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January 16, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend

Saturday 5 PM;
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Weekday

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM
Tuesday 12:00 PM

Reconciliation

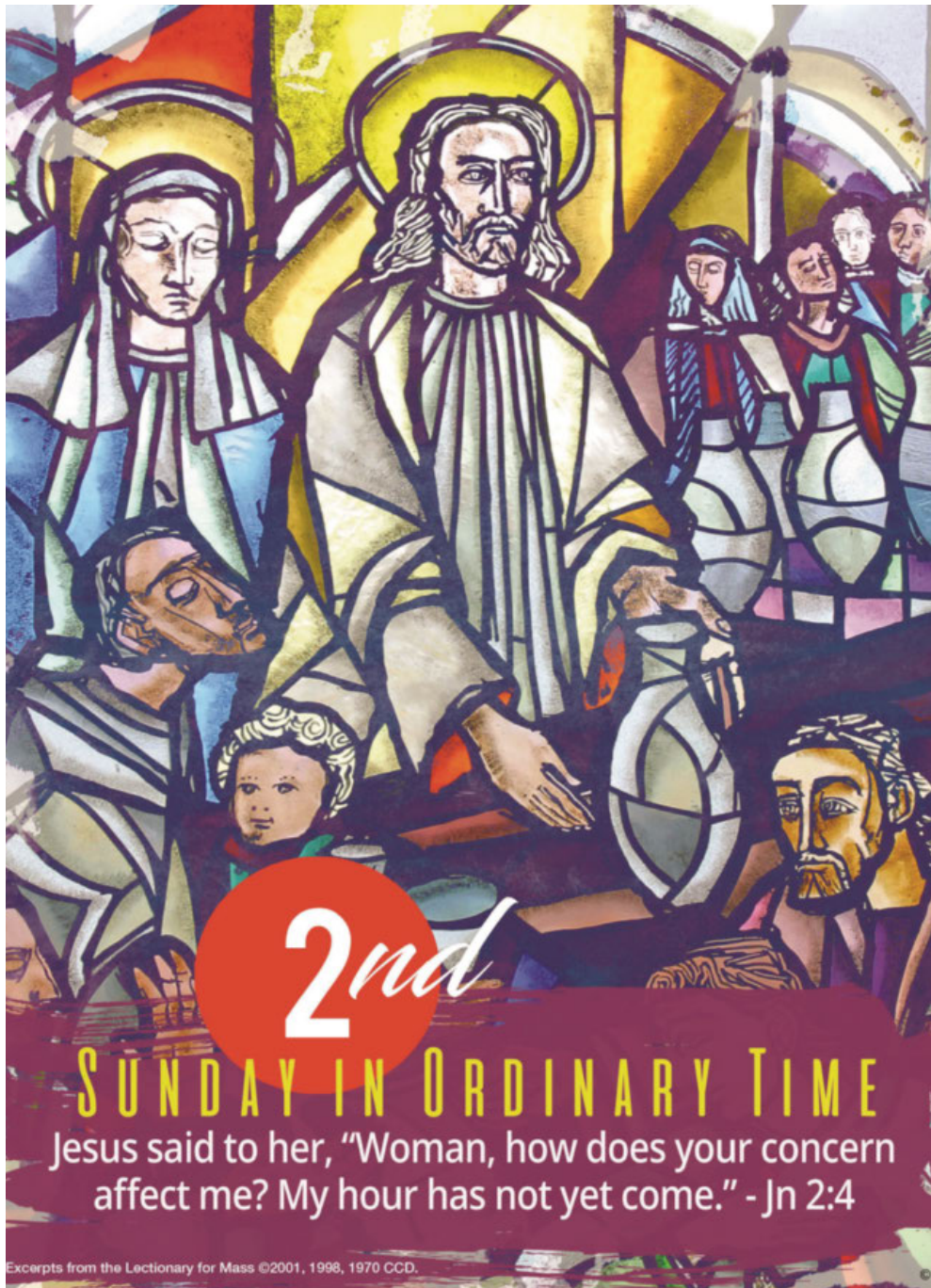
Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM
Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM
or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Benediction 12:30 PM

Baby Blanket

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Thursday 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

HELP FOR THE OSLAND FAMILY

Many of us probably remember about a month ago when tornadoes devastated parts of the states of Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee and Arkansas. The news showed video coverage of whole neighborhoods leveled by the destructive winds. As a result of that tragedy the Archdiocese has suggested that parishes throughout the Archdiocese might want to consider a second collection this upcoming weekend in order to help families and businesses with the rebuilding process.

