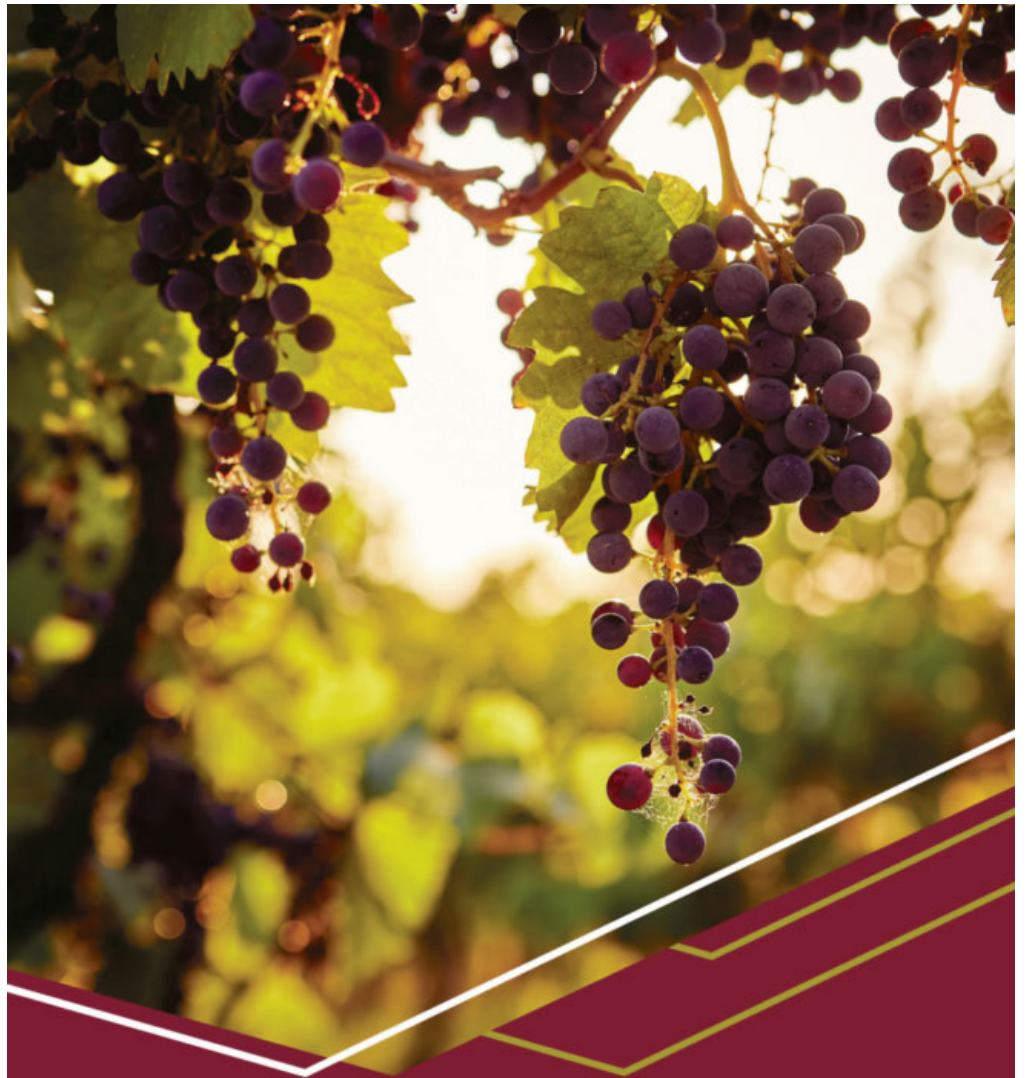
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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From the Desk of Fr. Justin...



At the time of this writing, it's the final days of December. As I keep a master list of books I've read throughout the year, I present to you my 2021 in review... in books read.

This year, I managed to read 33 books of varying difficulty and length... not counting comic books. Those are on a separate list. Prayers don't count either, as that's a formal part of my ministry. Since Lent of last year, I maintained a goal of 30 minutes of productive reading per day, which I'm grateful for and will continue to do throughout 2022. After all, my parents held me to a similar standard when I was a kid.

That out of the way, here are the statistics and the winners of the...

