

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**A People Who
Love and a Place
to Grow**



2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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EUCCHARIST

SAT 4:30 pm

SUN 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

MON 9:00 am

TUES 7:00 am

THU 9:00 am

FRI 7:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

MON WED THU 8:30 am-1:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Come experience God's love & mercy.

SAT 3:30 pm

SUN 9:30-9:50 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool-7th grade

SUN 8:50-9:50 am (Sept-April)

Youth Group 8th-12th grade

Meets monthly

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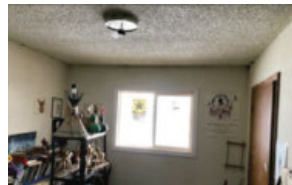
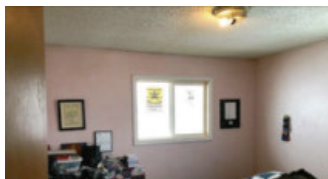
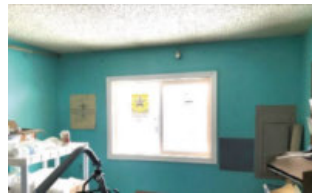
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Recently Bob Kleiser and his friend went to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to finish replacing windows in a home that was in desperate need of new windows. All this work and the windows were donated so that the family in Pine Ridge had no expense. This is some of the good work our Parish does for those in need, for members of the Body of Christ, our brothers and sisters at Pine Ridge. We continue to send clothing and blankets out via mailbags to families in need. This is done in conjunction with ONE SPIRIT- the Okini Project based in Pine Ridge. Your donations of clothing and money enable us to meet urgent needs of many people who have no other recourse. May we continue to be grateful for the opportunity to share and help out our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you all.
Fr. Mike



Confirmation Preparation Classes
11:00-12:00 in the Parish Hall
January 16 & 23

HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
6:00PM-7:30PM



Mass Times & Mass Intentions 01/17/22 to 01/23/22

- 01-17-22 Monday St. Anthony**
9:00 a.m. †Don Bradley
- 01-18-22 Tuesday**
7:00 a.m. †Diane Kaufman
- 01-20-22 Thursday St. Fabian**
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. †Nola Hopkins
9:30 a.m. Adoration until 10:30 a.m.
- 01-21-22 Friday St. Agnes**
7:00 a.m. †Bill Tyrrell
- 01-22-22 Saturday**
4:30 p.m. †Philip Sullivan Family Members
- 01-23-22 Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. †Rose Italia
10:00 a.m. †Taylor Brandt
5:00 p.m. †Mary Determan

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Tom Magee



PRAYER REQUESTS

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and be restored soon to the full and active life of their families and our community.

Greg Althof, Robin Broshous, Rita Brown, Chris & Jim Eastwood, Betty Finnegan, Jack Finnegan, Matthew Foltz, Janet Groezinger, Paul Heller, Bill Homb, Shawn Homb, Ilene Lamm, Kit Leitzen, Rita Magee, Mark Puls, Yvonne Raether, Rosemary Schultz, Don Schwartz, Ed Vondra, Eunice Vondra, Carl White, Janice Wright, Jeff Wright

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Sunday Offering: \$4664 & \$2573

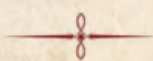
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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



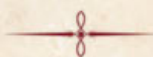
FIRST READING

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. (Is 62:5)



PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the
nations. (Ps 96)



SECOND READING

But one and the same Spirit produces all
of these,
distributing them individually to each
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his
signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in
him. (Jn 2:11)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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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