However this past week one of our own parish families, Mark and Wanda Osland, and their sons Noah and Jacob, experienced a devastating tragedy of their own. On Friday January 7th they returned home to find their house completely destroyed by fire. Thankfully none of the four human family members was at home at the time of the fire, so they are all safe. Unfortunately their pet dog (who of course is also a family member) was not able to escape the fire and consequently perished.

The Oslands have been an active and visible family at St. Bridget's for many years. We watched Noah and Jack grow into their teenage years as they would help out at the KC Pancake Breakfasts worked by their dad Mark. Mark served a term as KC Grand Knight of our St. Bridget's Council. Wanda has recently begun as one of our newest Lectors.

I can only imagine the initial feeling of relief and gratitude that the family itself was unhurt. However, not far behind would surely be heartbreak and a feeling of loss when realizing that all of one's possessions, photos, and treasured memories have gone up in smoke. Our parish staff met this week to discuss how we might help, especially during these difficult initial days. As most people realize, even when a building is insured, there is always a period of time, sometimes significant, before payments begin to materialize. In the meantime life must go on, bills need to be paid, clothes and possessions replaced.

Therefore our staff decided that that we could help the Osland family by taking up a collection to help bridge them through this interim period. This collection will take place instead of the one suggested by the Archdiocese for tornado relief. Here is how we will handle the Osland Fire Relief collection:

The collection will have two parts:

Part #1 - This weekend (January 15-16) we will announce a 2nd collection for NEXT WEEKEND (Jan. 22-23) at all of the Masses. At that time next weekend we will actually pass the basket for a second collection.

Part #2 – In addition, we will make available in the Narthex envelopes labeled for the Osland Fire Relief Fund. We will continue to accept donations for a several week period. Those donations can be made by cash or check in the Fire Relief Fund labelled envelopes and simply deposited in our regular collection where we will separate them out. If you are writing a check, we also ask that you write "Osland Fire Collection" or something similar on the memo line.

After several weeks we will combine all donations received and forward them to the family with our prayers and best wishes as they begin the rebuilding process.

Thank you so very much for your willingness to help our parish's Osland family through this most difficult time as they recover from the tragedy of the fire. May God bless your generosity!

- Fr. Dave



St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Families, please pray for the Osland family.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
Faith Formation Director
651-257-2474 x58



A message from
Joe Kuschel
Youth Minister
651-257-2474 x56

"Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them talk to your children!" (Pope Francis)

Grandparents Sunday
To be Celebrated at the
10AM Mass on

This coming
Sunday, January 23, 2022
Come On and All!!!



On this Sunday we invite children to bring their grandparents to the 10AM Mass during which Grandparents will receive a special blessing, receive a flower while they last, a special sticker and prayer certificate. Children who introduce their grandparents to Theresa will also receive a prize. We invite the children following Mass to take their grandparents to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast if possible. No matter what we will pray with all grandparents and give thanks to God for them in our lives. Grandparents please plan on attending Mass with your grandchildren on this day!!! We want to give thanks for you in our lives!!!

*Grandparents are the heart of God
in our family's life revealing God's
Treasures of:*

Prayer

*Support when we are oh so tired
Endearing Presence*

*Smiling Joy when we can't muster it
Laughter at the little surprises*

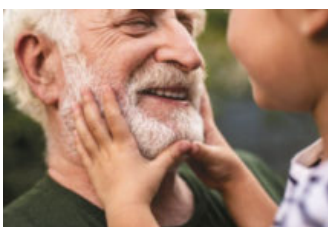
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God's faithful attention and patience

Abundant Love that never ever grows empty!



Today, we are celebrating the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, however, there is nothing ordinary about it, because we are also celebrating National Sanctity of Human Life Day. **On January 13th, 1984, President Ronald Wilson Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.** This came 11 years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion. Thank you, Mr. President.