"Father Justin Book Awards, 2021"

- Spirituality/religion books read: 8
- Children's books read: 8
- Self-published books of friends/parishioners read: 6
- Classics read: 8
- Educational books read: 3

Most enjoyable children's book:

Anne of Green Gables, by LM Montgomery

Most enjoyable classic novel:

Les Liaisons Dangereuses, by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos

Most challenging religious book:

Divine Mercy in my Soul, by Sister Maria Faustina

Most overall educational book:

When Harry Became Sally, by Ryan T Anderson

Most likely classic novel to recommend to anyone:

Heart of Darkness, by Joseph Conrad

To wrap up with those last two awards, *Heart of Darkness* was the easiest classic I read this year. Compared to *Don Quixote* or *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* (the other thick novels of this year), it is an accessible novel for most adult readers and is more advanced and thought-provoking than *Mary Poppins* or *Alice in Wonderland*. If you want to better your understanding of racism and/or national aggression, *Heart of Darkness* will significantly aid you in more ways than one.

Aside from that one, my #1 book-to-recommend-to-y'all is *When Harry Became Sally*. It's a forthright look at the many issues and myths surrounding transsexuality, as a remarkably un-scientific cultural phenomenon. Because Ryan Anderson argues against transsexuality, the book is currently banned on most websites, including Amazon. However, it is still for sale on Barnes & Noble. I strongly recommend it for literally anyone old enough to handle the subject matter. The book is not "transphobic" and uses absolutely no hate speech, but boldly and clearly addresses the issues and logical fallacies that are not allowed to be asked in a public setting or on social media. If you have a few hours and \$20 to spare, I urge you to get a copy. It will arm you with logic and reason for the future, which you might very well use to prevent someone from going down a dark and difficult path in life.

Otherwise, onward to 2022: another year of literary adventure! I better start with the book that Archbishop ListECKI gave me for Christmas... that's a good general policy. This year's gift is *Things Worth Dying For* by Charles J. Chaput. It seems like a good thing to read during my spiritual retreat.

-Father Justin

2021 Stewardship Contributions

Sacred Heart

MONTHLY OFFERING 2021

December	Collection	Budget
Ministry	\$ 27,397	\$ 23,777
Offertory	\$ 3,817	\$ 2,929
Mortgage	\$ 21,170	\$ 15,900

