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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday

Weekday Mass 9:15 am, Tuesday-Friday

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Jesús le contestó: "Mujer, ¿qué podemos hacer tú y yo? Todavía no llega mi hora". - Jn 2, 4

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Before I Forget



Sunday's Gospel, John 2:1-12, can be very distracting. It's so easy to let our imagination run a little wild as we picture the excitement that must have been generated as a result of Jesus' miracle. The guests at the wedding suddenly discovered that they now had at least one hundred and twenty gallons of the finest wine they had ever tasted. I think there were more than a few smiles when that news was discovered. A whole lot of new life was instantly injected into that wedding celebration!

This wonderful miracle was the first of the signs given by Jesus. Because it is the first miracle, it sets the scene for the whole of Jesus' ministry. It's like the subtitle of a book, which tells what the book is going to be about. And what exactly was the miracle a sign of? Everything in this story points to one theme: Jesus offers life to us, but not just any life---Jesus offers life in abundance. This is the gift that he gives to us.

The entire Gospel of John is about the new life and faith made available through the words and works of Jesus. It also points to the decisions we are called to face in the light of these new possibilities.

Jesus' gift is that life is worth living. Life takes on a greater meaning. Jesus shows us through his life and his teaching that our time on earth is not just to be lived out as if we were in some kind of prison, waiting for the final moment of our execution. No, rather life is to be celebrated and lived to the fullest. The prophet Isaiah proclaims: No longer are you to be named "Forsaken," nor your land "Abandoned," but you shall be called "My Delight" and your land "The Wedded."

God rejoices and delights in us. So many times we think that we are not worth very much. We often disappoint ourselves with our less than loving behavior. Perhaps we even question how anyone could possibly care for us. We wonder how anyone could love someone who fails as often as we do. It's so easy to get caught up in this negative way of looking at ourselves. Jesus came to free us from this life-draining view of ourselves in which we can get trapped.

Can you imagine what must have been the greatest feeling that the bride and groom of that wedding in Cana felt? Without a doubt, it must have been thanksgiving with a good amount of wonder thrown in for good measure. How could they not have been thankful? The most important event of their lives up to that point was on the verge of being a disaster and Jesus steps in and makes it all right.

Our basic response to a gift is gratitude. This should give us a clue to what should be our basic prayer stance. All is gift and all should be gratitude with a little wonder mixed in. When we start looking at the details of our lives, it's not too hard to find so much for which we should be grateful. Even in the midst of certain difficulties, there still is so much that calls for thanksgiving. Many people say that this is the secret of their happiness. When we learn to be thankful in all things, we have learned to steer our way through the hazards that often show up on our life's journey.

It requires a spiritual outlook to really understand and grasp what this life, that Jesus offers, is like. We need to develop the ability to see beyond just the surface---we must somehow learn to get beyond just seeing the problems in life. When we start focusing on the problems in our lives, they have a way of multiplying themselves like rabbits. Then we start looking at life only from the viewpoint of what is wrong. One problem seems to lead to another problem. Pretty soon, nothing seems right. Everything is painted with the same black brush. There will probably never be a time in our lives when there isn't something to worry about.

Here are the words of a prisoner in a Nazi Concentration Camp who knew that everything is not as it seems:

*I believe in the sun
Even when it is not shining.
I believe in love
Even when I feel it not.
I believe in God
Even when He is silent.*

Jesus' promise of an abundant life goes beyond any difficulty we may encounter. His promise even goes beyond death. If we wish to live by this promise, we would do well to follow the ONE who gives this promise---Jesus himself. As we come closer to the Lord, we will find ourselves taking on his mind and his heart. Life will be different, not because things and people outside of ourselves have changed, but because we have changed.

When Jesus came to the people and offered them a new way of living, he didn't change the political or economic situation. He didn't form a new government or offer to give everyone a home or food for the rest of their lives. What he offered was a new heart, a new mind, a new way of living and seeing God's creation. He offered abundant life.