On this special day, we will take a look at a woman who sacrificed her own life for the sake of her child. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Magenta, Italy, October 4th, 1922, the 10th of 13 children. She fell in love with God and her Catholic faith at a young age, viewing life as a beautiful gift from God. In 1942, Gianna began her study of medicine and eventually received degrees in both medicine and surgery. She paid tremendous service to Catholic Action, a movement of lay Catholics spreading the social teaching of the Catholic Church. Gianna had hoped to use her medical expertise as part of a missionary force in Brazil, but ill health did not allow it. She chose the vocation of marriage as a gift from God. After they were married, Gianna wrote to her husband Pietro, "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."

Gianna and Pietro had three children, along with a wonderful life when in 1961, Gianna became pregnant with their fourth child. Toward the end of her second month of pregnancy, she was struck with unimaginable pain. She had developed a fibroma in her uterus, meaning she was carrying both a baby and a tumor. She was given three choices: an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children, a hysterectomy, taking the child's life, but preserving her own, or removal of only the fibroma, which could have further complications, but could save the life of the baby. You guessed it. To preserve her child's life, she opted for the removal of only the fibroma. The doctors did all that they could to save both lives. On April 21st, 1962, the baby was successfully delivered by Caesarean section, but a week later Gianna passed away from septic peritonitis. Was there ever a greater love? Only one that I know of. During Gianna's canonization ceremony, John Paul II described her as "a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love." **St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of unborn children, pray for us.**

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday
January 22nd
5:00 PM
Lector:
Bob Bodine
Sacristans:
Wally & Jan Mohler

Sunday
January 23rd
8:00 AM
Lector:
Jan Kozlovsky
Sacristan:
Chuck Fitzer

Saturday
January 23rd
10:00 AM
Lectors:
Wanda Osland
Allen Gieske
Sacristan:
Ed LaPlante

Sunday, January 16th, 2021
8:00 AM Mass CH
10:00 AM Mass CH
11:15 AM Bible Study CR
11:30 AM Baptism—Leo Norman Larson CH
6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022
Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
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 Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3: 13-19
Saturday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
Children
2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:
20-21
Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-
21

Tuesday, January 18th, 2021
9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration CH
12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction CH
5:00—6:00 PM Confessions CP
6:30 PM Watchmen Gathering SH
6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent/Child Session EW
7:00 PM AA LSH

Wednesday, January 19th, 2021
9:00 AM Daily Mass CH
9:45 AM Women's Bible Study EB
4:00 PM—8:15 PM Faith Formation Classes EB

Thursday, January 20th, 2021
9:00 AM Daily Mass CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB
6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent/Child Session EW

Friday, January 21st, 2021
9:00 AM Daily Mass CH

Saturday, January 22nd, 2021
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN BB
4:00—4:40 PM Confessions CP
5:00 PM Mass CH

Sunday, January 23rd, 2021
KofC Pancake Breakfast Following Masses SH
8:00 AM Mass CH
10:00 AM Mass CH
Grandparents Recognition Day at 10:00AM Mass CH
6:00 PM AA Meeting EW

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Suzie Alsen · Judy Clark · Lynne Karwand · Greg Fults · Darlene Kowalski · Kristine Beimert · Franklin Steele · Josh Hughes · Marietta Jacobs · Dwayne Kelley · Virgil Kappes · Kathy Berquist · Paula Trevis · Nonna Zwick · Mary Kay Andert · Jake Sauer · Veronica Roltgen · Julie Ramola · Carol Smothers · Thomas Thompson · Mary Karnowski · Kelly DeBiasco · Donna Haines · Charlene Chamernick · Shelley Madison · Judy Kelley · Rachel Curtis · Mick Lund · Tim Mitchel · Ben Riley · Kim Glenna · Beth S. · Jessica Mohler · Jim Underdahl · Jessica Stephens · Michelle · Mary Ann Weisbrod · Susi Ruchie · Tammy Bluhm · Connie Porath · Barb Nelson · Sara Miller · Kathleen Carlson · Katie Crum · Gail · Todd Olund · JoAnne Ford · Ron Schwachtgen · Richard Gage · Julianne Forester · Doug Olson · Betty Olson · Ron Schleicher · Dolores Thompson · Mark Peterson · Al & Colleen Lightfoot · Don McKay · Jody Bjelland · Linda Spencer · Jean Ricker · Lucy Shoop · Keenan McMahon · Dorothy Goodroad · Holly Sullivan · Sharon Luhmann · Frank Welsch · Don Bluhm · Tonya Stanina · Pat & Ed Weaver · Eileen O'Mara · Eugene · Cy Speltz · Kim Halverson · Al Ahmann · Robin Weaver · Sherol Rogolla · Avery Rasnuessen · Matt Moen · Eric McDonald · Michael Koran · Peter Ellwein · Leslie Mackyee · Gabriel Clay · Brett Casey · Rick Alsen · Mary Mack · Patricia Callahan · Kim Gibson · Katie Harris · Erik Carlson · Kari Hall · Ted Pitzenberger · Maureen Wolhaupter · Jane Merry · Steve Everson · Kristy · Flossy Knaak · Gabrielle L. · Mary Ann Koch · Dee Williams · Austin Otte

