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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

Weekend Masses: Saturday ~ 4:00 PM Sunday ~ 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday ~ St. Mary & St. Mark Intention at Holy Family ~ 8:00 AM
Wednesday & Thursday ~ 8:00 AM

Dear family and friends of Holy Family and St. Mary and St. Mark Parishes,

We celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Psalmist says, "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations." The world today is going through a kind of amnesia when it comes to God. Many people have forgotten the good things God has done for all humanity, namely saving mankind from sin and death. The Christmas season is over and now we enter back into the season of Ordinary Time. We limit time, especially the celebration of certain events to certain times of the year. When the Christmas season was upon us, people scrambled to ensure their homes were decorated for the season, gifts for loved ones were being purchased, Christmas trees put up and decorated, stockings were hanging somewhere in the house, and plans for that Christmas dinner were finalized and being prepared. Now, Christmas is over in many people's minds and the question is, now what? We look forward to next Christmas. We haven't slowed down, we haven't stopped with our plans, and we move on to something else. What is that something else? Have we considered the previous Sunday when we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord? It was the final Sunday of the liturgical season of Christmas, but did we listen to words of Sacred Scripture calling us back to our own baptism and the call we have to live as true disciples of Christ? It is hard, isn't it? It is hard to live as true disciples of Christ. It is a constant challenge for us to put into perspective just what it means to put God first in our lives. According to the Psalmist, proclaiming God's marvelous deeds to all the nations is the work of those who believe in God and remember His deeds done on their behalf.

In our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear a very familiar passage that comes from a passage read during the season of Advent. "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch." When we want victory over an aggressor or defeat over an enemy, we cannot stop pursuing our goal. Because Adam and Eve brought sin and death into the world through their disobedience to God, there was an injustice done against God. Adam and Eve, however, were not the only ones at fault, Satan, the devil, Lucifer, a fallen angel of God led Adam and Eve into temptation. There was an injustice that had to be made right, and that is when God put His plan into action. The Son of God, Jesus, the Messiah predicted to come into the world, came into the world to claim victory over Satan and save the human race. If we were to attempt to come up with a storyline that would mimic that of man's fall from grace, God's plan to save man from sin and death, and Christ's suffering and death on a cross, we could barely scratch the surface. Yes, there have been some very good movies put together that tell the story of Jesus from His infancy, to His adolescence, to His adulthood, but there have been none that tell the whole of salvation history in one swift swoop. To be honest, it would be difficult to tell the whole story in just a few hours. We have millennia of events that cannot be told in that way. Yes, Sacred Scripture covers salvation history in a series of books, but it only scratches the surface. We have to live this history and rely on past accounts to sum up for us the meaning of following God and being saved by His grace.

In the Gospel of John, we hear about a wedding that took place in Cana of Galilee. The importance of the wedding taking place in Galilee is that it is where Jesus begins His ministry. He calls the first of His disciples with His mother following Him as the greatest of His disciples. In the Old Testament, much of the literature we read centers on the covenant of marriage. We hear about the groom, God, wedded to His bride Israel. Jesus is the bridegroom in pursuit of His bride, the coming Church. There is a dilemma in the scene depicted in this Gospel passage in that the wine runs short. Imagine if you made all your plans for a wedding meticulously and yet there is one thing you forgot to check on, the libations for the guests at the wedding. Your heart would sink to your stomach and you would surely fear that your guests would think it was the worst celebration they have been to. But not to fear, someone thought for you and brought a secret stash of alcoholic beverages to save the day. You are elated and relieved to know that all is not lost. The mother of Jesus comes to Him, knowing that there is a dilemma, and pleads for Him to do something. Jesus says, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Jesus came, not to save a wedding party, but to save the world, and now He is being asked to replenish the wine. This is the first of His many miracles, but they all lead to the greatest miracle of all in that Jesus dies on a cross and becomes the Savior of all humanity. Mary says to the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary is not only an advocate for Jesus, but an advocate for us all. She is the one who leads us to the saving power of Jesus.

In our second reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul tells us, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." God gives us all the grace we need to do the good works He calls us to do. We might not all have the same gifts, but we have gifts to do the right thing. In order to use the gifts that God has given us, we need to cooperate with His grace. We can't just do good because we want to, but it has to be guided towards doing what is just. There are times when we want to do good for someone else, but we don't seem to get the result we were looking for. Have you ever experienced trying to help someone who has lost a loved one? You want to give them encouragement and hope, but instead they seem to reject what you are saying or perhaps get perturbed at you. You see, doing good for someone is not fixing their dilemma or solving their problem, rather, it is doing the complete opposite. It is just being present to them in their time of need and just listening to them when they are expressing their grief. It might seem to them that you are being insensitive and to you that they are ungrateful, but it is simply that both are not on the same wavelength and both desire different outcomes. Doing something good for someone else is not just doing some good deed, but it requires listening for what that person truly needs. I have done it as a priest and I have had to learn the hard way what it truly takes to meet a person where he or she is at spiritually, mentally, emotionally. To help others as Jesus did, it requires humility and a desire to help them see the love of God in their lives.