Much of this new life comes through the Spirit in the form of a variety of gifts. The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways in different people. Together we bring all of our gifts to the community, offering the new life of Jesus to one another. May we be thankful for one another, and for the abundant wine that Jesus offers us through one another.

Forward together and no one left behind,
Father Bill

Apples and Oranges?

An Interreligious Approach to Loving God and Neighbor

The reality of religious pluralism—that there are many religions, that many good and sincere people practice these many religions, and that these many religions will remain many—invites us to grow in our love for God and neighbor by encountering what is true, good, and holy in these traditions. But where and how do we begin this interreligious learning? With examples from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, we will explore the possibilities religious pluralism and comparative theology provide.

Thursday, January 20, presentation from 6:30-9:00pm,

Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. Free event.

Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.



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at any time in the Church Library.

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Then the weekend of January 22 & 23
grab your coffee and donut
and browse through the tables of books
inside the Auditorium

Everyone, please take what you want
from the tables of books.
The rest will be gone through and either added
to the library collection or donated.

Readings for week of January 16

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 3:12
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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL LITURGIES AND INDOOR GATHERINGS AT CHRIST THE KING.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 18

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, January 19

9:15 am Mass

6:30 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, January 20

9:15 am Mass

10:00 am Knitting Group

10:00 Library Committee

Friday, January 21

9:15 am Mass

Book Exchange Weekend

Saturday, January 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

9:30 am Mass

9:30 am Children Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am Hospitality

Faith Formation and Discipleship

Scripture Study is back – begins Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Sermon on the Mount

Cost is \$18 for materials

Meets for five weeks



Please pre-register by January 7, 2022

For more information contact Terri at thunt@ctkmpls.org

CTK Prayer Corner



Anna Bertel, Dave Biros, Brent Blackey, Charlotte & Patrick Cashin, Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach, Zonie Easton, Mike Evano, Michael Fox, Chuck Gorman, Mark Goodwin, Mary Ann Hansen, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby, Mary Lee, Dolores Lutz, Pat Muyres, David Podgorak, Jean Sarrazin, Ed & Gae Skager, Lydia Spanier, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski

If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayers, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030, ext. 19

Tuesday Morning Rosary

Starting Tuesdays, we will be praying the Rosary after daily Mass and will be praying it every Tuesday thereafter.



Our keyboard player, Jane Becker, has been playing piano preludes during the Christmas season from her Christmas carol recordings. To learn more about her arrangements and original piano music, visit janiebecker.com, or search for Janie Becker on either Pandora or Spotify.

Social Justice

The Racial Justice Group is organizing an outing to the play, **“Not For Sale”** on red lining and racial housing covenants in the Twin Cities, showing at the History Theatre in St. Paul.

The date will be **Sunday, February 20, 2022 for a 2 pm Matinee**. Ticket prices are \$40 unless we can get a group of 10, and then they are \$34.

The deadline for pre-registration and payment is Monday, January 10th. Please contact Terri at thunt@ctkmpls.org.



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Looking for the perfect getaway?

Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a **Men's Silent Retreat** at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 20 – January 23**.

The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, call Bob Cardinal at (651) 398-1457 or check out the website:

<http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com>

Other retreat days are also available.



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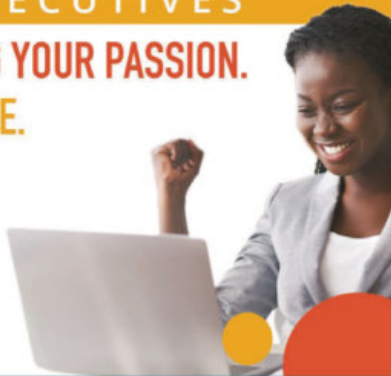
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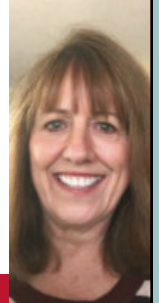
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