St. Matthew

MONTHLY OFFERING 2021

December	Collection	Budget
Ministry	\$ 7,558	\$ 6,897
Offertory	\$ 717	\$ 477

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1/16	Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11
Monday 1/17	1 Samuel 15:16-23 / Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday 1/18	1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday 1/19	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mark 3:1-6
Thursday 1/20	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12
Friday 1/21	1 Samuel 24:3-21 / Mark 3:13-19
Saturday 1/22	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mark 3:20-21
Sunday 1/23	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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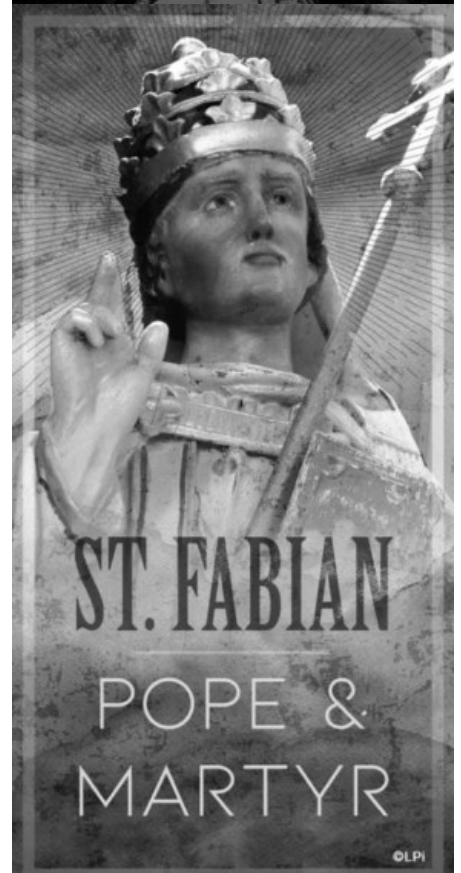
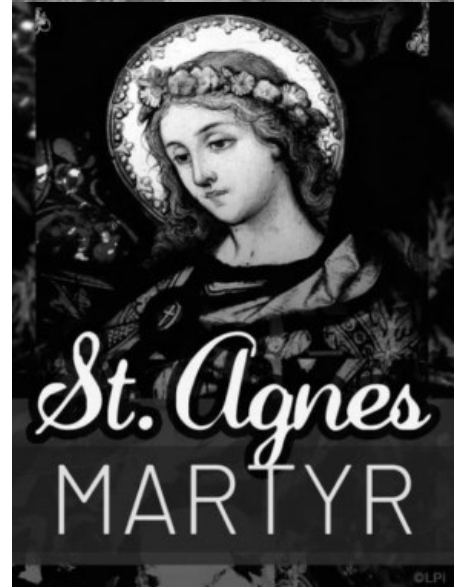
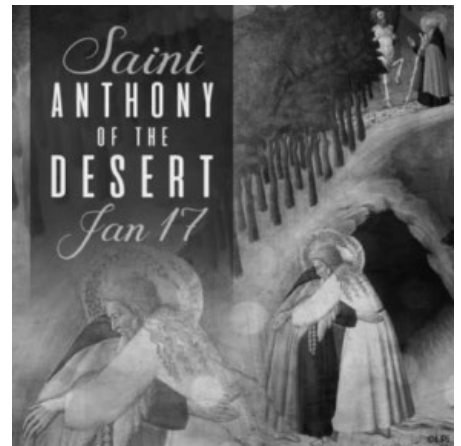
Monday 1/10	5:30pm-H	✠ Patricia Wild
Tuesday 1/11	8:00am-N	✠ Shirley Stryck
Wednesday 1/12	8:00am-H	✠ Marie Lynch
Friday 1/14	8:00am-H	✠ William & Mary Klages
Saturday 1/15	5:00pm-H	✠ Richard Hart
Sunday 1/16	8:00am-N	✠ Roman & Eva Heesen
	9:30am-H	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday 1/17	6:15-7:30pm	Religious Ed Class
Wednesday 1/19	9-11am	Food Pantry
	7:00-8:15pm	Youth Ministry Class
Friday 1/21	6-10pm	Confirmation Retreat
Saturday 1/22	9am-4:30pm	Confirmation Retreat
	1pm-5pm	Open Prayer
	3:30pm	Reconciliation
Sunday 1/23	10:30am	Instrument Rehearsal

OBSERVANCES

Sunday 1/16	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 1/17	St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday 1/18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday 1/20	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday 1/21	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday 1/22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Sunday 1/23	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin



LITURGICAL LIFE

“No more shall people call you “Forsaken”, or your land “Desolate”, but you shall be called “My Delight”, and your land “Espoused.” For the LORD delights in you”
(Isaiah 62:4)

Executive Director Position Available

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County, a 501c3 non-profit organization serving women and their babies, born and unborn, is seeking a Pro-Life individual with strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills to manage their Beaver Dam office. Duties include, but are not limited to scheduling clients, managing Client Advocates and other volunteers, community outreach and fundraising efforts, accurate and organized record keeping, and more. This position reports to the local Board of Directors. Experience working in a non-profit organization in any capacity is a plus. The position requires 24-36 hours per week. Salary commensurate with experience, ranging from \$22-\$28 per hour. If you share our vision, please contact:



Jacquie Schott
920-318-6791
email: jrschott@sbcglobal.net

Inclement Weather Policy

Inclement weather may force our parish to cancel services and/or programs at times.

If inclement weather should cause cancellations of church services **on weekends**, our parish will put these announcements on the WBEV AM1430 & WXRO 95.3 FM radio stations. We will also typically post the closing on our parish website, www.sheart.org and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sheartparish.

If you have signed up for electronic communication you may also get an email or text alert. If you wish to sign up for electronic messages you can join at <https://sacredheartstmatthew.flocknote.com>. Please try the “Login” button first to see if your email or cell phone number are already in our system (not your name). If not, then join up and provide your information or contact the parish office (920) 485-0694 x221 during business hours to update your contact information.

