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SUNDAY, 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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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.

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– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Previously we had an overabundance of Mass intensions; currently a new Mass Intension is celebrated within 4 to 5 weeks unless a specific date is wanted. Mass Intentions: A Mass intention can be offered for someone deceased, or as a special intention. Mass intentions can be requested in any of our regular Masses that we offer. However, if a specific date is wanted, that Mass intention should be requested a couple months in advance.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. John 2:1 -11.

Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

Respect Life Corner

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB.

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... - John 14:12

At Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School – the only remaining Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis – 100% of the students graduate from high school and 95% enroll in colleges and universities, trade schools and the military! Your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman are counting on you.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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! ©LPi

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE 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 2:23-28
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 3:20-21
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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday:	Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot	
Tuesday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Thursday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr	
Friday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	
Saturday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin	

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 1/16	8:30 AM	Barbara Miller	
MON 1/17	8:00 AM	Jerry & Mary Wuller	
TUE 1/18	8:00 AM	David Sterr	
WED 1/19	8:00 AM	Rick Hechenberger &	
		Tim Hechenberger	
	10:15 AM	ACHS	
THR 1/20	8:00 AM	Tom Boucher, Sr.	
FRI 1/21	7:45 AM	Robert & Patricia Schmidt	
SAT 1/22	8:00 AM	Margie Miller	
	4:00 PM	Richard Moerchen	
SUN 1/23	8:30 AM	For The People	

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 5-6.

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January 9, 2021

Envelopes/Loose/Mail-Ins	\$ 4,563.00
St. Vincent de Paul/Mail-Ins	\$ 50.00
Guatemala	\$ 135.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
Owensboro, Kentucky	\$ 1,021.00



January 16, 2021

Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30
	- PSR Classes
Monday Tuesday Wednesday	 NO Stewardship Meeting NO Ladies Club Meeting Eucharistic Adoration 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday Friday Saturday	- - 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 - PSR Classes



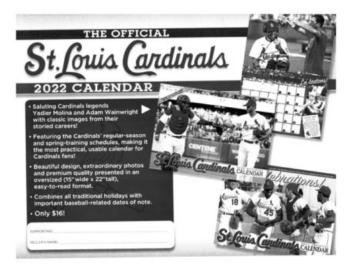


4:00 pm Mass Team #6 - January 22, 2022

Lector: Michelle Kujawa Eucharistic Minister: David Bollman & Deacon Jim Greeters: Kacie Denton Gift Bearer: Volunteers Ushers : Mark & Trish Denton & Volunteers Sanitizing: Denton

8:30 am Mass

Team #6 - January 23, 2022 Lector: Mike Bovier Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Jim Greeters : Volunteers Gift Bearer: Volunteers Ushers: Paul Schwartzhoff, & Volunteers Sanitizing: Volunteers



St. Henry Creative Learning Center has the 2022 Cardinals calendar available for pick up. This is a great quality calendar - all color. It is \$16, per calendar; please call Judy or Nicole 618-234-6061 if you would like one. Thank you.



On January 22, 2022 all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation.

The Church sets today aside as day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for all violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. To help us in this observance, today we celebrate the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.



"We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

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If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

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You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Visit <u>9daysforlife.com</u> to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