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	1/18	12 PM	† Michael Harris
Wednesday	1/19	9 AM	† Peter Mrozinski
Thursday	1/20	9 AM	† Sara Sontag Schmitt
Friday	1/21	9 AM	† Gary Waldemar
Saturday	1/22	5 PM	† Joan Speltz
Sunday	1/23	8 AM	People of the Parish
		10 AM	† Phillip McLaughlin

If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR



We are in need of a new Environmental Design Coordinator. This volunteer position coordinates all of our seasonal and liturgical décor in the church throughout the year. The role also coordinates the many volunteers to help change over the environment. If

interested in volunteering as the Environmental Design Coordinator, please contact Jessica at 651-257-2474 x24.

WATCHMEN GATHERING



Join the Watchmen at their next gathering Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Pizza will be provided for dinner and great discussion will be enjoyed as they watch the second video in their series on relativism.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Need a break? Come relax at the 18th Annual Women's Retreat on February 4th—6th, 2022. The Retreat theme this year is "The Holy Spirit: The More." Come find what God has in store for you at the Women's Retreat! Register for the retreat and find more information by visiting

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/adultformation or the brochures on the tables in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Kim at kkglenna@gmail.com.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE



All are welcome to attend the Archdiocese Prayer Service for Life on Saturday, January 22 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Join the faithful across the Archdiocese in praying for the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath.



Join us in celebrating Sanctity of Life Sunday this Sunday. We are called to protect all human life from conception to natural death. Join us in celebrating the gift of Life January 16th and consider making a donation to our local pregnancy help center, Options for Women. As always, please pray for our country and for the Sanctity of Life to be upheld.

Also, youth in 7th grade and older are welcome to join the Pro-Life Youth Group at a special Pro-Life event on Saturday, February 5th. The youth will be traveling to the University of St. Thomas to listen to a talk from Emily Albrecht titled "Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach to Conversations About Abortion." Please consider joining the youth at this event as they continue to learn how to be defenders and protectors of life. Contact the Youth Minister, Joe, for more information or visit www.mncatholic.org/EquippedForLife.

NEW PATHWAYS



St. Bridget's is Hosting New Pathways Homeless Families off site February 6-13th. We will be providing food, and lodging to the families in the program that week. If you can help us meet the needs of these vulnerable families, please send a check to St. Bridget's with "Homeless Families" in the memo line. Thank you for considering a gift, and bless you for your heart of mercy.

MASS RECORDERS NEEDED



St. Bridget's has been recording our Masses for almost two years now, and this great ministry has allowed so many of our homebound community members to stay connected to our parish and the Liturgy. Of course, this ministry would not be possible without our wonderful team of volunteer recorders, and you could be a part of that team! Please consider serving the parish by recording the Masses either at daily Mass, weekend Mass or both to bring the Liturgy to our greater community. No experience necessary and training is provided. Contact Laura at lschaad@stbridgetofsweden.org.

Please pray for the family and friends of Margaret Jenniges who recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support her family at this time and may she rest in peace.

In the Name of the Father and the Holy Spirit

We welcome Leo Norman Larson into the Catholic faith by his baptism. Congratulations and God bless you, Leo!



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