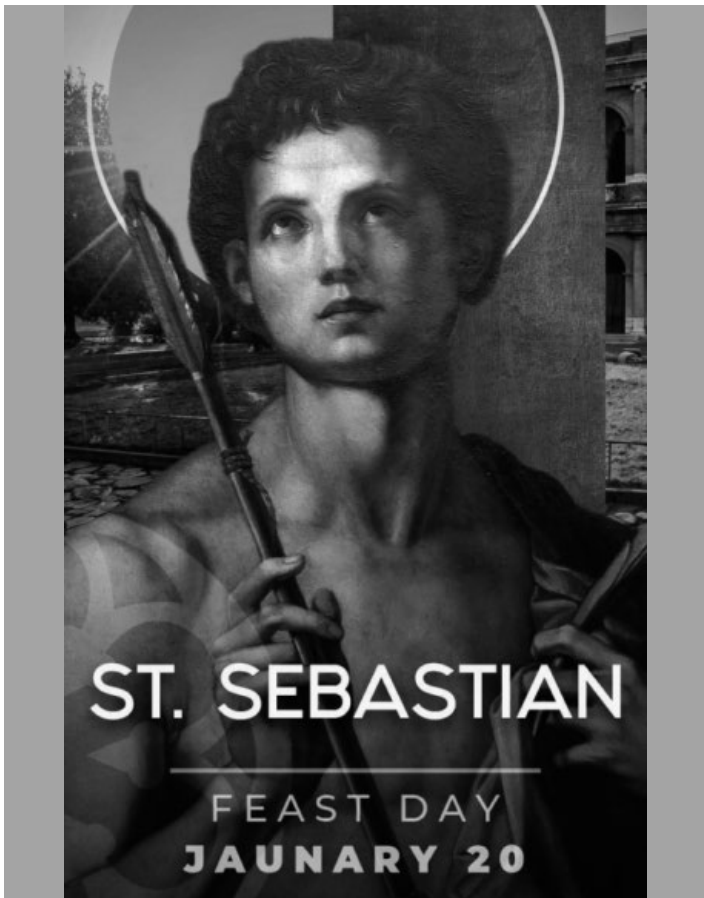
Please Note: cancellation may not occur until within the hour prior to the service.

During the week, cancellations will occur if the Horicon School District has a late start, early release or is closing due to weather conditions. The Horicon School District will announce this information on local radio and TV.

* **If school is canceled**, all church programs & services will be canceled the entire day.

* **If a late start is announced**, the morning church programs & services will be canceled.

* **If an early release is announced**, all afternoon and evening church programs or services will be canceled.



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.

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Dollars for Life

Please remember to turn in your **Dollars for Life** envelopes! You have until Sunday, January 16th to return your envelopes. We request a minimum of one dollar per name that you list on the envelope. The names listed on your envelopes will be sent to the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen and will fill a page on Saturday, January 22nd - the anniversary of Roe Vs Wade. Your names say you are **STANDING UP FOR LIFE**. The money from the envelopes will be used to pay for the ad and to support the Pregnancy Support Center in Beaver Dam. Thank you.

Dorothy Strassmann
920-386-2629



JOB OPPORTUNITY

SACRED HEART/ST. MATTHEW BOOKKEEPER

The clustered parishes of Sacred Heart, Horicon and St. Matthew Neosho are seeking an individual to begin employment as a part-time bookkeeper beginning immediately. The bookkeeper is responsible for computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions that are accurate and in compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines. Specific responsibilities include processing payroll, accounts payable and receivable, money counting, contributions, monthly reports, and budget development. Previous bookkeeping experience is required. Experience in QuickBooks is a plus. Applicant to understand the overall Catholic mission of the parish and administer parish business operations in relation to it.

Location: Sacred Heart Church, 950 Washington St., Horicon

Compensation: Part-time, 25-29 hours/week, \$14-\$16/hour

Send resume and references to: Rev. Justin Lopina, PO Box 27, Horicon, WI 53032

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bride and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex



We will be asking for volunteers to sign up for help make goodies for our upcoming Super Bake Sale, as well as help with the Chili Dinner and Fish fries. Please consider volunteering your time and efforts to help make our parish fundraisers successful.

And don't forget to support our parish by purchasing yummy baked goods, and delicious chili or fish dinners! See you there!



SUPER BAKE SALE

GAME DAY:

Saturday, February 12th
& Sunday, February 13th

KICK OFF TIME:

After Mass

Stop and pick up some tasty baked goods on sale in the Narthex after Mass



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