Fr. Steve

Pastor of Holy Family &
St. Mary & St. Mark Parishes



This Week

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00 PM † Jim Shambro
(Marie Gray & Nancy Shambro)

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 AM LIVESTREAMED
8:30 AM For all Parishioners
Especially † Helen Todoroff
(Family & Friends)

Monday, January 17, 2022

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00 AM † Martha Mance
(Mike & Mary Seibold)

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00 AM Beverly Comper
(Gill)

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00 AM † John Reagan
(Frank & Shirley Star)

Friday, January 21, 2022

@School—Staff & Students ONLY
8:00 AM † For the Child victims of Abortion
(The Mangi Family)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00 PM For all Parishioners Especially
† Gary Range
(Gayann Family)

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:30 AM LIVESTREAMED
8:30 AM For all the unborn Children
(The Unfried Family)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 16:

9:45 AM PSR
12:00 PM Cub Scouts
12:30 PM Bingo—Columbus Hall

Monday, January 17:

Church Office is closed
5:30 PM T.O.P.S.

Tuesday, January 18:

8:30 AM Quilters (QR)
6:00 PM Cub Scouts
6:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Bingo - Columbus Hall

Wednesday, January 19:

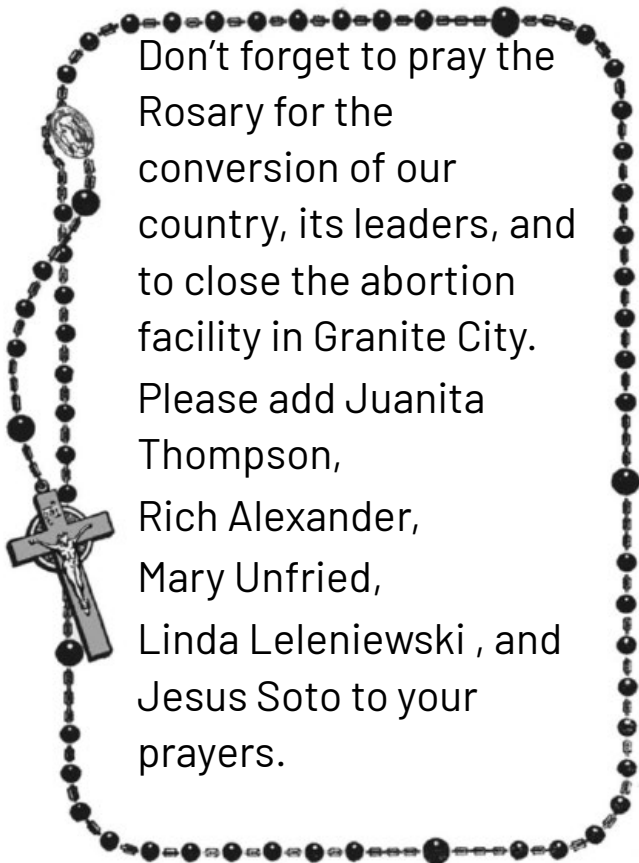
8:30 AM Adoration (CH)
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 PM MPH Devotions
7:00 PM AI-Anon (MR #1)

Thursday, January 20:

11:00 AM Simply Sober (MR #1)
7:00 PM RCIA

Friday, January 21:

6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (MR #1)



Don't forget to pray the Rosary for the conversion of our country, its leaders, and to close the abortion facility in Granite City. Please add Juanita Thompson, Rich Alexander, Mary Unfried, Linda Leleniewski, and Jesus Soto to your prayers.

Outreach Items Needed! Our blue bins are waiting for your items! With the cold weather here, we have added all sizes of new HATS and GLOVES, used or new HOODIES, and HAND WARMERS to our collection. There are so many items that are needed so add whatever you have and we will find someone to use it. Thank you from GC Rock for your generosity to help us help others!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...GC ROCK is for YOU!

Sunday, January 16- Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm.

Bring a friend!

Friday, January 21- Springfield March for Life (This mirrors the March in Washington DC!) Mass at the Cathedral at 10am/ March at 11am/ Out for lunch then drive home.

Sunday, January 23- Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8pm

Sunday, January 30- NO Gathering

Sunday, February 6- Gathering at St. Elizabeth 6:30-8pm.

Prep Valentines for local nursing homes.

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS* Friday, January 21-**

Springfield March for Life- We are planning on attending Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield, Il followed by a peaceful March to the State Capitol, then out for lunch! Let us know by SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th if you can attend, so we can plan accordingly! Parents are welcome.

Rocks, Please watch our FB page (GC Rock Youth Group) or GroupMe for any changes or additions. Questions, call Rita 9724022, Woody 8767551, or Dawn 7093565

Come participate in Trinity Koinonia 15

Save the date: March 18-20 at St. Elizabeth Church.
Registration details to come next week.

The 18th of January starts a week of prayer for the Unity of Christians.

Chosen Theme: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.

Exodus 15:6

Question: What is Prayer?

Answer: Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; *humility* is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1333 At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread. . . ." "He took the cup filled with wine. . . ." The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ; they continue also to signify the goodness of creation. Thus in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine,¹⁵⁴ fruit of the "work of human hands," but above all as "fruit of the earth" and "of the vine" - gifts of the Creator. The Church sees in the gesture of the king-priest Melchizedek, who "brought out bread and wine," a prefiguring of her own offering.

Participate in Trinity Koinonia 12 for \$50 per person.

Collection for January 3-9

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Yearly Disbursements		
Parish		\$363,425.00
Parish Portion of School		<u>\$151,395.00</u>
		\$514,820.00
Weekly Contribution	\$4,343.00	
Loose	346.00	
Children	2.00	
First Offering	125.00	
Solemnity of Mary	50.00	
Christmas	20.00	
School Support	95.00	
Give Central	<u>2,441.50</u>	
	\$7,422.50	\$9,900.38
Total Collected YTD	\$256,311.78	\$277,210.64

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- ACSA 2014 - \$17,748.90
- HVAC - \$196,265.22
- Pension - \$66,650.00

PARISH COMMUNITY TITHING FOR NOVEMBER \$4,028.00

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A		<u>1/16</u>	
		Lola Acosta	
		Judy Bucatch	
		Gregory McGee	
D		<u>1/17</u>	
		Trenton Hawkins	
		Ruth Thompson	B
		Maryann Woodson	
H		<u>1/18</u>	
		Dominick Arnotti	9
		Breanna Beyrau	
		<u>1/19</u>	R
		Tim Connolly	
		Tristan Davis	
		Ken Marti	7
		Samuel Stegemeier	
		<u>1/20</u>	H
		Elizabeth Geisler	
		Julie Meyer	
		Paul Skinner	D
		<u>1/21</u>	
		Susan Blackshere	
		<u>1/22</u>	A
		Jean Holder	
		Dean Mayhall	
		Dave Partney	H

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

Rest In Peace . .
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Carl J. Linhart
 "Please also remember in your prayers those who loved him and will mourn his passing."

Rest in Peace . .
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Barbara A. Bell
 "Please also remember in your prayers those who loved her and will mourn her passing."

1/16ST Marcellus
 1/17ST Anthony
 1/18 STs Volusian and Deicolus
 1/19 ST Wulstan
 1/20 ST Fabian
 1/21 ST Agnes
 1/22ST Vincent

School Calendar

Sun, Jan 16
 Bingo Team 3
Mon, Jan 17
No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tue, Jan 18
 Bingo Team 3
Wed, Jan 19
 Spirit Wear
Fri, Jan 21
 Mass Grade 4
 M.A.P. Testing Concluded

Trinity Koinonia 15 March 18-20 come participate in the fellowship. Look for registration details next week.



Advancing the Dignity of
 Christians in the Holy Land

<u>January</u> <u>22-23</u>	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Sunday, 8:30 AM
Altar Servers	Cecilia Essington Tara Gerber Reagan Myatt	Andrew Halbrook Joseph Halbrook Tyler Nonn
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Neil Suermann Gary Kasproovich	Deacon Neil Suermann Teresa Alexander
Gift Bearers	Jason Myatt Bev Wilson	Ryan Burge Tom Casey
Greeters	Julius Balsai Lynne Davis	Ryan Burge Gloria Rains
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Tues, Jan 18 7:00PM
 Team #3 Clarence DeGonia
Sun, Jan 23 12:30PM
 Team #4 Alan Arakaki

ALTAR FLOWERS

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a trip "**Around the World**" at this year's Annual Holy Family School Gala Dinner & Auction. This event is guaranteed to be fun with hundreds of auction items, great food, dancing, drinks and fellowship! We hope you will join us in person on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, at St. Mary's Engelbert Hall**. Tickets will go on sale in February. Watch the bulletin for more details.

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

Last year, the annual Gala Dinner & Auction raised more than \$62,000! The *heart of our success* is the *generous donations* from our school family, parish family, and business community for our auction and raffles. We are looking for new items for our auction and raffles, such as themed baskets, attraction tickets, vacation timeshares, gift cards, bottles of wine, etc. If you wish to donate an item, please contact the **HFS Gala Donation Coordinator, Jennifer Lerch**, at 618-920-6121 or email gala@holyfamilyhawks.net.

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Opportunities are also available for event sponsorship. Again this year, we will be offering our attendees the opportunity to bid on silent auction items using their cellular device. As a sponsor, you will have a chance to reach attendees with premium ad space on the auction website. Sponsor levels range from \$50 to \$500. If you wish to be a sponsor, please contact **Jamie Schuler, Sponsorship Coordinator**, at 618-567-7802 or mnmwrl@aol.com.

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